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SUBJECT: Water District Documents To Counties

Today I spoke with the Cassia County treasurer, as this county collects the bills for several districts within its boundaries. In this county, the district tells the treasurer what the bills will be based on the adopted budget. The treasurer doesn't care how the bills are arrived at, just what the final bill is to be for each user. Funds are collected, and returned to the district on a monthly basis. The county has no district funds by the end of the irrigation season. It was agreed that the watermaster reports are of no value to the county, so I will no longer be sending these reports to this county.

In Owyhee County, documents go to the treasurer. Apparently that county holds the funds until the end of the season. So they wait for the watermaster's report before disbursing the funds.

In Twin Falls County, the treasurer is also involved in this process. They do not need the watermaster's report, however.

While the instructions for the adopted budget say that it should go to the county auditor, I think that this should be changed to read county treasurer. The auditor takes instruction from the treasurer, so the treasurer is the one who needs the district paperwork.