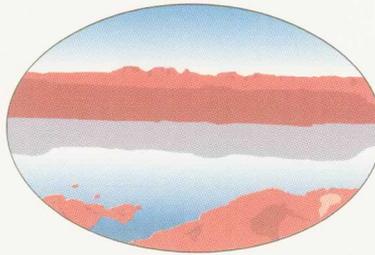


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Mr. Jerry Olds
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Dear Jerry:

We have recently been involved with discussions regarding the Enterprise Basin groundwater issues. We would like to share some thoughts in connection with those issues.

First and foremost, we need to help the people in that area find win-win solutions to the problems you are trying to address. In that regard, we believe it would be appropriate to put together a committee made up of representative county commissioners of Washington and Iron Counties along with local residents to work with you on a plan for ground water management.

We believe that any plan should incorporate the following principles:

- It should be locally driven so that it has the support of the people who are most impacted by any decisions,
- It should be based upon sound economics and sound science,
- It should address the potential benefits of the best practicable water conservation methods,
- It should protect municipal uses, and
- It should provide for adaptive management over time.

It is important that there be a reasonable time allowed to develop the plan as well as to implement it. It is likely that the process would benefit by research into successful efforts that might have occurred elsewhere.

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The Washington County Water Conservancy District is willing to help in any way it reasonably can to ensure that the principles set forth above are implemented.

We appreciate your efforts to solve the difficult issues involved in this situation. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Ronald W. Thompson
General Manager

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