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Attention: Jerry Olds

Subject: Beryl/Enterprise Ground Water Management Plan.

We have been involved in your recent public meeting held on March 13, 2007 regarding the Beryl/Enterprise ground water management plan. We offer some initial comments.

First, we recognize that adopting an overall ground water management plan for the area will have enormous economic impacts throughout the entire Southern Utah Region. The regional economic impacts need to be carefully understood. The Beryl/Enterprise water basin sustains a variety of water uses including agribusiness, municipal, residential, mining, and industrial water uses.

Second, there have been significant economic investments made in the region that need to be carefully considered in any future policy action. The industrial concerns of American Pacific Corporation and the rail line into Iron County represent a considerable regional economic investment. Iron County is so named because of the iron ore deposits and mining interests that have historically made such a significant economic contribution to the area. The long-term economic impacts to these strategic economic interests need to be carefully understood in any future policy action.

Third, the process of adopting a ground water management plan for the area should be a delicate balancing process of carefully consider the varied economic interests of the water users impacted.

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Fourth, the neighboring Cedar and Parowan Valley water basins are also over-allocated and the combined multiplied effect of the Beryl/Enterprise Ground Water Management Plan and the potential future action in both the Cedar and Parowan Valleys will have significant regional economic impacts. The Southern Utah regional economy is presently strong. However, we are very concerned about the combined regional impacts that will occur as a result of the cumulative ground water policy action in each of three adjoining water basins. The potential implementation of a ground water management plan needs to consider the cumulative economic impacts on the entire region.

Fifth, the process needs to proceed very slowly and with careful public input at every stage so that the varied and balanced interests can be fully understood.

Sixth, the District is committed to identifying regionalized water solutions to the area. We are working with various taxpayers within the District to quantify their water needs, consider water conservation, to consider regional water resource economies of scale, and to identify the long-term regional economic impacts of their business plans. This process will take some time to fully develop.

The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District is available to assist in any constructive way to achieve balanced, regional, and economically fair solutions to this complicated regional problem.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Scott Wilson".

R. Scott Wilson, General Manager