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Water District: 43-D, Almo Creek

Dear Mr. Ward;

Our adjudication agent Frank Hitchcock has informed me that you had certain questions at your recent water meeting, so I will attempt to answer those questions. There are two options with regard to the watermaster's term of service. He can be elected to serve during the irrigation season only, or he can be elected to serve for the full calendar year. If the term of service is limited to the irrigation season, then a call-on petition signed by at least one water user must reach this office. If all other required documents have been received (proposed and adopted budgets, oath of office), a certificate of appointment will be issued upon receipt of the petition. So the watermaster's authority to deliver water does not begin until he is appointed, regardless of when the irrigation season starts. For annual appointments, no call-on petition is needed; the watermaster's authority continues until a successor is appointed, although a new certificate is issued each year.

Regarding your question on the watermaster record books, I am only aware of one style of book. I don't recall seeing any other type of book in the past. I checked with the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley (1359 Hansen Ave., 678-0463, Mike Beus), and was told that they still have a few water-measurement books (their book is now out of print) available at no charge.

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

Sincerely,

James E. Stanton
Sr. Water Resource Agent