

## MEMORANDUM

TO: FILE

FROM: DANIEL A. NELSON

DATE: 3/6/2001

SUBJECT: COLD SPRINGS CREEK WATER DISTRICT MEETING

The Cold Springs Creek / Bennett Creek water district meeting was held on 3/5/2001. The following are the highlights of the meeting.

- 1.) The officers were re-elected and they all remained the same including Cherle McCallister the watermaster.
- 2.) The district instituted watermaster rules that require them to submit their watermaster report by the end of November in order to be paid for the year.
- 3.) The district agreed to adopt the payment plan proposed for payment of the watermaster for the 2000 season supplied by John Westra.
- 4.) I spoke with district at this time telling them that should institute a slush type fund to handle these situations should they arise again and they agreed that this would be a good idea.
- 5.) The watermaster will be required to report any call out to the secretary within 7 days of the call out and inform the secretary of who called them out and for what period of time. I would recommend that the department send a courtesy letter to the district secretary of a IDWR call out. We informed the watermaster and the users involved last year, but did not directly contact the secretary. I did tell Harley, but evidently he did not inform his mother that the watermaster was on until the district called her off.
- 6.) I informed the district and the watermaster that would need to start submitting the watermaster reports on the forms supplied by the department. I also told the watermaster that we are currently working on a possible new report form for the Cold Springs Creek Crew.
- 7.) The district voted to have the district meeting on the second Monday in January. This was agreed on by a unanimous vote based on the earlier season allowed by the SRBA.

- 8.) I submitted the measurement order to the district and they agreed that it was needed to solve the problems of the district. However, since they already have the ability to irrigate and the low amount of water this year. They requested that the order allow them until the beginning of the 2002 irrigation season to install the measurement devices. This would give them the time to get this done. They also asked about the portion of the order that refers to the tributaries of Cold Springs Creek. They said that they did not think it was necessary to include Rye Grass Creek, since it has only one or two users and it rarely has enough water to regulate. They also were concerned about the Springs that are tributary to Cold Springs Creek. Usually, the people that have the water rights of this creek have the only right on the spring, and they have the rights to divert all of the springs for their uses. The entire district agreed to the tributary issue and the time frame for installing the measurement devices.
- 9.) The district requested an updated mailing list for the water users on the creek. They asked if we could supply that for them. I told them that I would see what I could do. Taking the new system into account.

The district meeting although long seemed to go very well. Everyone agreed that measurement devices were needed. They also agreed with the need to give direct instruction to the watermaster. They also agreed that they needed to provide a slush fund to allow them to pay the watermaster when they are called out by the department.

All of the water district users stated that they did not believe they would have any problems this year. They all thought that there would not be enough water to fight over if they had any water at all. John McCallum said that there was only 400 to 500 gpm coming into the creek at the top. He also mentioned that he barely had enough water to water his stock. It does look as though he is the only water user allowed to use water at this time. Mr. McCallum stated that he worked out an agreement with Half Moon Ranch so he did not think that there would be any problems at that end this year either. Hopefully, they have worked something out up there and we will not have the problems we have had in the past.

Overall I feel that the meeting went fairly well and they seemed receptive to the ideas that we proposed to them. I think that they are on a tract that they work together for at least this year. The low water should prevent the time that water is in the creek and would give them the time to install the measurement devices for next year.

Need address  
LIST FOR  
BOTH CREEKS

**SUGGESTED ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

- Meeting called to order by the Chairman
- Reading of last years meeting minutes- Secretary
- Old Business
- New Business
- Elections
  - Chairman
  - Secretary
  - Treasure
  - Watermaster
  - Advisory Committee
- Treasurer Report
- Presentation of previous year Watermaster Report- Watermaster
- Proposed budget for the new year- Watermaster
- Adoption of a Budget
- Adoption of District Resolutions
- Time and place for next years meeting
- Adjournment

Blackwell - chair  
 Elsie - sec.  
 Macalister  
 voted BACK IN

THE WANT  
 ↓ TO EXCLUDE

AND ON  
SPRINGS

ELIMINATE  
 RYE GRASS  
 CREEK USERS  
 WALKERS

THEY WANT TO  
 WAIT UNTIL  
 FALL TO GIVE  
 MORE TIME  
 FOR INSTITUTION

Issues:

- Budget for 2001 ✓
- Payment of Watermaster ✓
- Advance of meeting date, suggest 2nd Monday January
- Watermaster Report timeliness in submittal.

Will we approve

Water Master - Bill should  
BE PRORATED

NOT ON PROPER FORM

Came in late

The DISTRICT should impose  
some RULES when How.

When - By Xmas

How - use OFFICIAL FORM.

(SINKER  
CREEK  
FORM)

Who Budget

Fees - Chapter 6