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3	RECEIVED MAR 05 1999 WATER RESOURCES WESTERN REGION		
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<p>New Watermaster</p> <p>Bill Horn</p> <p>{ 23264 Valley Rd.</p> <p>{ Midvale, UT</p> <p>↓</p> <p>2182 Apple Ln 83645</p> <p>Men Id 83643</p> <p>Phone 355-3349</p> <p>OR ✓ 256-4439</p>			

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PREVIOUS = Richard KRETLOW 256-4446

MEMORANDUM

TO: File
FROM: Steve Lester 
DATE: August 27, 1999

RE : *Watermaster #67A*

Richard Kretten unexpectedly resigned as Watermaster (WM) earlier this year. The water users elected a new and inexperienced resident as WM, Bill Horn. I was unable to attend the 1999 district meeting, so all of this came as a surprise to me.

On July 14, 1999, Lori Graves and I met in Indian Valley with the previous and new WMs. We toured the area and discussed quite a few water district issues. Richard was very helpful in explaining the layout of the district operations. He did some of this with Bill prior to department involvement, so this visit was more of a "get acquainted" trip for IDWR and the new WM.

Bill is not very familiar with irrigation practices. He does not have much experience with data collection, paperwork or water delivery and/or use issues. Bill and his wife recently relocated from northern Idaho and live nearby in Mesa. He is available to act within 24 hours (most likely much sooner than that) of any call for services. He has message capability for his home telephone. Although quite young and inexperienced, Bill seems to have a good attitude and appears to be willing to give it a good try.

Richard will often be available to provide some help. This will be essential if any water delivery/use problems come up and when any paperwork needs to be completed. The S/T, Whitney Voermans, is also someone who can help Bill with paperwork.

Here is a brief summary of our July 14 site visit.

- Visited and discussed the abandoned but usable USGS gage station located above the most upstream diversion on the river. This is where the WM can measure (Swoffer current meter) available natural flow.
- Visited and discussed the reservoir, including reservoir level gages, outlet gates, outlet canals and so forth. We checked the measuring point on one of the two outlet canals (how WM can determine amount of storage water delivered to the river ... document natural flow vs storage water in the river if necessary).

- Toured around a bit and talked about various ditches, WM monitoring points and so forth.
- Discussed the “three hats WM wears” in this district: WM, irrigation district ditch rider (storage water), and ditch manager for Mickey-Wilkerson lateral association.
- IDWR advisor to change from me to Lori Graves in 1999. IDWR will provide WM with necessary support if any problems cannot be locally resolved.
- IDWR will issue certificate of appointment for WM.

Recommended follow up for IDWR includes the following.

1. Issue certificate of appointment with a condition that WM attends the next WM training session usually hosted by Water Distribution Section.
2. Work with WM and S/T about 1999 adopted budget and any other required paperwork for this year.
3. Work with WM to obtain more flow measurements at abandoned USGS gage. This will allow better calibration of the old staff gage at that site (not certified by USGS – too expensive to maintain the site – but usable for water district purposes as noted in prior years).
4. Assist WM with records keeping, changes of ownership, water delivery and water measurements, and resolving miscellaneous disputes and so forth as needed. Build on good work that Richard did to help this district become more effective.

I will work with Lori as she assumes the advisory role for this water district.

Copy: Lori Graves