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RE: Water District 43-D

Dear Mr. Jones;

Per your request, enclosed are copies of your 1993 proposed and adopted budgets, minutes of the 1993 water meeting, and the 1993 updated laws on water districts. As far as watermaster appointments are concerned, the watermaster is appointed for the irrigation season, the calendar year, or for some other period according to the wishes of each district. In order for the watermaster to begin his duties each year, we must receive a call-on petition signed by at least one water user; verbal requests are not acceptable. Sec. 42-608 of the Idaho Code covers this process.

The \$3000. figure you asked about was in an old law that required financial audits every three years in districts with a budget of more than that amount. The law was revised last year so that audits are now required only in the largest districts (\$50,000. or more). Also, if the district budget is \$3000. or less, the watermaster can also serve as the treasurer if the water users so desire. Setting the budget is totally up to the district.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

James E. Stanton
Sr. Water Resource Agent