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WATER RESOURCES
WESTERN REGION

RE: Payment of 1996 Watermaster Salary, FICA Deductions

Dear Mary:

I received verbal confirmation from Owyhee County on Friday that payment to you for 1996 Watermaster Salary and expenses had been made. If you have not received those checks, please contact Vicky in the clerk's office.

I also spoke with our personnel staff regarding FICA deductions. The attached flyer contains a list of employee deductions used by the State of Idaho; the SSDI and SSHI are the universal federal deductions which you had questions about. Note that the figures shown have not changed since 1992.

Total employee deductions for SSDI and SSHI equal 7.65% of gross salary. This amount is *matched* by the employer (rather than shared) for a total FICA contribution on your behalf of 15.3%. The FICA amount of \$42.08 taken from your 1997 salary is correct. The FICA amount from your 1996 salary should have been \$22.95, for a net pay of 277.05.

John Westra has reviewed all figures from the three years of your service and assures me that amounts submitted to the county for payment are correct based upon your annual reports.

I hope this answers your questions. If not, please contact either John or I.

Sincerely,

Cindy Hedges
Sr. Water Resource Agent
Water Distribution Section

enclosure

cc: John Westra, Western Region