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Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

To: Water District File
Water District 13-T, Bancroft-Lund

From: Tim Luke

Date: February 24, 1997

Re: Annual Water District Meeting Notes

The annual meeting of District 13-T was held at the American Legion Hall in Grace. Only eight water users were in attendance. Attendees included Bart Christensen, Dale Wistisen, Chad Neibaur, Warren Lloyd, Calvin Lloyd, David Lloyd, and Terry Rindlisbaker (plus one other user, name unknown). The meeting was called to order at about 1:10 pm by Bart Christensen, who opened the floor for nominations of meeting chairman and secretary. Bart Christensen was nominated and elected meeting chairman, Dale Wistisen was nominated and elected as meeting and district secretary.

I gave a presentation summarizing estimates of withdrawals from individual wells in 1996 using power records and field measurements of discharge and energy demand (KW). Several additional wells had been measured for discharge only, or to calibrate installed flow meters. About two-thirds of the wells had been measured for discharge and/or volume estimates. Some users found to have complex systems will be given notice by IDWR that meters need to be installed beginning in 1997. A review was also given of water level measurements made in 1996. Some pre-season/post season water level comparisons were provided along with some historical trends using USGS measurements dating back to 1968. Some of the wells measured in 1996 need to be re-measured in 1997 for additional conditions along with the remaining one-third wells which were not measured in 1996. I recommended that Department staff and watermaster spend about a week in July finishing these measurements. I also advised that IDWR would not be able to loan the district a flow meter this summer. All flow and energy measurements would have to be accomplished with assistance of IDWR staff.

Dale Wistisen provided a review of the district's financial matters. The district had collected assessments from all but two users. After paying 1996 expenses, the district has a balance of between \$4000 and \$5000, or a little more than half the amount the district budgeted for in 1996.

A discussion was held concerning the watermaster duties and whether the district should continue to have a watermaster in 1997. Several users felt that the watermaster was beneficial in

1996. I advised that the watermaster would probably not work much more than he had last year. His 1997 duties would include assisting IDWR staff in additional field measurements during July, measuring and recording water levels (pre/post season static levels, and some pumping levels), monitoring pressure on certain wells, and checking for unauthorized uses, including monitoring water rights place of use.

Those users present voted unanimously to retain a watermaster for an additional year. Wayne Waddoups was nominated and re-elected as watermaster. The users resolved to use the remaining budget balance for all 1997 expenses, and that assessments not be made or collected in 1997.

The 1996 advisory board was nominated and re-elected to the 1997 advisory board (Bart Christensen, Terry Rindlisbaker, Phil Yost, Don Rigby and Monte Yost).

No further business was discussed and meeting was adjourned at about 2:05 p.m.

cc: Eastern Region