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 From: *Wayne Burkhardt*
 Subject: *67 A Advisory Committee*

COMMENTS:

Jari
 As you requested here is
 a copy of the letter regarding
 headgates & measuring devices &
 diversion dams on the Fettle Ukiser.
 This letter came from the Ben Ross
 Reservoir Board of Directors

208-334-2348

LITTLE WEISER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
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OCTOBER 7, 2000

TO: ALL WATER USERS OF THE LITTLE WEISER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FROM: LITTLE WEISER IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS BEEN UPGRADING THE SYSTEM TO ENABLE US TO STORE AND DISTRIBUTE WATER TO THE BENEFITTED LANDS MORE EFFICIENTLY. WE HAVE REBUILT THE HEADGATES AT THE INLET CANAL AND THE OUTLET CANALS WHERE THEY SPLIT. THIS FALL WE WILL BE BUILDING A STRUCTURE TO MAKE IT EASIER TO PUT IN THE TWO-FOOT COFFER DAM TO INCREASE OUR CAPACITY.

OUR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IS THE TWO OUTLET CANALS AND THE LITTLE WEISER RIVER. THE WATER USERS MAINTAIN THEIR OWN DIVERSIONS FROM THE RIVER. MANY OF THESE DIVERSION SYSTEMS ARE NOT ADEQUATE TO ENABLE THE WATER MASTER TO MAKE AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WATER TO THE BENEFITTED LANDS.

THE NEED TO BRING THESE SUBSTANDARD DIVERSIONS UP TO PAR WAS AGAIN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION WITH A SHORT WATER YEAR. IN RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN DISTRIBUTION OF RESERVOIR WATER DURING THIS PAST SEASON, YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2001 IRRIGATION SEASON.

- ✓ 1. ALL DIVERSIONS MUST HAVE AN ADJUSTABLE, LOCKABLE, HEADGATE AND A MEASURING DEVICE IN PLACE.
- ✓ 2. HEADGATE AND MEASURING DEVICE DESIGN AND LOCATION MUST BE APPROVED BY SCS AND/OR THE WATER MASTER.
- ✓ 3. THE WATER MASTER MUST HAVE 24 HOUR ADVANCE NOTICE BEFORE DIVERSION DAMS ARE PLACED IN THE RIVER. THIS ENABLES HIM TO MAINTAIN THE FLOW TO OTHER WATER USERS. ALL DIVERSION DAMS MUST HAVE A SPILL WAY APPROVED BY THE WATER MASTER.

THERE IS TECHNICAL ADVICE AND DESIGN ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE AT 208-549-4280. THERE MAY ALSO BE SOME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE THERE AS WELL. ANOTHER SOURCE OF SOME POSSIBLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES. JOHN WESTRA IS THE PERSON TO CONTACT THERE.

THE BEST TIME FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HEADGATES AND MEASURING DEVICES WILL PROBABLY BE THIS FALL. WE HOPE THIS NOTICE IS TIMELY FOR YOU. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT WAYNE, ISAAC, OR MYSELF. WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE TO DO THIS, BUT IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE SYSTEM TO OPERATE EQUITABLY.



JERRY JAEGER, CHAIRMAN
LITTLE WEISER IRRIGATION DISTRICT