

Mount Carmel, U. S.
April 15, 1953.

Mr. Joseph M. Tracy, State Engineer,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

RE: APPOINTMENT OF WATER COMMISSIONER
FOR EAST FORK OF THE VIRGIN RIVER.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith is a Postal Money Order for \$5.00 to pay the premium on the Water Commissioner's bond for 1953, and ~~inclosed~~ is the minutes of the meeting that was held to decide on who should be recommended for this appointment.

You will note that two names were considered for Commissioner. Mr. Orson Young was given first choice because he appeared, at the time, to be most likely to tackle the job. Later Mr. Young decided that he couldn't handle it, because of previous commitments, and Sharon Lamb decided that he could. So we are recommending Sharon Lamb for your appointment as Water Commissioner in Long Valley for 1953.

June 1, 1953 to June 1, 1954
Sharon Lamb served in this capacity in 1950 and also in 1951. We are glad that he has found it possible to tackle it again this year. *Surety bond requested from Am. Surety 4/20/53*

A motion was passed in the meeting asking you to notify certain independent water users that a weir is needed to measure the water in their ditches. We might be able to get them to do this without a notice from your office but we feel that an order from your office would help to get the job done better and more quickly.

Also we have a question on another proposition. Henry Carroll, who is one of the independent water users upstream, insists on keeping a stream of water in his ditch all summer long, whether it is his turn to use water or not. Part of the time he returns the water into the creek at the lower end of his ditch. Besides making other irrigators stand the evaporation losses in his ditch it gives him a better chance to take water out of his turn without it being noticed until considerable loss has been suffered by irrigators below. This, we feel, is very unjust and unfair. Would you venture a ruling on this matter or should we take it into court?

We hope the proceedings of our meeting and after, will meet with your approval and comply with the law.

Yours truly,

Bert Gardner
Sec'y for Long Valley Water Users.

