



State of Idaho

# DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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November 21, 1994

Dear Mr. Bedke;

As you are the last known secretary of Water District 45-A, this letter is addressed to you. If you are not the secretary for 1994, please forward this to the correct person.

We still have not received the watermaster report for 1993, nor the proposed and adopted budgets nor the meeting minutes for 1994. Efforts to contact LeRoy Fairchild have been unsuccessful. No watermaster was appointed for 1994 for District 45-A. Any water deliveries made this year in your district were not sanctioned by this Department. If Basin Creek is no longer an active water district, please let us know. You are certainly not required to be active if the users of Basin Creek do not feel that a watermaster is needed.

If you are an active district, however, certain paperwork is required by law. Enclosed are forms for the 1993 & 1994 Watermaster Reports, and the 1994 and 1995 Proposed and Adopted Budgets. One copy of each form is enclosed; if more are needed, feel free to make copies. Only the original completed forms need to be returned to this office, along with the minutes of the 1994 and 1995 water meetings.

Be sure to include the mailing address for each water user with your adopted budget so that meeting notices can be sent out correctly.

Most water districts elect their watermaster for the irrigation season only. In this case, the Idaho Code requires that a call-on petition be submitted to IDWR prior to appointment of the watermaster. In districts where the watermaster's term of service is the full year, no call-on petition is required. If your district uses the seasonal appointment method, you may wish to consider changing to the annual method. This would eliminate the need for a call-on petition, and would allow the watermaster to perform his duties as needed without interruption. This change could be voted in at your next water-district meeting if you so desire. Making this change should have little effect on



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the annual budget.

Please provide the names, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers for all district officers when next year's adopted budget is returned to this office. This will make it easier for us to contact the district should questions or problems arise.

Thank you for your cooperation in this process. If you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

James E. Stanton  
Sr. Water Resource Agent