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Dear water users,

The irrigation season for 2005 started for the Bancroft - Lund water district on June 18th. This was about a month (26 days) later than 2004. A wet May and June accounted for the this late starting date; however for the fourth consecutive year the starting depth of the control well on the Holsten property was lower at the start of 2005 than the end of the 2004 season. But this was only .6 of a foot and not the 1 to 3 foot variables I saw in 2004, 2003, and 2002.

This season I measured the same nine wells as last year. I also checked the Everitt Smith north well periodically and found it intact and ready to pump. It's my understanding that this well should be filled with concrete and decommissioned. However, it appears to me that the well is in good shape.

The Holsten well was only below 80 feet one time this irrigation season. That was similar to 2004 season when the water level dipped below 80 feet. It appears we are "marching in place", and not making up much for the drought years. Fortunately, there was enough water to get by, but it appears we're still not "out of the woods".

I took my last measurements on October 16th 2005. Below is a list of my expenses while monitoring the Bancroft - Lund water district during 2005.

Travel (4-wheeler, pick-up, and car) 481.3 miles @ .55 miles = \$264.72

Labor 40 hours @ \$11.00 = \$440.00

Total \$704.72

Sincerely,

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