

November 26, 2000

Dear Water Users:

The monitoring of wells in the Bancroft-Lund water district started on June 3, 2000. This was two weeks earlier than last year. I checked six wells on a weekly basis until the last of July, with another well being added later in the season. We again ran an automated recording device on an idle well located on the Holsten property. After the peak irrigation season in late July, I checked these wells on a random 16-day rotation with the season's end in early November.

In mid-June, I installed a lock and chain on the Stanton well's butterfly valve near the pump. This ensured that the two mini-pivots located in the SE 1/4 of Section 13 were not being supplied by the Stanton well. This new water supply was from the Home Palace Well as per transfer #5676.

I checked the unauthorized use of water in the field south of the deep well, Section 20. The west side of the field wasn't to be irrigated; however, fresh tire tracks in that area indicated otherwise. I checked this area numerous times over a six-week period and didn't find a violation.

At the request of the IDWR, I took pictures of the exterior plumbing of the Hansen well to help confirm the sealing off of water from the deep well. It was unfortunate that I didn't have a chance to look at the pipes prior to the time they were covered up. This would have eliminated a lot of controversy right away.

On the evening of July 12, 2000, I investigated a complaint of loss of pressure. The system was only up to 50 pounds and should have been at 70 pounds. The irrigator claimed that to get his 70 pounds of pressure, he had to shut off his system which was irrigating his pasture and hay. This appeared to be the case that evening but only happened occasionally when conditions were right. I checked the next day and throughout the following week and found the pressure up to 70 pounds.

I continued to maintain the automated recorder on the Holsten well and recorded the water levels of the other seven wells until approximately November 1, 2000. All in all, the water levels were lower than last year but seemed to be adequate for most of the users.

Below is an itemized billing of time, travel, and miscellaneous supplies incurred while monitoring the Bancroft-Lund water district:

Travel (truck, car, & 4-wheeler)	1,061.9 miles @ 0.49mi.	\$424.76
Labor	63.5 hours	630.50 - 48 ¹⁹
Misc. supplies (locks, film, telephone)		18.55
TOTAL		\$1,073.81

Respectfully yours,


Craig Shuler

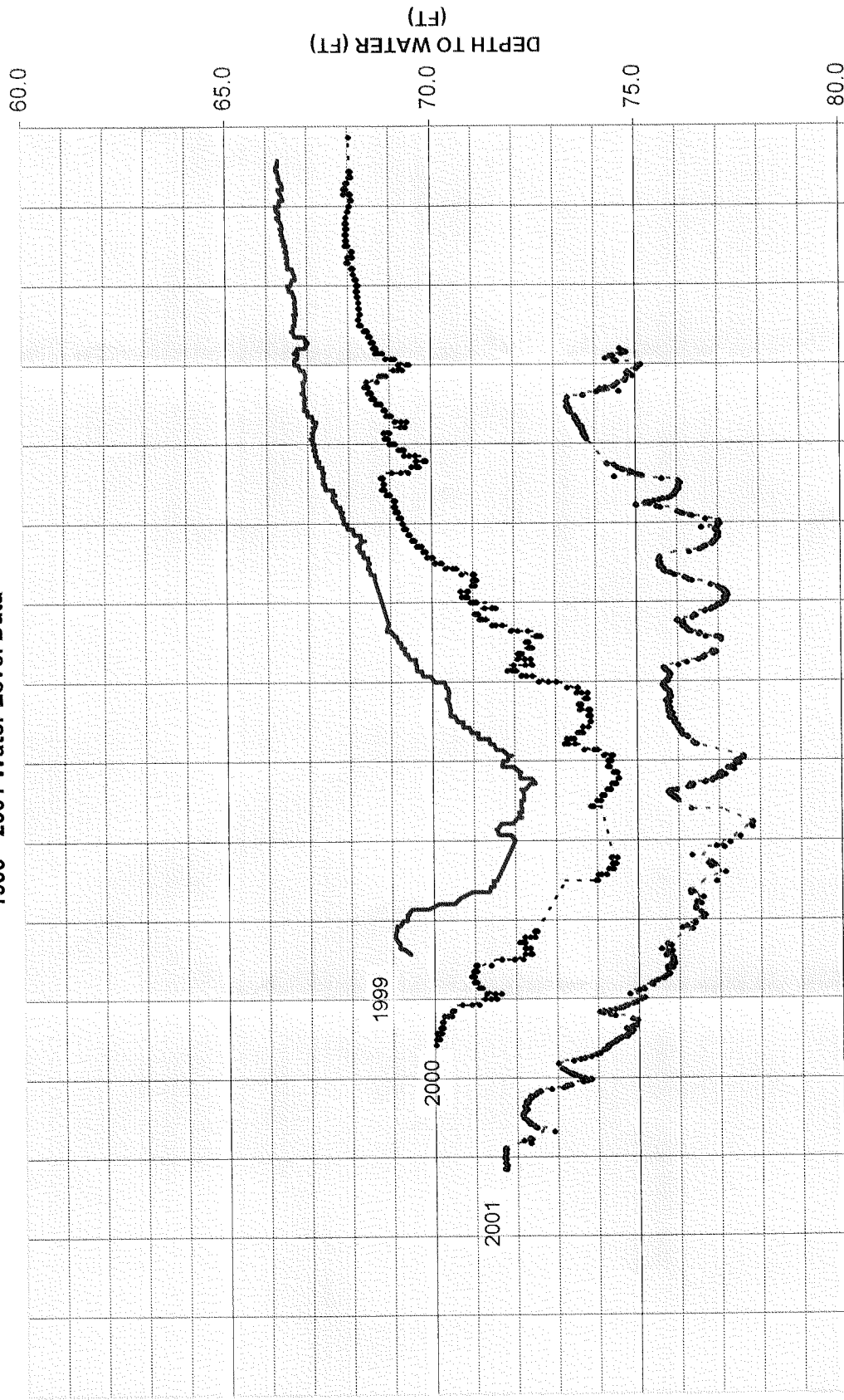
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Bancroft-Lund - Holsten Observation Well
A0004100 - T09S, R39E, SEC24, SWSENE
1999 - 2001 Water Level Data



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