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Fwd: Cedar Valley and Northern Utah Valley Groundwater Management Plan Comments

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Teresa Wilhelmsen <teresawilhelmsen@utah.gov> Fri, Aug 9, 2013 at 9:17 AM
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From: **Jared Hansen** <jhansen@cuwcd.com>
Date: Thu, Aug 8, 2013 at 4:44 PM
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Teresa,

Attached please find our comments on the proposed groundwater management plan for Cedar Valley and Northern Utah Valley. I will be attempting to bring a hard copy up tomorrow, unless you are OK with us putting the hard copy in the mail. Thanks.

Jared

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Re: Comments on the Cedar Valley and Northern Utah Valley Groundwater Management Plan

Dear Kent:

We appreciate the opportunity to attend the public meeting held on July 9, 2013, concerning the Draft Cedar Valley and Northern Utah Valley Groundwater Management Plan. We offer the following comments in response to your request for input regarding the proposed groundwater management plan. Our comments are based on the draft management plan presented at the meeting and upon our own experience in this portion of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD).

The groundwater of the Northern Utah Valley contributes directly to Utah Lake and makes up a significant portion of the total inflow to the lake. CUWCD holds a significant quantity of water rights in Utah Lake. Central Utah Project (CUP) operations and exchanges depend heavily upon the levels of Utah Lake. Currently any overflow from the groundwater basin provides inflow to Utah Lake, which supplies a portion of the CUWCD water rights in the lake. Any impairment of these water rights would have an adverse impact on overall CUP operations.

CUWCD has also obtained a significant amount of ground water rights in Northern Utah Valley. These water rights make up a major portion of the water supply for the Central Utah Water Conservancy District Water Project (CWP). The CWP is currently under construction and commenced initial deliveries in the Vineyard area in 2011 and will begin making more water deliveries to customers in North Utah County and Salt Lake County in 2014. Management of the ground water supply in Northern Utah Valley is critical to future CWP operations.

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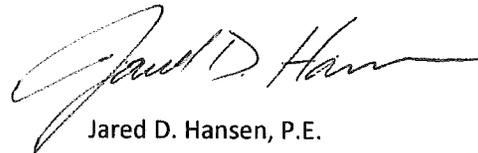
There are many early priority water rights in the Utah Lake basin that are not presently fully developed. CUWCD fully supports the proposed restrictions on moving surface water to ground water within the Cedar and Northern Utah Valleys. If additional surface water rights are allowed to be moved into the ground water aquifer this would eventually reduce the amount of water available to CUWCD from the aquifer and would be certain to decrease the amount of inflow to Utah Lake affecting CUP operations and CUWCD water rights.

CUP and CWP are water projects that supply water on a wholesale basis to public water suppliers within the CUWCD boundaries. These customers depend on the projects as a stable source of water supply to provide for the current and future needs of the public and serve 1 million customers. A significant amount of public money has been spent in developing and constructing these projects. The management of the ground water in the Cedar and Northern Utah Valley's can have a great impact on yield of the water rights that supply these projects.

We appreciate the efforts of your office to effectively manage this critical resource and implement a policy that protects existing water rights. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft management plan and fully support the plan as proposed, including the requirements for reporting withdrawals annually and the provisions for recovery of water from an approved Aquifer Storage and Recovery project. We know that your office has made considerable effort to involve all water right holders and other interested parties in this process.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared D. Hansen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jared D. Hansen, P.E.
Project Manager