

1 ZION NATIONAL PARK WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

2 This Agreement is made and entered into by and among the United States of
3 America (United States), the State of Utah (Utah), the Washington County Water
4 Conservancy District (Washington District), and the Kane County Water
5 Conservancy District (Kane District).

6 RECITALS

7 A. Utah, pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 73, Utah Code Ann. 1953, as amended,
8 initiated a statutory adjudication of water rights on July 21, 1980, in the Fifth
9 Judicial District Court of the State of Utah in and for Washington County, Civil No.
10 800507596, which encompasses all the rights to the use of water, both surface
11 and underground, within the drainage area of the Virgin River and its tributaries in
12 Utah.

13 B. The United States has been joined as a party to this statutory adjudication
14 pursuant to the provisions of 43 U.S.C. § 666. A "Statement of Water User's
15 Claims on behalf of the United States of America on Lands Administered by the
16 Department of the Interior, National Park Service, for Division No. 3," was filed on
17 May 18, 1987.

18 C. In order to remove causes of present and future controversy over the waters
19 of the Virgin River system without further litigation, the United States, Utah and
20 the Washington and Kane Districts have conducted extensive negotiations regarding