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#### Notice to Water Users and Interested Parties:

Due to the growth in the Morgan Valley and the demand for water, the State Engineer (Division of Water Rights), in cooperation with the Utah Geological Survey (UGS), and the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District (WBWCD), have commissioned a study of the area's groundwater. "With the rapid growth in the valley and the corresponding demand for water, this research will enable water administrators and managers to more efficiently utilize the water rights, which already exist in the valley and surrounding area, as well as plan for future water use and development," says State Engineer and Division of Water Rights Director Jerry Olds. The State Engineer's Office is particularly interested in obtaining the input and opinions of all the stakeholders who have an interest in this process and this proposed study.

The Utah Geologic Survey will conduct a study of the hydrogeology of the valley's bedrock and alluvial aquifers relation to this portion of the Weber River Drainage, and prepare a comprehensive report, which will be published in 2010. This report will characterize the hydrogeology of the valley with respect to the thickness of the alluvial valley-fill aquifer and the water yielding characteristics of the underlying fractured bedrock. The study will also develop a water budget for the drainage basin and assess the structural compartmentalization effect of the fractured rock aquifers for the existing water use scenario and the projected water use patterns of the future.

The state engineer has scheduled a public meeting to preview the proposed research project with water users, suppliers and all stakeholders and to elicit their opinions and input. This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM at The Morgan County Council Chambers, 48 West Young Street, Morgan Utah. Personnel from the Division of Water Rights, WBWCD and the UGS will be available to present information about the research project and to entertain all questions and comments provided by the general public and interested parties.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Olds, P.E.  
State Engineer

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