

# WATERMASTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

From: January 11, 2022 To: January 10, 2023

Water District No. W061D

Water District Name: Little Canyon Creek

Name of Watermaster: Wilder Eric Jones

Mailing Address: 2159 N. Morrow Reservoir Rd. Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

## AFFIDAVIT OF WATERMASTER

As the appointed watermaster of water district no. W061D, I hereby certify that the information contained in this report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

  
Watermaster signature

01-10-23  
Date

Pursuant to Section 42-606 Idaho Code, this Watermaster's Annual Report shall be filed prior to the end of the watermaster's appointment for the current year, and kept in the office of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). The Watermaster's Daily Diversion Records should be attached to this report if those records are not submitted electronically to IDWR.

## Watermaster Report WD61D 2022

WD61D experienced another lean water year in 2022. Although it is often the norm rather than the exception there was an ample amount of water for senior water right holders. Dilemmas that the water district has experienced in the past were tended to by the members of the district and me, the watermaster. It is important to remember that there can be up to a week lag time for water adjustments to reach downstream users.

I worked with Idaho Department of Water Resources to provide updated photos and details regarding POD and water right use. I encourage all landowner/water right holders to facilitate the necessary transfers on your property as well as to relinquish some POD's that are no longer practical or in use. I am not saying to turn over your water rights, I am just encouraging you to clean up the clerical mess that this district has succumbed to. I encourage you to visit the IDWR map online to witness the many scattered and arbitrary water rights throughout the district.

I must admit my enthusiasm and patience for resolving our water district issues has waned. I am willing to serve again, however, I ask that all the members of the district continue to communicate effectively and have patience when having water delivered. My assistant watermaster Rusty Trail is an integral part of managing the water district and I am appreciative of his help and expertise. I am grateful to have served as your watermaster.

Thank you,

Wilder Jones

### Report Summary

Morrow Reservoir	95% Filled
Blair Trail Reservoir	51% Filled
Pearson Farms and Ranch LLC	Irrigated March - June
Trail Family Farms LLP (Viner's)	Irrigated March - July
Travis Williams	Irrigated April - June
Kerri Collins (Anderson Farm)	Irrigated April - September

	WATER RIGHT OWNER	IDWR WATER RIGHT NO (S)	DIVERSION NAME / REMARKS
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Total 24-Hour Sec Feet Delivered			Total Delivery to water user 24-Hr Sec Ft	Water User Total Cost		See instruction no. 3, page 4														
						Initial Assessment		Credits		Debits										
Total Days Watermaster		1																		
days at \$/day	\$	2																		
Total Days Asst. Watermaster		3																		
days at \$/day	\$	4																		
Other expenses charged pro rata	\$	5																		
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	\$	6																		
Cost per 24-Hour Sec Ft Delivered	\$	7																		
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## SECTION 42-606 IDAHO CODE

REPORTS OF WATERMASTERS. All watermasters shall make an annual report to the department of water resources prior to the expiration of the watermaster's appointment for the current year. This report shall show the total amount of water delivered by the watermaster during the preceding year, the volume delivered to each water user, the total expense of delivery and the apportionment of expenses among users and all debits and credits to be carried over to the following year. Such report shall also include the number of days the watermaster and watermaster assistants have devoted to the distribution of such water and any records of stream flow the watermaster used or made in the process of distributing water supplies. The director may ask for other information deemed necessary in assuring proper distribution of water supplies within the district. The reports of watermasters to the department of water resources shall be filed and kept in the office of the department.

### Instructions for Completing Annual Watermaster's Report

This form has been developed to assist the watermaster in complying with some of the annual reporting requirements of Section 42-606, Idaho Code. The form provides for summary of the amount of water delivered by the watermaster to each user, the total expense of delivery and the apportionment of expenses among water users, including debits and credits. Water distribution and hydrologic information including stream flow records, daily diversion data, water right information and water right priority cut summaries should be presented in a separate water distribution report.

Complete this annual report form of delivery and costs as follows:

- 1) Enter water right holder name, corresponding IDWR water right number or numbers, and corresponding diversion name and/or remarks on page 2;
- 2) Enter the total amount of water delivered to each user as total 24-hour second feet under column 1, page 3. Total 24-hour second feet is a flow rate expressed in terms of one day or 24 hours. For example, a continuous diversion of 2 cfs over 20 days would equal 40 24-hour second feet.
- 3) In the work space provided on the left hand side of page 3, add up total watermaster salary costs and expenses and enter as 'TOTAL COST'. Then divide this total cost by the total number of 24-hour second feet delivered (sum of column 1) to obtain the cost per 24 hour second feet delivered, or the unit cost factor.
- 4) Under column 2, page 3, multiply the unit cost factor (obtained in step number 3 above) by each user's total 24-hour second feet delivery in column 1 to obtain the total cost against each user for the current season.
- 5) Under column 3, page 3, enter the amount of money assessed or billed to each user at the beginning of the year. The assessment may be found in the previous year's adopted budget report. **If the district has adopted a resolution pursuant to I.C 42-612 that amounts shown in the adopted budget constitute a final amount due in the coming year, columns 3, 4 and 5 will not be used. Skip to Step 7.**
- 6) For each user, subtract the total cost amount in column 2 from the adopted budget in column 3 and enter the difference either as a credit or debit (negative differences entered as debits, positive differences entered as credits).
- 7) Sign and date the report and submit the original to the appropriate regional office of the Department of Water Resources. Retain one copy for the Water District.

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

State of Idaho )  
County of Elmore ) ss

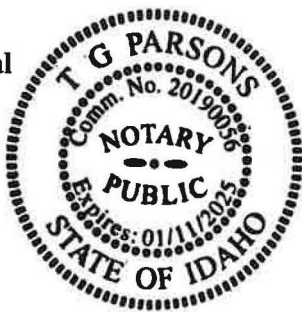
Official Oath

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, specifically including the provisions of Sec. 42-619, Idaho Code, and that I will faithfully discharge all the duties of the office of treasurer of District 61-D for the calendar year of 2023 ~~2019~~ according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

[Signature]  
Treasurer

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023

Seal



[Signature]  
Notary Public  
Residing at Junna Ferry, Id  
Commission Expires 01/11/2025