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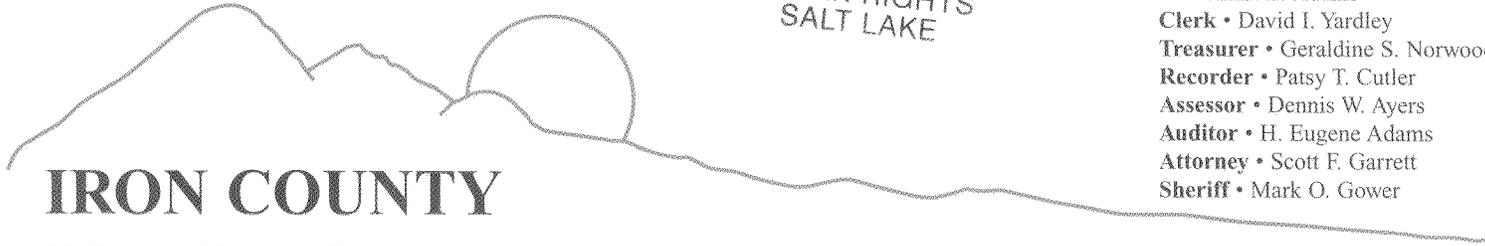
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May 15, 2007

Jerry D. Olds, State Engineer  
Utah Division of Water Rights  
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RE: Escalante Valley Water Management Plan.

Dear Sir:

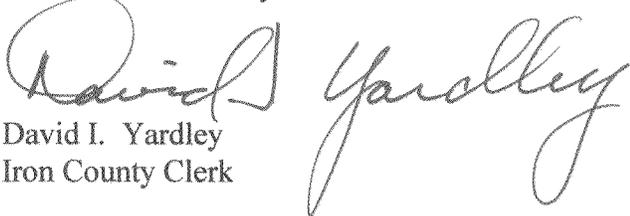
On May 14, 2007 the Iron County Commission reviewed a long range plan presented by the Escalante Valley Water Users Association. The Iron County Commission is strongly in favor of accepting their plan which will provide for a reduction of the total water use in the valley through voluntary withdrawal of irrigation acres and use.

The plan submitted has unanimous support of the agricultural water users in the Escalante Valley and provides a means of voluntary withdrawals from use while giving just compensation for the water rights taken. It should also provide that adequate ground cover be established during the withdrawal period to lessen the chance of creating a dust bowl situation which could affect the health, safety and welfare of the residents in the Escalante Valley area.

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We strongly urge the State Water Engineer to adopt the voluntary plan proposed the Escalante Valley Water Users Association.

Respectfully yours  
Board of Iron County Commissioners



David I. Yardley  
Iron County Clerk