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Governor

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Director

Joel Teuscher  
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*RE: Follow-up to District Meeting*

Dear Mr. Teuscher:

During the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, I told you that I would follow-up on various questions that were asked that I couldn't answer at the time of the meeting. I am writing this letter to hopefully answer those questions, and make sure that I didn't miss anything.

I did find the names and number for the companies in your area for the Seametrics magnetic flow meters and the Starflow Acoustic Doppler flow meters. The local representative for Seametrics is Bill Rawlings at BD Sales and Supply in Preston, Idaho telephone number (208) 852-0587. The representative we have for the Starflow meter is Mike Lusk of Intermountain Environmental, Inc. in Logan, Utah, telephone number (435) 755-0774. I believe Mr. Lusk is also the distributor for the Greyline Instruments, which are similar to the Starflow product. I have included a flyer on the Greyline Instruments for you to review with the water users in your district.

There were several questions regarding the Raymond Creek diversions. I have reviewed these diversions. My review revealed that they shouldn't be in the Thomas Fork Water District at this time, and shouldn't be charged an assessment. They were part of the Thomas Fork decree, but they also hold water certificates in Wyoming. Therefore, Wyoming is responsible for regulating these diversions. You don't have the authority to go into Wyoming and adjust there headgates without the approval of Wyoming's Water Resource Department. This could change in the future, but for now they should be removed from the water district.

Mr. Esterholdt asked me to check and see if the decrees for the Raymond Creek water rights had been changed to his name or if there was a pending change of ownership in our office. I reviewed our records and I found no ownership change information, so this process would still need to be done if they want these water rights in their names. The attorney he hired may have only changed the name on the water certificates in Wyoming, since it is the main regulatory authority for these rights at this time. I don't have Mr. Esterholdt's telephone number or address, so I would like to ask you to have him give me a call.

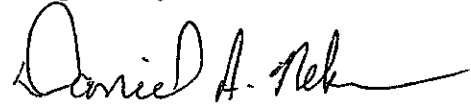
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I would also like to invite you and any of the interested water users in the water district to attend a meeting we are hosting for the water users in the Central Division of the Bear River Water District. This summer a Department engineer visited these sites and performed the elevation measurements to make recommendations of which measurement devices would work on these sites.

Many of these sites are similar to the sites in the middle of your District, and the information could prove to be useful. It will also give you an idea of what is involved in evaluating a site to ensure that the proper measurement device is installed in the channel. We have also invited the NRCS to this meeting to discuss what funding and services that they can provide. This could be a very informative meeting and I would recommend that at least a couple of your board members attend this meeting. The meeting will be held at the Oregon Trail Center in Montpelier, on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. I will also be at this meeting, and would be happy to answer any new questions that may have popped up after our October meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the above address.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel A. Nelson", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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