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To: Luke, Tim
Subject: Chad Neibauer Conf.

Tim, Mr Neibauer ,his dad and his Ag consultant came in for the conference. Chad presented a case that so much of the water well "facts" in his area have been based on generic opinion rather than expert witness testimony. This he feels has hampered the Departments ability to get specific data about true well interference in the Bacroft-Lund area.

Chad presented a letter from Phil Yost who is farming with the infamous Deep Well for Chad. Phil says in his letter that he can irrigate no more than the two pivots assigned to that well and the implication that this well had far greater capacity has not been upheld.

The Ag consultant presented an opinion that the rise in mainline flow that was gained from the 6 inch line connection would have been no more than 200 gpm.

The mainline pressure before and after was 17 psi and 24 psi. Also presented was some pizometer data showing extreme potato plant distress during the first week of July just when the tubers were about to set up. This prompted Chad to take emergency measures to save an estimated \$120,000 crop.

After considering the details of the presentation, Ron and I both felt that additional money would be better spent on hiring a competent hydrologist to look at specific well interference at the Deep Well location. Ron strongly recommended that to Chad and in that light suspended any fine associated with the July 2001 interconnction of the two well systems.

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