



Water Use Groups and Supplemental Rights

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HOMES YEAR-ROUND IRRIGATION APRIL 1 TO OCTOBER 31 STOCK YEAR-ROUND

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DECLARATION OF BENEFICIAL USE CHECKLIST

APPLICATION FOR APPORTIONMENT OF BENEFICIAL USE

When to use

- Have exhausted all efforts to complete a Declaration of Beneficial Use
- Owner does not believe water right database correctly reflects his right to use water
- Immediate need for an administrative action on an application or Proof of Beneficial Use



The What, Why, and How.

UNDERSTANDING WATER USE GROUPS AND SUPPLEMENTAL WATER RIGHTS

GROUPING WATER RIGHTS TOGETHER

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- Water Use Groups are an administrative tool to organize the records of the State Engineer*

*Errors may occur, send a written request to review and include statements as to how groups should be modified

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Water Use Group Number: [628294](#)

Water Rights Appurtenant to the following use(s): 71-4090(CERT),

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0.25 acres of irrigation in the NE¼ SW¼ of Section 32, Township 36 South, Range 13 West SLB&M.

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Municipal Use Water Rights

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Water Use Group Number: 411780

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Municipal: Salt Lake City
Acre Feet Contributed by this Right for this Use: 148.5

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Water Rights Appurtenant to the following use(s): [53-38\(CERT\)](#), [53-355\(UGWC\)](#),

Irrigation-Beneficial Use Amount: 7 acres

Group Total: 205

Prd of Use: 04/01-10/31

Stock Water-Beneficial Use Amount: 30.334 ELUs

Group Total: 80.334

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In addition to the water rights in this group, water for was also supplied to the place of use described by this group by the following company(ies):
[Mona Irrigation Company](#)

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Water Rights Appurtenant to the following use(s): [55-2443\(UGWC\)](#), [55-2444\(UGWC\)](#), [55-7840\(UGWC\)](#), [55-7863\(UGWC\)](#)

Irrigation-Beneficial Use Amount: Unevaluated acres

Group Total: 18

Prd of Use: 04/01-10/31

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DECLARATION OF BENEFICIAL USE AMOUNTS UTAH DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

This Declaration of Beneficial Use Amounts is hereby submitted to the State Engineer pursuant to UTAH ADMIN. CODE R655-16 *et seq.* for the purpose of declaring the beneficial use amounts of some or all of the supplemental water rights indicated below, which make up the water use group listed. This form must be signed by all the water right holders shown on the records of the State Engineer for the water rights in the water use group.

By signing this form, the water right holders acknowledge that the beneficial use amounts declared herein is not a general adjudication of the water rights under UTAH CODE ANN. & 73-4 *et seq.*

Water Use Group Number: 409720

Beneficial Use Amounts for this Water Use Group:

(If a beneficial use amount is declared for all the rights in the water use group, the sum of the amounts must equal the total beneficial uses shown for the group below.)

PLEASE ATTACH DOCUMENTATION OR EXPLANATION SUPPORTING THE BENEFICIAL USE AMOUNTS DECLARED.

**Irrigation
(acres)**

55-1640	g.c.w.c.	6.6
SOURCE: Underground Water Well		
55-1642	g.c.w.c.	4.8
SOURCE: Underground Water Well		
55-1643	g.c.w.c.	15.9
SOURCE: Underground Water Well		
55-1645	g.c.w.c.	4.77
SOURCE: Underground Water Well		
55-9556	gms.	0.0
SOURCE: Underground Water Well		

Already Given For	
Group Contribution	
Total for all listed	27.12
Water Rights:	

Group Totals: 27.12

APPLICATION FOR APPORTIONMENT OF BENEFICIAL USE

When to use

- Have exhausted all efforts to complete a Declaration of Beneficial Use
- Owner does not believe water right database correctly reflects his right to use water
- Immediate need for an administrative action on an application or Proof of Beneficial Use



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