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Frank Erwin
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Dear Mr. Erwin:

Enclosed are several documents which you will require as references for fulfilling your duties as watermaster. These documents include:

- copy of the New International Mortgage Decree, which includes the original decreed rights for Billingsley and Riley Creeks, and their tributaries;
- IDWR Watermaster Handbook, a reference manual including information about watermaster duties, water rights, water district organization and meetings, water district reporting, water distribution and measurement;
- Water Measurement Video - "Lets Measure Up".

The decree and handbook are your personal and permanent copies. The video is being loaned to you by the Department. I ask that you return the video to me after you have had time to view it, but within the next four to five weeks.

I also want to provide you with a more comprehensive listing of water rights within your district. I have not had time since the water district meeting to put such a list together. The enclosed decree only includes original decreed rights. Many of these rights have since changed or have been transferred. The comprehensive list which I will forward you a bit later will include more recent rights, including licensed rights and permits which have been approved after the decree. We also have an inventory book of many of the main diversions on Billingsley and Riley Creeks. I will forward you a copy of this book as soon as possible.

Sometime within the next two months, I would like to visit with you in Hagerman and look at a few diversions. I will probably schedule a full day with you, or perhaps several half-days. I am willing to work around your schedule. The visit will be for the purpose of answering any questions you may have and to provide you with some overview of the water rights in your district. I would also like to brief you on the water measurement activities in your district.

Please call or write and let me know about possible dates where you may be available for a meeting and some field review of diversions. I look forward to hearing from you and visiting with you in Hagerman. In the meantime, I encourage you to review the enclosed material. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to call me directly at 327-7864

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Luke".
Tim Luke