

# WATERMASTER'S REPORT

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Water District No. 75A

Name of Watermaster GREGORY LOWELL

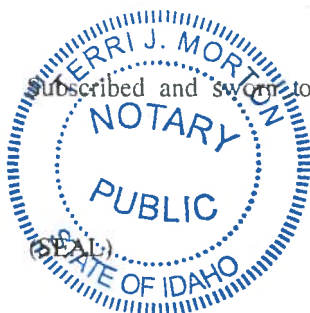
P.O. Address 307 STATE ST SALMON, ID 83467

## AFFIDAVIT OF WATERMASTER

STATE OF IDAHO }  
COUNTY OF LEMHI } ss.

GREGORY LOWELL, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Watermaster of Water District 75A, having been lawfully appointed by GARY SPACKMAN, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources, and that the volumes of water, as stated in this report and prorated by him to the water right holders of the district are correct.

Gary Spackman  
(Deputy) Watermaster District No. 75A



Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of November, 2014

Terri J. Morton  
Notary Public

My Commission expires 4-25-20

Boise, Idaho, Nov 19, 2014

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that Gregory Lowell was lawfully appointed by me as Water Master of Water District No. 75A, and that the information contained in this report, as herein sworn to, is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct.

Gary Spackman  
Director, Department of Water Resources

By Amelia Dunn

**DISTRICT 75 A  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014 AND PROJECTED BUDGET  
FOR 2015**



**City of Salmon Water Meter**

**INTRODUCTION SUMMARY**

Several changes of ownership have been relayed to me by IDWR. Copies of these changes are included in this report.

Since most changes affect the internal workings of Arrowhead Water District (AWD) copies are included only with the IDWR and AWD copies of this report. Water rights designated for use from Jesse Creek downstream of irrigation diversion 7 - Jesse Creek Lateral Water Users Association (JCLWA) {fka "Farmer's Ditch"} are included in all copies of this report, although these changes will not significantly affect District 75A (the District).

The irrigation season of 2014 (April 1 through October 31) was a beneficial one to the District users. A winter snowpack and runoff, combined with unusual periods of seasonal rain during irrigation, allowed most, if not all, irrigators to use their full and necessary allotments of water. This fact simplified the duties of the watermaster throughout the season, but will result in higher use charges for some irrigators.

Exceptions occurred early in the season when the Austins (at the very end of the JCLWA ditch system) requested a maximum delivery of available high water for irrigation, which necessitated full ditches from the #5 POD for transit. When irrigators along that ditch delivery system needed to keep some of their fields dry for agricultural treatments, a potential conflict of interest arose, but was handled by mutual cooperation.

Essentially, all water users were able to meet their needs throughout the season and “regulation” was not required. The only “call for water” came from the City of Salmon (the City) for two brief periods late in the season. These calls were met with only minor inconvenience caused to AWD which had to adjust its headgate/diversions to accommodate the City’s needs while not ultimately having to restrict their own water usage.

This report will therefore reflect fulfilled water rights to a great extent and should serve as a model for future, non-drought seasons.

In addition, certain situations in dispute were settled in an amicable manner. e.g. Mr Paul Sommerfeld has applied for a water right that will enable him to utilize water with what will be a junior right, only when excess water is available to him for his domestic irrigation needs.

Certain situations remain unresolved although much progress has occurred in their solutions. For example, new measuring devices have been, and are continuing to be, installed along the Farmer’s Ditch so that water may be more accurately measured and fairly distributed. At # 9 POD, a replacement splitter and measuring weir have been installed to prevent duplication of past consequences that occurred during high water. This should allow properly measured flows to be delivered to the users of that diversion in 2015.

The City has been advised that some improvement is needed at their #4 POD for accurate measurement including an easily read gage, increased efforts at

keeping the POD debris-free, and a tightly sealed overflow gate. Again this will result in more accurate measurement of flow through that diversion. Generally, ditch maintenance should be cooperatively improved throughout the District and improved access to AWD's diversions would be greatly appreciated by the watermaster. It should be noted that the officers of AWD have been exceedingly helpful in assisting the watermaster with the difficult access situation, as has Dale Edwards, with his remote POD locations.

(Mr Edward's diversions on Billy and Gorley Creeks (not a part of the Districts budget) yielded approximately 50% more water during this past season).

Figures used to determine water consumption at all diversions were largely based on assumptions of unrestricted availability of water and historical usage. These figures were justified by periodic examination and measurement at individual Points of Diversion. The significant exceptions to that rule were applied to the City of Salmon where metered measurement was available (read and photographed) and to Arrowhead's domestic water usage which is also metered.

Those figures are listed herein;

City meter start on 4/1/14 = **520,259,000**

Ending measurement on 10/31/14 was **863,959,000**

For a total usage of **343,700,000** gallons total or an average of **1,137** GPM

The AWD meter was recorded as **16,517,800** on 4/1/14 and **23,803,200** on 10/31/14. This was equivalent to **24.36** GPM.

These figures are all within historical precedent and none exceeded allotted water rights.



# **District 75A 2014 Deliveries by water right / owner**

WR OWNER	IDWR #	POD NAME	Total Delivery 24 hour sec.ft.	PERCENT DELIVERED
Edwards	75-2,10046,10047,2162	#1 Chipps	386	10
AWD	75-19G,21,4467	#2d Chipps domestic	23	
AWD	75-14465,14491	#2i Chipps irrigation	62	
AWD	75-22,5	#8 Pollard storage/irrigation	258	9
				AWD TOT 343
City of Salmon	75-17A,19B,114,7	#5 Jesse	1460	
	17B,10075,19C,26A,4,2167,14700,14701,15700,7 563,	#4 Pollard, #5 Jesse		CITY TOT 1460
	(Total measured by meter)			
Power, Haddock	75-01B,13B,01A,18A	#6 Jesse	35	1
Proksch, Benedict	75-00014,14063	#9 flood and headgate problems		
Goodman		#9 P pump		
Gaver, Morgan, Power, Skunberg, Boese, Austin, Blackadar, R., Blackadar L., Bills, Petrick, Wallingford,	75-14533-14536, 14125,11614,14123,14124, 10475,113C,113A, 19H, 19D,113B	#7 Jesse Lateral aka Farmers	1560	41
Engle, Lyon, Ruscilli, Webb, Tilford, Lowry	75-14144, 10676, 14607, 10774, 10491	Jesse Ck	high or waste water	
			3784	100
note: "TEACUP" rights held and not previously delivered from #2i and #8 will require modification by AWD board				
	75-14663, 14664, 14665, 14666, 14668, 14670, 14672, 14674, 14650, 14651, 14653, 14654, 14655, 14656, 14658, 14659, 14660, 14661, 14682, 14676, 14678, 14680, 14682, / 75-14669, 14673, 14676, 14681, 14677, / 75-14687, 14689, 14691, 14693, / 75-14688, 14690, 14692, 14694			
note: J Goodman pumps from Pollard Canyon Ck upstream of # 9 with a priority date of 1913/ .08 cfs	75-14063	named by watermaster as POD # 9P	minimal	
note: Edwards self delivered rights	springs: 10052 & 10103; Billy Ck. 75-2035; Gorley Ck 75-2034 and 14254 to storage/irrigation		not included in District budget	

# District 75A water usage by diversion 2014

Owner	POD #	24 hour second d feet	Acre feet per day	Days	Total acre feet	%
Edwards	1	1.8	1.8	210.0	386.0	10.0
Arrowhead**	2 irrigation	0.3	0.3	210.0	62.0	
Arrowhead**	2 domestic	0.1	0.1	210.0	23.0	
Jesse Lateral Ditch Assoc. aka Farmers Ditch	7	6.0	7.4	210.0	1460.0	39.0
Power / Haddock	6	0.1	0.1	210.0	35.0	1.0
City of Salmon	5 432,513,000 ga*	6.4	7.0	210.0	1560.0	41.0
Arrowhead**	8 irrigation	1.0	1.2	210.0	258.0	
					3784.0	
**Arrowhead total % equals 9%	*based on meter readings - all others based on periodic flow readings extrapolated for 2014 season					9.0
					3784.0	100.0

all extrapolated numbers are approximations based on periodic readings

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Assessed against	Address	2012 assessed	2012 due and paid	2013 budget - \$2,000 min @ \$25 = \$325	\$1675 balance due / % water usage 2013	Actual amount to be paid after \$1000 from reserve 2013	2014 budget \$2000 (+ \$60)	2014 budget - \$2,000 min @ \$25 = \$325	\$1675 balance due / % water usage 2014	Actual amount to be paid after \$1000 from reserve
Arrowhead		\$332.00	\$166.00		\$150.76	\$75.38			\$ 151	\$ 75.0
Ron Austin	53 Hwy 93 North 83467	\$77.50	\$38.75		\$121.76	\$60.88			\$ 130	\$ 65.0
Gaver Estate c/o Jami Gaver	132 South 300 West Jerome 83338	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$25.00		\$12.50	min	\$25		\$ 12.5
Jim Bills	PO Box 523 83467	\$44.32	\$22.16		\$76.50	\$38.25			\$ 43	\$ 21.5
L. Blackadar & Jim Juza	PO Box 321 83467	\$88.66	\$44.33		\$142.00	\$71.00			\$ 145	\$ 72.5
R. Blackadar	10 N Cherokee Ln	\$44.32	\$22.38		\$333.06	\$166.53			\$ 350	\$ 175.0
Ken Boese	32 Blackrock 83467	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$25.00		\$12.50	min	\$25		\$ 12.5
City of Salmon	200 main 83467	\$703.90	\$351.95		\$698.48	\$349.24			\$ 653	\$ 327.0
Dale Edwards*	PO Box 846 83467	\$306.76	\$153.38		\$152.44	\$76.22			\$ 168	\$ 84.0
Haddock	PO Box 54 83467	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$25.00		\$12.50	min	\$25		\$ 12.5
S. Newton	100 Pollard Ck 83467	\$25.00	\$12.50							
G. Power	1503 Old Leesburg Rd 83467	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$25.00		\$12.50			\$ 35	\$ 17.5
Joe Proksch	823 Union 83467	\$64.58	\$32.29	\$25.00		\$12.50	min	\$25		\$ 12.5

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L. Skunberg	PO Box101 83467	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$25.00		\$12.50	min	\$25		\$	12.5
J Cummings***	update	\$0.00		\$25.00		\$12.50	min	\$25		\$	12.5
John Goodman	Moose Creek Estates			\$25.00		\$12.50	min	\$25		\$	12.5
Wallingford	1409 Cleveland	\$0.00		\$25.00		\$12.50	min	\$25		\$	12.5
Ruscilli (WW)**	311 Ave A	\$0.00		\$25.00		\$12.50	min	\$25		\$	12.5
Elma Petrick	1908 Roosevelt	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$25.00		\$12.50	min	\$25		\$	12.5
Robert Morgan	update	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$25.00		\$12.50	min	\$25		\$	12.5
Lyon**				\$25.00		\$12.50	min	\$25		\$	12.5
Christopher Lowry	311 Ave A						min	\$25		\$	12.5
** High (waste) water from Jesse Ck											
* Edwards seperately assessed \$60 for 75-147 Gorley/Billy				\$350.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,000.00	60				
							2060	\$325	\$ 1,675	\$	1,000.0





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November 21, 2014

**C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER**  
Governor

**GARY SPACKMAN**  
Director

Gregory Lowell  
307 State St  
Salmon ID 83467

Water District 75A

Dear Watermaster:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Watermaster's Annual Report for the past season.

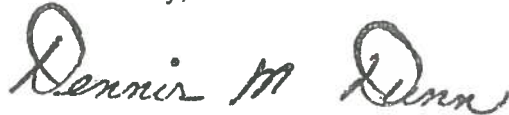
The same has been prepared by the watermaster and approved by this Department in conformity with Sections 42-610, 42-614 and 42-615, Idaho Code.

During the 1993 legislative session, the legislature enacted a new law which amends Section 42-619(9), Idaho Code and removes the independent financial audit requirement for most state water districts. The new law, referenced by Section 67-450B, Idaho Code (copy enclosed) identifies minimum audit requirements for all local government entities. Under the new statute, the governing body of any local government entity (i.e.; water district) whose annual budget does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or less does not have to have an independent public account firm conduct a financial audit every few years as previously required by Section 42-619(9).

Please note that only the statutory requirement regarding the independent financial audit has been changed. Districts handling their own fund (i.e.; districts who collect and / or disburse their own funds) must still submit their own statement of the water district's financial affairs at the end of each fiscal year. As recommended in the Department's February 16, 1993 letter and the 1993 Watermaster Handbook, a copy of the financial statement may be submitted either with the annual water masters report or with the minutes of the annual meeting for the ensuing year. An example of an annual financial statement may be found in Appendix C of the 1993 Watermaster Handbook.

The purpose of this letter is to remind all water districts that workers compensation insurance is required for all water district employees. This requirement applies to all water districts in Idaho, regardless of annual budget. Insurance should be applicable at least to all paid water district staff, including the water master as well as watermaster assistants, advisory committee, secretary and treasurer. The costs associated with workers compensation insurance is paid directly by the water district and should be considered an expense of the district. For information about obtaining insurance costs etc., please contact the Idaho State Insurance Fund. The State Insurance Fund has offices in Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Twin Falls. Water Districts are also reminded that all paid water district staff may be subject to state and federal taxes. These tax requirements will vary depending on salaries and total income of each watermaster or employee. In many water districts, particularly smaller districts with part-time staff, payment of watermaster or each employee. Districts may wish to contact the State Tax Commission or the Internal Revenue Service for information about state and federal withholding taxes.

Sincerely,

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Dennis M Dunn  
Sr. Water Right Agent

Enclosure

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Jesse Farmer-Lowell  
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Lemhi County Treasurer / Auditor  
206 Courthouse Dr  
Salmon ID 83467

RE: Water District No. #75A and 74Z

Dear County Treasurer / Auditor:

Transmitted herewith is the 2014 Watermaster's Report and claim for services for the above mentioned Water District.

The various times in this report have been checked and have been found to be proper charges against the water users therein named. Section 42-612, 42-613 and 42-614 of the Idaho Code provides the procedure under which this claim shall be paid from the funds of the above named district.

If you have any questions, please contact us at once.

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