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Water District: 43-C, Cassia Creek

Dear Mrs. Ward;

I have had an inquiry from Ray Beckett regarding an \$800. water bill that he was required to pay last year to the Cassia County courthouse. I have reviewed the water-district records from 1994 through 1996, and can find no information to support a bill of this size. In fact, the 1996 records show a credit of \$82.10. Mr. Beckett told me that he has not had water delivered since about 1984, and that your district does not require a water assessment to be paid if it is known in advance that no water will be delivered to a certain district member. Unless you have information to support the payment made by Mr. Beckett, a refund may be due him.

Please look into this matter, and let me know your findings. Mr. Beckett has not been able to clear up this matter on his own, so I am attempting to answer his question.

Regards,

James E. Stanton
Sr. Water Resource Agent

TO: File

DATE: July 2, 1997

FROM: Jim Stanton

SUBJECT: Inquiry Into Water Payment of Ray Beckett

Mr. Becket was in yesterday to talk about this problem again. I showed him my 5-14-97 memo regarding the response of Maxeen Ward to Mr. Beckett's original inquiry, and gave him a copy of the memo. He told me that he checked with the courthouse, and that the \$462.25 that was supposedly property tax was not property tax. I expect that he will be investigating this further on his own, as I was not asked (and did not offer) to look into it any further.

Mr. Beckett also asked about his water bill for this year. While the adopted budget says he owes \$43.68, he was told by the district that he owes \$84. The proposed budget is silent with regard to this year's estimated and adjusted billing (for all district users), so I couldn't tell him where the discrepancy came from. The proposed budget shows that he received no deliveries for the last 3 years, and he did pay off his old water bill last year, so the numbers don't make sense. It appears that the adopted budget is what he should pay, and I gave him a copy of the budget to take to the district. Again, I was not asked to make further inquiries into this matter.

TO: File

DATE: May 14, 1997

FROM: Jim Stanton

SUBJECT: Inquiry Into Water Payment of Ray Beckett

Today I heard from Maxeen Ward of Water District 43-C regarding this matter. She told me that Mr. Beckett owed \$337.75 for water delivered in the 1991-1993 period. He had not payed the assessments when they were due, but finally paid in 1996. The bill included about \$12 in late charges. The rest of the \$800. that he paid to the courthouse was for back taxes on his property. She said that she would communicate this information to him.