

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Water District 47-C File

**FROM:** Tim Luke

**DATE:** 10/4/1995

**RE:** Conversation with Watermaster

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Two weeks ago I spoke with the watermaster, Jack Eastman, regarding any activity in the district to comply with previous water measurement orders and/or the direction which the users agreed to pursue earlier in the season (see my letter of June 6, 1995).

Jack said that George Swan had put in one weir for his Deadwood Creek diversion and that this weir was acceptable. Jack said that he was told a second weir had been installed by Swan for the Bill Drown Deadwood Creek diversion, but Jack never found this weir. The parshall flume maintained by Devil Creek Ranch for its Deadwood diversion is still acceptable.

On Devil Creek, Jack said that Devil Creek Ranch installed two weirs for its two diversions from the Cross-cut Canal. One of the two weirs washed out and has not been repaired. The other weir is acceptable. No weirs or other measuring devices have been installed on Devil Creek south of the highway. Also, no weirs or other measuring devices have been installed on House Creek, except for the lower Guery diversion on Little House Creek. It appears that no effort was made to pursue the recommendations outlined in my letter of June 6, 1995. Those recommendations were the result of a meeting held with water users on May 26, and included suggestions and recommendations presented by the users.

Jack further advised that he is planning to resign as watermaster. He will not work as watermaster in 1996. I asked if we should make any attempt to conduct field measurements at this point in the season, or take any other action in resolving concerns over measurement and regulation. He advised that conditions were pretty dry and that few measurements could be made at this time. He did suggest that a letter be sent to users advising them that they should attempt to install measuring devices this fall, as conditions are dry and suitable for construction. He also advised calling Larry Hiel of Cedar Mesa Canal and Reservoir Co. to get his take on how things were going. I called Larry the following day and left a message.