

September 14, 2007

Mr. Jerry D. Olds  
State Engineer  
Utah Division of Water Rights  
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Dear Mr. Jerry D. Olds:

I am writing to you concerning the Escalante valley water rights issue.

The state of Utah issued water rights over the years and we have all paid for them and legally own them. Canceling water rights without compensation would devastate people in the Escalante valley. Canceling water rights would reduce jobs and farming in the valley by about 50 percent.

The State Bank of Southern Utah has about 30 million dollars in loaned out to people in the Escalante valley assuming they can pay it back.

Since 1988 Wecco has operated just west of Cedar City in the Escalante valley. The facility has been and still is a part of NASA's space program, producing oxidizer for the rocket boosters, and for missiles to use as the United States defense system. Wecco bought water rights with the property in 1988 which is being used for the production of these crucial elements.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would take this into account and reevaluate the situation!

Would you please make this letter a matter of public record?

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kasey Preston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kasey" and the last name "Preston" clearly distinguishable.

Kasey Preston

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