

**CEDAR CITY VALLEY
APPLICATIONS TO APPROPRIATE AND CHANGE APPLICATIONS POLICY
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The State Engineer currently has a policy of not allowing change applications between North and South subareas of Water Right Area 73, generally delineated by State Highway 56. In conjunction with this groundwater management plan, this change application policy is modified and additional policies are introduced as follows:

1. The boundary between the North and South subareas is changed. The boundary will continue to be State Highway 56 from Cedar City to the highway's intersection with Iron Springs Road. From that point the boundary will now follow Iron Springs Road to the Area 73 boundary. To the east the boundary follows the southern drainage break of Cedar Canyon. The new change application policy boundary is shown on attached Figure 1.
2. Changes moving points of diversion from the South subarea to the North subarea or from the North subarea to the South subarea will not be approved unless the proposal is to replace a water right curtailed by priority regulation.
3. Recharged water, based on consumptive water rights, may be considered under a properly filed recovery application for recovery away from the recharge location and irrespective of the boundary dividing the basin into North and South subareas.
4. Cedar City Valley is closed generally to groundwater appropriations and to surface water appropriations. However, water may be available to appropriate in limited circumstances. The following categories of applications to appropriate water will be considered and evaluated on their individual merits and in accordance with statute:
 - a. Applications to appropriate water in Quichapa Lake or Rush Lake or water about to flow into either of these lakes.
 - b. Applications to appropriate water for non-consumptive uses or non-consumptive recharge projects.
5. Change applications proposing to move existing surface water rights to a groundwater source will only be approved for the quantity of water shown by the applicant to be reliably available at the surface source. Generally, these applications will be rejected unless:
 - a. The well is for the recovery of water from an approved Aquifer Storage and Recovery project; or
 - b. The existing surface source on the water right is sufficiently isolated such that there is a functional mechanism to abandon the historic point of diversion for the benefit of the local aquifer without expansion of existing rights.

