



## Central Iron County Water Conservancy District

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*April 20, 2017*

Mr. Kent Jones, State Engineer  
Utah Division of Water Rights  
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RE: Cedar Valley (Iron County) Groundwater Management Plan Committee

Mr. Jones,

Thank you for your interest in the Cedar Valley water resources. Under your recommendation given at several public meetings, the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District set up a Ground Water Management Plan Committee to help come up with solutions to our declining aquifer levels. The Committee is composed of farmers and ranchers, business owners, elected and government officials, and water experts.

### Committee Members

Joe Melling	Brent Hunter	Spencer Jones	Paul Bittmenn
Paul Cozzens	Paul Nelson	Ramon Prestwich	Rob Dotson
Reed Erickson	Paul Monroe		

Water rights and their uses are difficult to manage because of their personal, and life sustaining properties. Understanding the tools the State Engineer has been given to regulate based on a priority basis, this group is exploring additional options to help protect water rights which belong to various groups with various interests.

Working through the complexity of water rights, the limited resource of water and the laws governing them, the Committee has identified five key areas to help narrow issues and constructively devise a plan to protect our environment, personal property, and the future residents of Cedar Valley.



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1. How do we manage the unused water rights on the books?
2. How to accomplish Safe Yield?
3. How do we preserve agriculture and continue to supply growth?
4. What are our artificial recharge options?
5. What are our Sewer effluent options?

The committee has engaged experts in these various fields and had detailed presentations on these topics to help everyone understand the issues. The Committee would like to encourage public to attend the meetings which will be held at noon at the Cedar City Council Chambers on the second Thursday of every month. In addition, this Committee has reviewed the comments posted to the Cedar Valley Groundwater Management Plan on the State Engineers website and has acknowledged this forum as a resource to provide water right owners and those with water interests with up-to-date progress and the drafting of the plan. We therefore would respectfully request the State Engineer to post our agendas, minutes, and proceedings to this page.

Attached are the presentations and minutes from the last four meetings:

1. 2017-1-12 Minutes GMP – Committee Organization and 5 key topics
2. 2017-2-9 Minutes GMP – Supplemental vs Auxiliary Water Rights; Sewer Effluent Options
3. 2017-3-9 Minutes GMP – Agricultural Conservation; Cedar Valley Watershed
4. 2017-4-13 Agenda GMP – How do we manage unused water rights

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Monroe".

Paul Monroe

Secretary – Groundwater Management Plan Committee

General Manager – Central Iron County Water Conservancy District