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Attention: Kent L. Jones, P.E., State Engineer

Subject: Beryl/Enterprise Area Groundwater Management Plan.

The Cedar City – Iron County Office of Economic Development supports the Central Iron County Water Conservancy Districts (CICWCD) position that the Beryl/Enterprise groundwater management plan should not impact the rail corridor contained within the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District's Boundaries. The rail corridor is a vital area for future economic growth in Southwest Utah and currently supports industry including WECCO, CML Metals and Antelope Valley Industrial.

A 2007 report by Nolte Associates, Inc. states that the largest number of groundwater users in Basin Area 71 are located in the valley between Beryl, Newcastle and Enterprise (Beryl/Enterprise Area), located west of the CICWCD boundary. A small number of users are located east of the Beryl/Enterprise Area on the north side of the Antelope Range, also known as the Iron Springs Area. This report concluded that a well pumping groundwater from the Iron Springs Area has no measurable effect on groundwater levels in the Beryl/Enterprise Area over a period of forty years according to the State's groundwater model. Second, based on model results, the estimated safe yield for the aquifer in the Iron Springs Area is between 5,000 and 10,000 acre-feet. The report indicates that the groundwater rights that will be used in this area are within this range.

Consequently, I support the recommendations provided to the State by CICWCD that this rail corridor located in Iron Springs and within CICWCD boundaries be treated as a separate hydrologic management area as described in a letter from CICWCD dated December 27, 2011 and be protected for future economic growth.

Best regards,

Brennan M. Wood, Director

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References

Nolte Associates, Inc. (2007) *Basin Area 71 Groundwater Study for Iron Springs Area*