



# Snyderville and Park City Area Policy

UTAH DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

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# Why are we here?

- ▶ Review current interim policy
  - ▶ Status of the policy under UC §73-5-15
- ▶ 20 years since implementation
- ▶ High growth and many changes in the area
- ▶ Pending applications filed by Mountain Regional Water District
  - ▶ Seek to move water from East Canyon drainage to Silver Creek drainage

# Background

- ▶ 1937 – Weber River Decree
- ▶ 1973 – Closed to new groundwater appropriations
- ▶ Late 1970's – Limited moratorium emplaced
- ▶ 1988 – Complete moratorium
- ▶ 1998 - UGS Study of Snyderville/Park City Area
- ▶ 1999 – Snyderville/Park City Policy Implemented.
- ▶ 2003 – Policy amended to exclude Tollgate Canyon

# Current Policy Summary

- ▶ No new rights permitted in the area.
- ▶ No movement of rights between East Canyon and Silver Creek drainages
- ▶ Return flow should stay in originating basin
- ▶ Well cuttings and aquifer test
- ▶ Meters required for wells diverting > 20 ac-ft
- ▶ Established subbasin depletion allowances

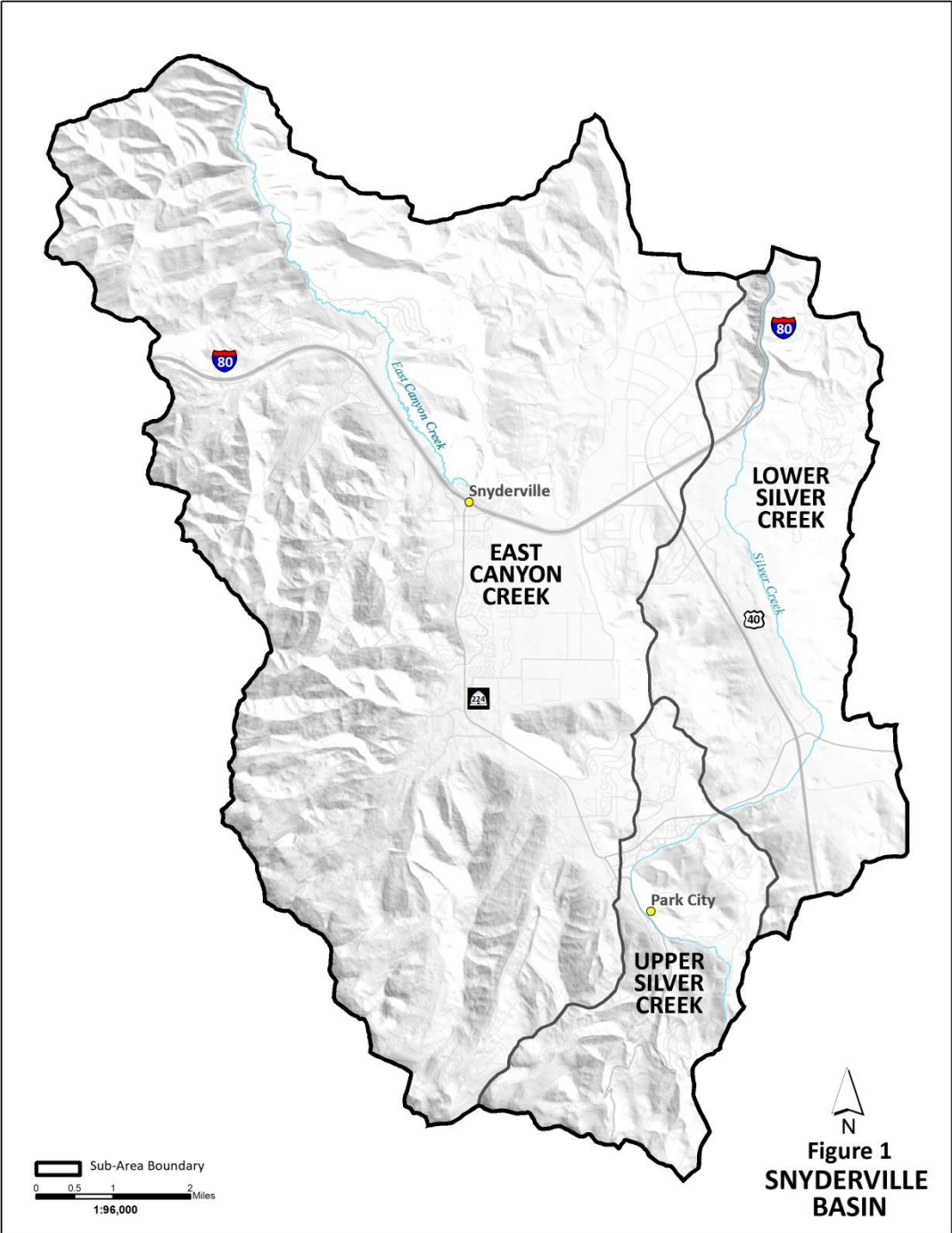
# Current Status

- ▶ East Canyon Creek is under significant pressure
  - ▶ Diminished Flows
  - ▶ Water Right Impacts
  - ▶ Wildlife Impacts
  - ▶ Wastewater Treatment Impacts
- ▶ Silver Creek not under same pressure
  - ▶ No discernible impact to surface sources or groundwater aquifer.
  - ▶ Lost Creek Project

# Proposed Policy Changes

- ▶ Moratorium Remains
- ▶ Permit limited movement into Lower Silver Creek area
- ▶ Return flow should stay in the basin where it is diverted
- ▶ Remove universal requirement for well cuttings and aquifer test
- ▶ Meters/controlling works required for all diversions
- ▶ Remove defined subbasin depletion limitations

# Policy Boundary



# What happens now?

- ▶ Follow process outlined in UC §73-5-15
- ▶ Plan to Adopt Policy as soon as possible
- ▶ Notice of Intent to Adopt
- ▶ Plan will be published online
- ▶ 60 Day Comment Period
- ▶ Final Adoption Notice



# Questions and Comments

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