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RE: Water District 43-C, Cassia Creek

Dear Roger,

We have received your 2007 Watermaster's Report and 7 daily-record books, and your 2008 Proposed Budget. Apparently you used the wrong adopted budget to figure the debits and credits on the Report, so I must return the Report for correction; 2 new forms are enclosed for your use. The Budget form appeared to be incomplete until I noticed that all the figures are in dollars; the standard is for the deliveries to be recorded in actual water volumes, but I guess either way is ok. By your method, Columns 6 & 7 amount to the same thing.

With regard to your appointment period, my standard way of doing things for seasonal appointments is to make the appointment good for either the standard irrigation season or from the call-on date to the end of the standard season. The standard season for your area is March 15 to November 15, so that is why your certificate showed the latter date as the end of your appointment period. While the minutes of last year's water meeting did specify a call-on date of April 1, they said nothing about the end of your term of service. If your district wants you appointed for a period other than the standard season, they need to specify that in the minutes. Your term of service is the period each year that you have authority and responsibility to deliver water in your district, but does not necessarily have anything to do with how much you are paid to be watermaster. Just because you have authority to deliver water in November does not mean that you actually deliver any, or that you have to deliver any. It appears that you are actually paid from April 1 to the last day that you actually deliver water, rather than just getting a set amount for being watermaster each year.

Regards,

James E. Stanton
Sr. Water Resource Agent