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Frank Erwin, Water Master

Linda Lemmon, Secretary/Treasurer

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WD36A Water Users,

Water District 36A held an Annual Meeting on January 20, 2015. Frank Erwin was elected as Water Master, and can be reached at 837-4433. Linda Lemmon was elected as Secretary/Treasurer. The 2015 Water District 36A Advisory Board members elected at the meeting were: Bud Huntley, Gary Lemmon (Chairman), John Mavencamp, Billy McCarthy, Howard Morris, Dennis Newman, and Dan Yore. Feel free to discuss concerns and questions with them.

The annual meeting minutes, FY 2015 adopted budget and FY2015 adopted resolutions have been submitted to IDWR and will be scanned and available for review on IDWR's website: <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterDistricts/default.htm> (enter WD36A in the search box).

An operating budget of \$8,320.12 was approved at the annual meeting for FY 2015, requiring the collection of assessments totaling \$8,074.00. FY2015 began with only a \$246.12 carryover from 2014. Your 2015 assessment notice is enclosed with this letter. Please, note that the amount is due and payable upon receipt and will be considered delinquent after April 15th, 2015. *A delinquent account will result in suspension of water delivery until paid.*

To calculate the 2015 assessment, Frank used the cumulative flow diverted and reported in 2013 (converted into 24-hour second feet) and applied a rate of \$0.050 per 24-hour second foot. *(Note that the flow reported from the year that has just ended (eg, 2014) is not used in the calculation because the annual meeting is held and the budget is approved before all of the flow reports have been received).* Remember, also, that assessments are calculated using the amount of water diverted, not the amount of water listed on the water right. A minimum charge of \$50.00 was assessed to smaller diverters. Unfortunately, the assessment rate had to be increased significantly this year to cover basic expenses due to declining diversion rates, which are linked to declining spring flows, and because we have finally used up the large carryover balance we had accumulated several years ago under the old assessment schedule. If you have questions about your assessment or the calculation, please call Frank.

The importance of accurate measuring and reporting cannot be over emphasized. Your flows are used not only for assessment purposes by the District, but are also used to update IDWR's ESPAM model. Inaccurate reporting and monitoring hurts everyone, not simply the water user who makes a delivery call. If you need assistance with reporting, need a new meter or need your existing diversion structure checked for accuracy, please contact Frank. Remember, totalizing flow meters are to be read and recorded monthly whereas flows across non-totalizing diversion structures (eg. weirs) are to be monitored and recorded weekly.

Thanks for your cooperation!