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January 31, 2017

Mr. Kent L. Jones, State Engineer
Utah Division of Water Rights
646 N. Main Street
P.O. Box 506
Cedar City, UT 84721

RE: Cedar Valley, Iron County – Groundwater Management Plan

Dear Mr. Jones:

Please consider the following comments regarding the Groundwater Management Plan for Cedar Valley, Iron County.

1. Cedar City has reviewed the “Water Right Listing” for Area 73 on the Division of Water Rights’ website. Cedar City requests that you review the following water right and then update the Water Rights Listing on the website, as needed.
 - The diversion and depletion amounts for Water Right #73-349 shown in the Water Right Listing need to be reviewed. There is a sole supply for this water right, but there is also water that is auxiliary to Coal Creek Irrigation Company. We would like to get clarification regarding whether the auxiliary rights are going to be included in the diversion and depletion amounts for this water right.
2. The Cedar Valley is much different than the Beryl-Enterprise Valley in terms of the large number of municipal and domestic users in Cedar Valley. If a cutback is made strictly by priority date, then municipal and domestic users could be harmed. Under a strict priority date cutback, small domestic water users who have late priority water rights will be left with nothing if their water rights are cut back. Rather than cutting back strictly by priority date, a percentage cut of water allocated on each water right could be made so that all water right owners would still be able to use some water. This would require some conservation from all

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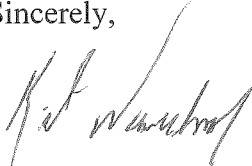
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water users to the benefit of the Groundwater Management Plan. What is the process by which an arrangement could be made by water users in Cedar Valley to do a percentage cutback rather than cutting strictly by priority date, or possibly a combination of a cutback based on priority date and a percentage of the water right?

Thank you very much for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



Kit Wareham, P.E.
City Engineer

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