

Curlew Valley Policy Meeting 3/3/99

Bob Morgan explained the purpose of the meeting and introduced Bob Fotheringham, Regional Engineer and Will Atkin, Assistant Regional Engineer.

Bob Fotheringham had those in attendance introduce themselves. He then reviewed the policy enacted in 1967 by then State Engineer Hubert Lambert, and then later modified in about 1977 by Dee Hansen. Over time the water management policy in Curlew Valley has evolved where today the policy provides for single family applications to appropriate water for up to 1.73 acre-feet to be used for the domestic purposes of one family, stockwatering of 10 head of livestock, and irrigation of 0.25 acre or its equivalent.

Will Atkin handed out the data report entitled *Hydrologic Data for Curlew Valley, Utah, 1998* and reviewed the data collected. Major items discussed were: 1) Most ground water rights in the Valley have been developed and put to use; 2) A salt plume exists in the Juniper Black Pine flow system near the Utah Idaho state line; and 3) Hydrologic differences between Holbrook-Snowville and Juniper-Black Pine flow systems. Following Mr. Atkins presentation It was opened up to questions or comments about the report.

Mr. Bill Bradwisch with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources read a written statement. Wildlife Resources is concerned about possible declines in the discharge of Locomotive Springs. They would like a water budget set up this year.

Tom Wilcock stated that the valley has been closed to new applications for sometime and a water market has developed.

Bob Morgan concluded the meeting by saying that the record would be open for 30 days to submit comments. Anyone wishing to submit comments should do so by Friday, April 2, 1999.