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DEAR MR. STANTON!

IN ANSWER TO YOUR DEC. 23 1999 LETTER, WHEN I SENT YOU THE REPORTS I THINK I ENCLOSED A NOTE EXPLAINING THAT THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 1999 WAS NOT CORRECT AS ~~IT WAS~~ <sup>IT WAS</sup> SUBMITTED BY MR. HOPE. THE REPORT AND PROPOSED BUDGET WHICH I SENT YOU ARE CORRECT AS FAR AS I CAN SEE.

YOUR LETTER SAYS "THE TOTAL ADOPTED BUDGET IS \$1347". THAT IS NOT CORRECT. IF YOU LOOK AT THE ADOPTED BUDGET AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE IT SHOWS "TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1999 -- \$1650.00" LOOK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE IT SAYS "NOTE: ADDITIONAL MONEY IS ON DEPOSIT TO COVER ADDITIONAL EXPENSES."

FOR EXAMPLE LOOKING AT THE ADOPTED BUDGET, STEVEN HOLMADEN WAS BILLED \$143 EVEN THOUGH HIS TOTAL ASSESSMENT BASED ON WATER USAGE WAS AROUND \$500, HOWEVER HE HAD \$800 ON DEPOSIT WITH THE WATER DISTRICT AND WE DECIDED THAT WAS NOT NECESSARY SO WE BILLED HIM JUST ENOUGH TO REDUCE HIS DEPOSIT FROM \$800 DOWN TO \$500. THIS IS THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE \$1347 TOTAL BILLING AND THE \$1650 ESTIMATED EXPENSES. THERE WERE SOME OTHER ADJUSTMENTS ALSO.

BOB HOPE, THE SECRETARY OF THE WATER DISTRICT HAS NOT BEEN IN THE AREA SINCE JULY AND THE DISTRICT ASKED ME TO DO SOME OF THE BOOIA WORK WHICH HE HAS BEEN DOING. THEY PAID ME FOR DOING IT AND THAT COST WAS ABOVE THE \$1650 IN THE ADOPTED BUDGET. MY PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1907 WILL COVER THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE AND

BRING THE TOTAL AMOUNT ON DEPOSIT BACK TO WHAT IT WAS AT THE BEGINNING OF 1999. THE DISTRICT HAS SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS ON DEPOSIT. THIS MONEY IS CREDITED TO THE VARIOUS USERS, SOME OF WHOM ARE HAVING TO RECONSTRUCT THEIR DIVERSIONS BECAUSE THE RIVER WASHED THEM OUT DURING THESE HIGH WATER YEARS.

FOR EXAMPLE ON MY REPORT THE 1ST ENTRY IS FOR "ARMO CORP. -- NENT NOS 30-201 ET AL. -- COST 110.47 -- ADOPTED BUDGET #260 -- CREDITS 149.53. THE ADOPTED BUDGET SHOULD HAVE SHOWN THAT ARMO CORP. HAS \$260 ON DEPOSIT TO COVER THEIR RAFT RIVER RIGHTS. FOR SOME REASON MR. HOPE DID NOT SHOW IT. IN 1998 ARMO PUT A PUMP IN THE RIVER AND PUMPED INTO THEIR MAINLINE BUT THE DIESEL MOTOR BURNED UP SO THE AMOUNT WAS NOT WORTH BRINGING THEM FOR IN 1998. IN 1999 THEY HAD ELECTRIC PUMPS AND IT WORKED FAIRLY GOOD.

IN 1998 OLEN WARD PUT A DIESEL PUMP IN THE RIVER FOR A FEW DAYS BUT NOT ENOUGH TO BE WORTH BILLING HIM FOR. IN 1999 SPENCER'S BOUGHT OLEN'S PLACE AND THEY CLEANED OUT THE ORIGINAL DIVERSION AND TOOK WATER IN THE OLD DITCH. THEY SHOW UP AS NUMBER 19 ON MY WATERMASTER REPORT. OLEN HAD \$40 ON DEPOSIT TO COVER THIS USAGE AND THEY STILL HAVE \$6.25 CREDIT.

A LARGE PORTION OF RAFT RIVER IS IN A STREAM BANK RESTORATION PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES REBUILDING DIVERSION STRUCTURES. THIS WAS STUDIED LAST YEAR AND SUPPOSEDLY WILL BE WORKED ON THIS YEAR. SEVERAL OF THE USERS WHICH ARE ON MY REPORT AND PROPOSED BUDGET BUT NOT ON BOB HOPE'S ADOPTED BUDGET ARE WAITING FOR THE

STREAM BANK RESTORATION PEOPLE TO DECIDE HOW TO INSTALL THE DIVERSIONS. THESE PEOPLE HAVE NOT ABANDONED THEIR WATER RIGHTS AND STILL HAVE MONEY ON DEPOSIT TO COVER ANY USAGE.

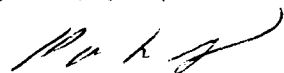
MR. HOPE'S ADOPTED BUDGET IS NOT REALLY WRONG BY ONLY SHOWING PEOPLE WHO WERE BILLED IN THE DISTRIBUTION COLUMN, BUT HE DOESN'T TELL THE WHOLE STORY EITHER,

TO ANSWER YOUR SECOND PARAGRAPH, IN COLUMN 7 I SHOW THE AMOUNT WHICH THE PEOPLE LISTED HAVE ON DEPOSIT BECAUSE IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THAT MANY OF THEM WILL TAKE THE WATER THIS YEAR. THESE DEPOSIT AMOUNTS ARE BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE MOSTLY BEFORE MY TIME AND I ASSUME THEY ARE A FAIR ESTIMATE. I AM NOT SURE WHAT THE SECOND SENTENCE IN YOUR PARAGRAPH SAYS, REALLY:

IN COLUMN 8 I PROPOSE TO BILL THE PEOPLE FOR THE TOTAL COST OF 1999 BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A BETTER GUESS AS TO WHAT THE YEAR 2000 WILL COST. HOPEFULLY IT WON'T COST THE TOTAL AMOUNT ON DEPOSIT. ACTUALLY THE DISTRICT HAS AROUND \$5000 IN THEIR ACCOUNT BUT IT IS NOT ALL DEPOSITED TO CERTAIN PEOPLE'S RIGHTS.

WITH ADJUDICATION AND RIPARIAN RESTORATION BOTH HAPPENING TO RAFT RIVER THIS YEAR THE WATERMASTER-SECRETARY MAY COST MORE THAN WE EXPECT. MY PROPOSED BUDGET REPRESENTS THE BEST GUESS I COULD MAKE AS TO WHAT 2000 WILL COST. SEVERAL THINGS WILL NEED TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE WATER MEETING WHICH MAY AFFECT COST AND BILLING.

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