

February 19, 2008

Robert Shaffer
PO Box 53
Mackay ID 83251

Water District 34

Dear Mr. Shaffer:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Watermaster's Annual Report for the past season.

The same has been prepared by the watermaster and approved by this Department in conformity with Sections 42-610, 42-614 and 42-615, Idaho Code.

During the 1993 legislative session, the legislature enacted a new law which amends Section 42-619(9), Idaho Code and removes the independent financial audit requirement for most state water districts. The new law, referenced by Section 67-450B, Idaho Code (copy enclosed) identifies minimum audit requirements for all local government entities. Under the new statute, the governing body of any local government entity (i.e.; water district) whose annual budget does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or less does not have to have an independent public account firm conduct a financial audit every few years as previously required by Section 42-619(9).

Please note that only the statutory requirement regarding the independent financial audit has been changed. Districts handling their own fund (i.e.; districts who collect and / or disburse their own funds) must still submit their own statement of the water district's financial affairs at the end of each fiscal year. As recommended in the Department's February 16, 1993 letter and the 1993 Watermaster Handbook, a copy of the financial statement may be submitted either with the annual water masters report or with the minutes of the annual meeting for the ensuing year. An example of an annual financial statement may be found in Appendix C of the 1993 Watermaster Handbook.

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The purpose of this letter is to remind all water districts that workers compensation insurance is required for all water district employees. This requirement applies to all water districts in Idaho, regardless of annual budget. Insurance should be applicable at least to all paid water district staff, including the water master as well as watermaster assistants, advisory committee, secretary and treasurer. The costs associated with workers compensation insurance is paid directly by the water district and should be considered an expense of the district. For information about obtaining insurance costs etc., please contact the Idaho State Insurance Fund. The State Insurance Fund has offices in Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Twin Falls. Water Districts are also reminded that all paid water district staff may be subject to state and federal taxes. These tax requirements will vary depending on salaries and total income of each watermaster or employee. In many water districts, particularly smaller districts with part-time staff, payment of watermaster or each employee. Districts may wish to contact the State Tax Commission or the Internal Revenue Service for information about state and federal withholding taxes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis M. Dunn".

Dennis M Dunn
Sr. Water Right Agent

Enclosure

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WATERMASTER'S REPORT

From March 1st 2008 To February 28 2009

Water District No. #34

Name of Watermaster Robert Shaffer

P.O. Address Po Box 53

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AFFIDAVIT OF WATERMASTER

STATE OF IDAHO

COUNTY OF Butte & Custer } ss.

Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

Robert Shaffer, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Watermaster of Water District #34, having been lawfully appointed by David R. Tuthill, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources, and that the volumes of water, as stated in this report and prorated by him to the water right holders of the district are correct.

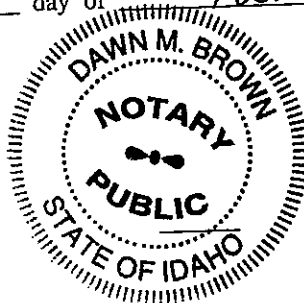
Robert W. Shaffer

(Deputy) Watermaster District No. #34

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of March, 2009

Dawn Brown
Notary Public

(SEAL)



My Commission expires 10/16/12

Boise, Idaho, March 11, 2009

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that Robert Shaffer was lawfully appointed by me as Water Master of Water District No. 34, and that the information contained in this report, as herein sworn to, is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct.

David R. Tuthill Jr.
Director, Department of Water Resources

By Dennis M. Dunn

WATER DISTRICT 34
P.O. BOX 53
MACKAY, IDAHO 83251

December 22, 2008

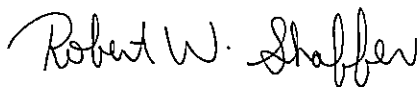
Mr. David R. Tuthill
322 Front Street
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720

Dear Mr. Tuthill:

The following pages contain the annual report of the distribution of water for the Big Lost River, From November 1, 2007 to October 31, 2008

The Authority to distribute water using water rights in the Basin 34 Directors Report was provided by the Memorandum decision and order granting the Department of Water Resources' motion for interim Administration with Limitation, or decrees issued by the SRBA court.

Very truly yours,



Robert Shaffer
Watermaster
District #34-Big Lost River

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Water District 34
Summary of Annual Report for 2008

Once again the Irrigators in the Big Lost River drainage have experienced another below average water year in 2008. The winter of 2007-08 provided us with a very deceiving snow pack as it appeared we had a good snowpack based on depth but in reality it had very low water content. The Snowtell measurements for late April and early May were 85 to 90 % of normal and the Mackay Reservoir at only 70% of capacity.

Due to the cool damp spring the gates on the Mackay Reservoir were not opened until May 17th when delivery calls finally exceeded the flow of 96cfs that was in the river below the Mackay Reservoir.

The Big Lost River administratively (Basin34 General Provision 6a.) connected on May 18 going above 750cfs at the Howell Gauging station(located 21 miles NW of Mackay) for 3 consecutive days becoming one river with the peak flow at the Howell Gauge of 1680cfs on May 19. The river then stayed above 1000cfs for 5 days then dropping to an average of 758cfs for the next 24 days then rising back to 1440cfs on June 23rd and staying above 1000cfs for 16 days. . Water rights peaked on June 23rd with a decree date of 9-2-1959 for 4 days mostly due to the lack of delivery call. The river flow was on a steady decline from this point on with the priority date dropping to 5-1-1905 and continuing on a steady decline to the 1887 rights on July 14.

On July 14th the Big Lost River became administratively disconnected (Basin 34 General Provision 6b.) going below 450cfs for 3 consecutive days at the Howell Gauge(located 21 miles NW of Mackay).

Below Mackay Reservoir the water continued to drop and by the 28th of July the priority date had dropped to the 1884's where it stayed for the rest of the Irrigation season. The Mackay Reservoir was reduced to a low of 7% (3150af) in October.

After the Big Lost River became administratively disconnected on July 14th becoming 2 rivers all the water rights called for were filled but as the river flows

receded many rights many diversion became high and dry. By the end of July the river was dry at the Chilly Bridge and no water was being delivered below the Chilly diversion and rights being dropped to a low of May 1, 1895 in September with the river flows dropping down to between 75 to 90cfs at the Howell Gauge for the remainder of the season.

Antelope Creek was connected to the Big Lost River at the start of the irrigation season with an on estimated 15cfs rising to an estimated peak flow of 80cfs on May 19th. The flow remained around 40 to 60cfs at the lower end of the stream until the end of June when it dropped quickly to 0 in the first week of July.

On July 10th a futile call determination was made by the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources on the connection of Antelope Creek to the Big Lost River. At this time the decree date on Antelope went from 9-28-1896 up to 1905 then receding to the 1884 rights on July 31. The 1884's stayed on thru August 21 when they had to be curtailed to deliver the senior rights which are located at the mouth of the canyon and remained this way for the rest of the irrigation season.

A public meeting was held in November at Arco led by the Director of Idaho Department of Water Resources David Tuthill and staff members Tim Luke, Nick Miller and Ernie Carlson. The purpose of the meeting was to explain the method used to set priority date for the delivery of water rights, accounting of water once delivered and the extent of WATER District 34's involvement in the delivery of surface and ground water. This meeting helped people understand more of the process of water delivery and hopefully will go on to further ease some of the sore spots in Lost River Valley.

Robert W. Shaffer

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Watermaster
Water District 34

PRIORITY DATES

Water Season
2008

RB = River Broke

Day	May	June	July	August	September	October
1	All 1884				8-31-1884	
2		9-1-1895				67% 5-20-1884
3			9-24-1900			
4				10-12-1884	8-31-1884	
5		All 1902				76% 5-20-1884
6						
7			9-28-1896			
8				10-12-1884	7-15-1884	
9		6-30-1891				76% 5-20-1884
10			6-30-1891			
11				10-12-1884	6-1-1884	
12		6-30-1891				
13						10-12-1884
14			3-13-1887	10-12-1884		
15			RB 7-14-08		6-1-1884	Season Ends
16		9-24-1900				
17		All 1905	6-1-1885			
18	2-7-1916			10-12-1884	5-20-1884	
19		All 1915				
20						
21			5-15-1885	9-14-1884		
22	2-7-1916				20% 6-1-1884	
23		9-2-1959				
24			2-18-1885			
25				8-31-1884	35% 6-1-1884	
26		9-2-1959				
27		5-1-1905				
28			10-12-1884	8-31-1884		
29	3-10-1893				5-20-1884	
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