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Dear water users,

I started measuring irrigation wells in the Bancroft-Lund water on June 12th. This was a little later starting date than in years past due to the fact that the winter snow pack was above average, and the spring temperatures were cool.

I measured the same wells as in 2007 with the exception of the well on Don Rigby's property. This is the well that my steel tape got caught in the year before. Therefore, to avoid the loss of another tape I stopped measuring this well.

2008 was almost a mirror image of 2007 as far as the control well located on the Holsten property was concerned. The starting and stopping levels were both about the same for 07 and 08. Around the 70 foot level. Even though the water level is about 4 feet lower than when I started measuring wells in 1999. The fact that the 07 and 08 levels are similar is a good sign that when we have adequate snow pack the water table holds its own, and even starts to increase slightly. I don't think that comes as a surprise-it just makes sense. What is surprising is that after several years of drought the aquifer recharges itself fairly rapidly when there's adequate moisture.

However, without adequate moisture during the winter months in the form of snow bodes hazardous for water levels in the aquifer during the summer irrigation season.

I took my last measurements on October 5, 2008, Below is a list of my expenses while monitoring the Bancroft-Lund water district during 2008.

travel(4 wheeler and pick up)599.3miles@.65/mi=389.35  
Labor 32 hours @ 12.00=384.00  
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Sincerely yours,

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