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January 13, 2005

Oakley Canal Co  
ATTN: Clint Muhlestein  
PO Box 207  
Oakley, ID 83346

RE: Water District 45-K, Cottonwood Creek

Dear Clint;

I have reviewed last year's watermaster report, and have found some math errors. The report shows that 1487.86 24-hour second feet of water were delivered. The numbers add up to 1525.48 24-hour second feet, however. Therefore, the cost per 24-hour second foot was about \$3.2777, not 33.5 cents as shown on the report. This makes the total cost figures for each user incorrect, so I am returning the report to you for correction; two new report forms are enclosed for your use.

If I understand your system, the adopted budget mentioned in the minutes of this year's water meeting will be \$5000. Is this correct?

Thinking about how irrigate now/pay later systems such as yours operate, it seems that your paperwork year starts with the watermaster report and ends with the adopted budget. The majority of my districts use a pay now/irrigate later system, which starts with the adopted budget and ends with the watermaster report. The same paperwork is required in either case, although I wonder if the proposed budget really means much in your system.

Regards,

James E. Stanton  
Sr. Water Resource Agent



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January 7, 2004

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ATTN: Clint Muhlestein  
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RE: Water District 45-K, Cottonwood Creek

Dear Mr. Muhlestein;

We have received your 2003 Watermaster's Report and 2004 Proposed Budget. Due to a lack of timely submittal of the minutes of the annual district meeting and other required paperwork, no watermaster was appointed last year. I have reviewed your unsigned report, and the figures appeared to be correct. But since there was no appointed watermaster, I cannot officially approve the report. If this causes a problem, let me know.

For this year, you executed an oath of office. You were also given two Adopted Budget forms and a call-on petition for watermaster services. Please complete the form before returning it and a copy of the minutes of this year's water meeting to me. Once we receive the minutes, and the petition signed by at least one water user on Cottonwood Creek, your certificate of appointment as watermaster for this irrigation season will be issued.

If I can be of further assistance, feel free to contact me.

Regards,

James E. Stanton  
Sr. Water Resource Agent

# WATERMASTER'S REPORT

From APRIL 1, 1904 To JULY 14, 1904

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Department of Water Resources  
Southern Region

Water District No. 45-K

Name of Watermaster CLINT MUHLESTEIN

P.O. Address P.O. Box 207 / 100 WEST ELM OAKLEY Id 83346

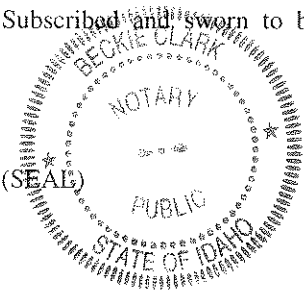
## AFFIDAVIT OF WATERMASTER

STATE OF IDAHO }  
                          } ss.  
COUNTY OF CASSIA }

CLINT MUHLESTEIN, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Watermaster of Water District 45-K COTTONWOOD, having been lawfully appointed by KARL J DREHER, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources, and that the volumes of water, as stated in this report and prorated by him to the water right holders of the district are correct.

[Signature]  
(Deputy) Watermaster District No. \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24 day of January, 192005



[Signature]  
Notary Public

My Commission expires 23 June 2005

Boise, Idaho, 1-27, 192005

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that Clint Muhlestein was lawfully appointed by me as Water Master of Water District No. 45-K, and that the information contained in this report, as herein sworn to, is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct.

[Signature]  
Director, Department of Water Resources

By [Signature]

|    | WATER RIGHT OWNER       | IDWR<br>WATER RIGHT<br>IDENT No. | DIVERSION NAME / REMARKS |
|----|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1  | BYRON MARTIN            | 436                              |                          |
| 2  | FISH & GAME             | 438                              |                          |
| 3  | FRANK BEDKE             | 448                              |                          |
| 4  | BLAIR DANCE             | 448                              |                          |
| 5  | DELROY MITTON           | 421                              |                          |
| 6  | WARM CREEK              | 453 & 456                        |                          |
| 7  | ARDON CRAWNEY           | 429                              |                          |
| 8  | CRAWNEY FARMS           | 433                              |                          |
| 9  | PICKETT RANCHS          | 432                              |                          |
| 10 | PAUL & VAUGHN WOODHOUSE | 516                              |                          |
| 11 | OAKLEY CANAL CO         | 517                              |                          |
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| Total Delivery<br>in 24-Hour<br>Sec. Feet | Total Cost |      | Adopted Budget |      | Credits |      | Debits |      | Cost Per 24-Hr. Sec. Ft. \$ <u>3.2777</u>          |
|---|------------|------|----------------|------|---------|------|--------|------|--|
|   | \$         | cts. | \$             | cts. | \$      | cts. | \$     | cts. |  |
| 1 —                                       | —          | —    |                |      |         |      |        |      | Total No. Days of Watermaster 105                  |
| 2 29.24                                   | 95         | 82   |                |      |         |      |        |      | 105 days at \$ 47.61 per day \$ 5000 <sup>00</sup> |
| 3 171.82                                  | 563        | 06   |                |      |         |      |        |      | Total No. Days of Asst. Watermaster                |
| 4 19.00                                   | 62         | 56   |                |      |         |      |        |      | days at \$ per day \$                              |
| 5 213.54                                  | 699        | 78   |                |      |         |      |        |      | Other expenses charged pro rata \$                 |
| 6 323.94                                  | 1061       | 55   |                |      |         |      |        |      | <b>TOTAL COST</b> \$ 5000 <sup>00</sup>            |
| 7 214.90                                  | 704        | 23   |                |      |         |      |        |      | Total No. 24-Hour Sec. Feet Delivered 1525.6       |
| 8 263.88                                  | 864        | 74   |                |      |         |      |        |      | Cost per 24-Hour Sec. Feet Delivered \$ 3.2777     |
| 9 270.28                                  | 885        | 70   |                |      |         |      |        |      |  |
| 10 19.00                                  | 62         | 56   |                |      |         |      |        |      |  |
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| 30 1525.6                                 | 5000       | 00   |                |      |         |      |        |      |  |

## SECTION 42-606 IDAHO CODE

**REPORTS OF WATERMASTERS.** All watermasters shall make an annual report to the department of water resources prior to the expiration of the watermaster's appointment for the current year. This report shall show the total amount of water delivered by the watermaster during the preceding year, the amount delivered to each water user, the total expense of delivery and the apportionment of expenses among users and all debits and credits to be carried over to the following year. Such report shall also include records of stream flow the watermaster used or made in the process of distributing water supplies. The director may ask for other information deemed necessary in assuring proper distribution of water supplies within the district. The reports of watermasters to the department of water resources shall be filed and kept in the office of the department.

### Instructions For Completing Annual Watermaster's Report

This form has been developed to assist the watermaster in complying with some of the annual reporting requirements of Section 42-606, Idaho Code. The form provides for summary of the amount of water delivered by the watermaster to each user, the total expense of delivery and the apportionment of expenses among water users, including debits and credits. Water distribution and hydrologic information including stream flow records, daily diversion data, water right information and water right priority cut summaries should be presented in a separate water distribution report.

Complete this annual report form of delivery and costs as follows:

- 1) Enter water right holder name, corresponding IDWR water right number or numbers, and corresponding diversion name and/or remarks on page 2;
- 2) Enter the total amount of water delivered to each user as total 24-hour second feet under column 1, page 3. Total **24-hour second feet** is a flow rate expressed in terms of one day or 24 hours. For example, a continuous diversion of 2 cfs over 20 days would equal 40 24-hour second feet.
- 3) Under column 3, page 3, enter the amount of money assessed or billed to each user at the beginning of the year. The assessment may be found in the previous year's adopted budget report.
- 4) In the work space provided on the right hand side of page 3, add up total watermaster salary costs and expenses and enter as 'TOTAL COST'. Then divide this total cost by the total number of 24-hour second feet delivered (sum of column 1) to obtain the cost per 24 hour second feet delivered, or the unit cost factor.
- 5) Under column 2, page 3, multiply the unit cost factor (obtained in step number 4 above) by each user's total 24-hour second feet delivery in column 1 to obtain the total cost against each user.
- 6) For each user, subtract the total cost amount in column 2 from the adopted budget in column 3 and enter the difference either as a credit or debit (negative differences entered as debits, positive differences entered as credits).
- 7) Sign the report before a notary public and submit the original to the appropriate regional office of the Department of Water Resources. Retain one copy for the Water District.