

Water district 29d water master summary report 2010

This report contains a brief summary of the water master activities and assignments for the year 2010 water year as reported by Marshall Wheatley water master.

The year started with myself being nominated and elected water master at the annual water district meeting after being nominated by the water district committee. This meeting was held in April, and Tim Luke explained what the committee had been doing to get the water district organized with a operating budget ,and what would be required to maintain the district financially and the assessments that would be required to operate the district. I was then given assignments of doing inventory of diversion points in the district. This consisted of filling out a inventory form with detailed information, and taking g.p.s. readings along with a photo of the diversion. This work was, and is still being recorded and filed for documentation. Most of the inventory was done on tributaries of the Portneuf river namely Upper and lower Rock creek, Green canyon, Little Jackson creek, Spider creek, Rapid creek, Inman creek, Indian creek, Mink creek and doing several inspections on the Portneuf river as requested by water users to resolve some issues. I also inspected some temporary water permits, and applications for new water right on Moon light creek and Inman creek. My intentions was to get more of the Portneuf river inventoried, but with the on set of winter the work was suspended. I also spent time dealing with assessments to collect or to verify owner and addresses. Assisted water users where needed. Time was also spent reviewing water records , rights, and maps to assist with the inventory, and familiarizing my self with the water district. Wages were paid for seven months of work from May through November..This work was done on a part time basis as I have a full time job which requires my time as well. I feel we did accomplish some good things this first year as we addressed different issues arising from creating a new water district and getting the water right owners more familiar with what is expected, and how the water district will operate in the coming years, as some users were quite concerned because they now have to pay an assessment which they had never before had to pay. We also encountered some issues with current addresses, and current ownership of water rights, and dealing with late assessment collection. As a note of interest, most all users in the district use pumps and sprinkler irrigation systems to irrigate their properties. Some lateral ditches are being used. Most individuals have pumps in the main creeks and river with some using gravity irrigation to sprinkle their property. Upon my inspections at diversions, and pump sites, I never seen or recognized any measuring devices installed that water could be measured. Most pump sites would have to use the pump formula to calculate the cfs. My conclusion based on inspections, is some pumping operations may be using more cfs that they are entitled to use. Many of the rights in the district are small due to acres that have been subdivided into smaller parcels and selling water rights with the acreage. I did not encounter any major conflicts, and for the most part owners were cooperative when inspections were taken. A total of 514 hours were worked during the season, and 1976 miles driven of which compensation was received. This concludes the report for water district 29d. This report was written by Marshall Wheatley..