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TO THE MILFORD WATER USERS:

Enclosed is the notice for the annual meeting and a copy of the annual report. There is some explanation in the report about the new regulation procedure used this past year. Implementing the new procedure took more time than anticipated and as a result not all the necessary notices were sent to those water users who were irrigating excess land. That situation should be corrected during the coming year.

During 1996, the lack of time and manpower also kept us from implementing the regulation procedures for those water users who irrigate with both Rocky Ford Reservoir water and well water. We have since developed and adopted regulation procedures which will be enforced this year. These regulation procedures are listed below for your information. There are 18 water users who use both Rocky Ford water and well water. Of these, it appears there are 6 that will need to install water meters as described below.

REGULATION POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR MILFORD VALLEY WATER USERS USING BOTH ROCKY FORD RESERVOIR AND WELL WATER

1. Water users who own Rocky Ford company shares and who irrigate more acres than the sole supply acreage allowed by their groundwater rights will be required to meter their groundwater use.
2. Irrigated acreage will be checked each year to determine if the water users are over the sole supply acreage limitation.
3. If meters are required, they must be installed according to the guidelines which were given at the 1996 annual meeting. These guidelines are as follows:
The commissioner will be responsible for determining the location of the meter and to operate and maintain it. The distribution committee will be responsible for determining the type of meter installed. The meters will be installed in such a manner that the commissioner can remove and replace them without shutting down the well. If that is not possible, the water user will be responsible for shutting down the system whenever requested by the commissioner for replacement of a defective meter.
4. The method of measurement will be determined for each well according to the individual situation. Where pumps are powered by electricity only, the water user may elect to install an electric hour meter and have the flow measured by Pitot Tube instead of installing a water meter



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to determine the total water usage for the year. The type of hour meter installed must be approved by the distribution committee.

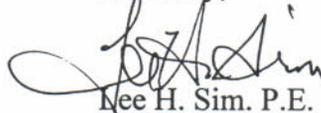
5. Where water meters are installed, the commissioner will visit each meter at the beginning of the irrigation season and then at least once every week to record water usage and make sure the meters are in good operating condition.

6. The water user is responsible for all the costs involved in the installation of his meters. Once the meters are installed, the distribution system will pay the costs of maintenance.

7. When water users reach the acre-foot limit from their metered wells, they will be notified by the commissioner that they need to shut the well off. The State Engineer will also issue a notice ordering them to cease the use of water. After the order has been issued, water users found violating the irrigation duty in the 1962 Adjudication order will be subject to contempt proceedings in District Court.

If you have any questions concerning the annual report or the regulation procedures described above, they can be discussed at the annual meeting.

Sincerely,



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