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Director

April 7, 2004

George K Wells
2073 S Poleline Rd
Oakley, ID 83346

RE: Water District 45-A, Basin Creek

Dear Mr. Wells;

I have been told that you are the newly-elected watermaster for this district, although I have not yet received the minutes of this year's water meeting. If you are the new watermaster, please sign the enclosed oath of office before a notary before returning it to this office. Once we receive the meeting minutes and your notarized oath, your certificate of appointment will be issued. Your official appointment will provide a \$100,000. state bond covering your duties as watermaster. If you deliver water without being appointed, you are not bonded. The proposed conditions of approval on the Anderson Farms transfer (which you recently expressed concern about) give the 45A watermaster direct control of these wells, and include a requirement for measuring devices that you can use to verify the amount of ground water diverted. This might be an additional incentive for your district to become active this year.

Regards,

James E. Stanton
Sr. Water Resource Agent

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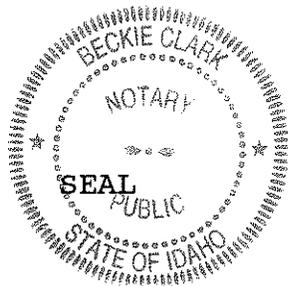
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State of Idaho)
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I do solemnly swear or affirm that I wil support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, specifically including the provisions of Section 42-605 and 42-607, Idaho Code, and that I will faithfully discharge all the duties of the office of Watermaster of District 45-A for the ___ irrigation season or √ calendar year of 2004 according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

George K. Wells
Watermaster

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 9 day of April, 2004.



Beckie Clark
Notary Public
Residing At Dahley ID
Commission Expires 23 June 2005