



## State of Idaho

# DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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Director

BOB SHAFFER, WATERMASTER  
WATER DISTRICT NO. 34  
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### RE: APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY WATERMASTERS

Dear Bob:

As we discussed during our telephone conversation on June 12, 2008, each of your assistants that record diversion measurements and adjust deliveries should be appointed deputy watermasters by the Director of IDWR. Although this has been discussed previously over the years, the appointments have not always been made.

I have attached several copies of the Deputy Watermaster Oath that you should have each of your assistants complete and return to Sharla Cox at IDWR Eastern Region. Sharla can then issue the appointment certificates for the remainder of this season.

The best action to take to ensure that the certificates are issued for future seasons is to adopt a resolution at each annual meeting to appoint the deputy watermasters. I realize that you do not always know at the time of the annual meeting who will be hired for the irrigation season, so I suggest the resolution be worded to accommodate this uncertainty. An example of such a resolution is as follows:

*"All assistants to the Watermaster that measure, record, or adjust water deliveries under the direction of the Watermaster shall be appointed Deputy Watermasters by the Director of IDWR before performing their duties each irrigation season."*

With such a resolution in place, IDWR staff will know from the meeting minutes that the assistants should be appointed and will process the appointments similar to your appointment as watermaster.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to call or write me.

Sincerely,

Nick Miller, P.E.  
Staff Engineer, IDWR

enclosure: *Official Deputy Watermaster Oath (5 copies @ 1 Page each)*

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IDWR Eastern Region – Idaho Falls

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

State of Idaho                    )  
  ) ss  
County of \_\_\_\_\_)

Official Oath

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, specifically including the provisions of Section 42-605 and 42-607, Idaho Code, and that I will faithfully discharge all duties as Deputy Watermaster of District \_\_\_\_\_ according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Watermaster

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

Residing At \_\_\_\_\_

Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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