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Robert Bell
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Water District: 45-B, Birch Creek

Dear Mr. Bell;

We have received your 2001 watermaster's report and 5 daily-record books. Your report is being returned for correction, as it only shows the \$2500 that you received for watermaster services. The other \$2500 of the adopted budget also needs to be listed as an expense to the district. This makes the total cost \$5000 instead of the \$2500 shown.

The cost per 24-hour second foot also appears to be incorrect. Because of your billing system (many users charged the minimum fee regardless of the amount delivered), the actual billing cost takes a little creative math to figure out. What I do is add the amounts of water delivered to the non-minimum users (anyone billed more than \$35), which for this year is 470.44 24-hour second feet. Then I add up the costs shown for the non-minimum users (\$3300 this year). By dividing the cost figure by the delivery figure, I got \$7.01, which seems the most reasonable amount to show as the delivery cost. I checked the billing amounts on your report using this figure, and got the same costs that you did. So I can approve your report from a math standpoint, but you need to correct the far-right column on the form.

Regards,

James E. Stanton
Sr. Water Resource Agent