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Mr. Jim Garside

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**Re: GRAMA Request to Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy
 July 25th, 2007**

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am writing in response to your letter of August 8, 2007. I am interpreting your first paragraph as stating that because resolutions of the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy (MWDSL) "are kept in [sic] 3 ring binder on a shelf in a room in a public building" the records you requested did not require a search or compilation. I remind you that while your request number 2 was for resolutions, your request number 1 was not for resolutions at all. Your request number 1 was for various documents that are referenced in a particular resolution. Your request number one was as follows:

1 - A copy of that certain interlocal agreement referenced below, together with a copy of the deed of conveyance showing Salt Lake City as grantor and Metro-Salt Lake as grantee conveying the subject wells and 2,000 acre-feet of water, and a copy of the exchanged water rights and facilities exchanged wherein Salt Lake City is the grantee and Metro-Salt Lake is grantor, and a copy of the record showing the \$250,000 was paid:

Portion of Resolution No. 1633 creating the documents requested:

"This District shall enter into an interlocal agreement with Salt Lake City to provide for and acquisition by this District of Salt Lake City's Little Cottonwood well situated at approximately 2300 East and Little Cottonwood Creek and Richards Ditch well situated at approximately 2700 East and Little Cottonwood Creek, together with 2,000 AF annually of water rights therein, under an exchange of water rights and facilities of equal use value in accordance with Article XI, Section 6 of the Constitution of Utah." Resolution No. 1633 Paragraph 10 lines 1 through 9.

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"This District shall enter into an interlocal agreement with Sandy City to sell to Sandy City the two wells, together with 2,000 AF annually of water rights therein for the sum of \$250,000." Resolution No. 1633 Page 8 lines 16-20.

As best I can understand your request number 1, it is for the following documents:

1. a particular interlocal agreement referenced in Resolution Number 1633;
2. a particular deed referenced in Resolution Number 1633;
3. a copy of the record showing the payment of \$250,000 referenced in Resolution Number 1633.

These are not documents that are all kept together in one file. They are legal documents relating to transactions that are almost 20 years old. The best way for MWDSLS to locate these documents expeditiously, and confirm they are in fact the documents referenced, was for MWDSLS to ask for help from this office. It may actually have been the only place these documents are available. While use of outside help in this case was at a higher hourly rate, it probably saved you money, as the search was likely more efficient.

In an email to Mike Wilson you attached and referenced what you believed to be MWDSLS GRAMA "ordinances." It is not clear where you obtained that document, but it appears to be very outdated. The current GRAMA policies are available on the MWDSLS web site.

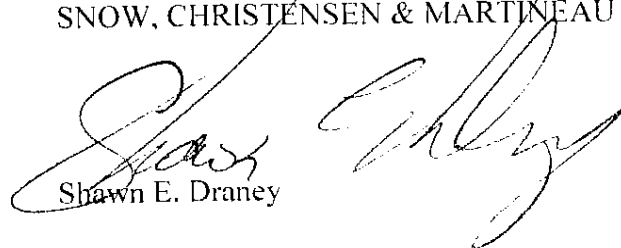
In the future if it appears that use of outside help is the best method for MWDSLS to proceed to respond to a GRAMA request, MWDSLS will make a reasonable effort to alert you in advance. If you decline to pay for that outside help, the request will be considered withdrawn.

As for this charge, please pay MWDSLS for 1.75 hours at \$25.00 per hour, plus 117 pages at \$0.25 per page for a total of \$46.68. While this leaves MWDSLS and the public it serves to bear the majority of the financial burden of your request, MWDSLS is willing to do this to avoid the further expense of further argument. As soon as MWDSLS receives this payment you are welcome to pick up the documents at this office.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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