



Central Iron County Water Conservancy District

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RE: Comments in support of the change in Groundwater Appropriation Policies in Pine Valley, Wah Wah Valley, and the Sevier Lake Area.

The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (CICWCD) agrees with the State Engineer that there is unappropriated water available in the underground aquifer system of Water Right Area 14 (Pine Valley) and Water Right Area 69 (Wah Wah Valley and Sevier Lake Area). The previous test pumps and science have been verified by the new studies being conducted by the USGS during the past two years.

1. Information from the USGS studies show there is water available to appropriate. As stated by Phil Gardner at the Meeting in Milford February 4, 2014, the final year of the USGS study will consist of a compilation of the data into report form and is expected to be available September 2015. The State Engineer only needs reason to believe in order to act on a filing and the CICWCD believes information is available to the State Engineer that would allow him to appropriate water in these basins.
2. Water is essential to Utah's economy and the survival of its residents. With an increasing population in one of the most beautiful places to live where citizens are minutes from National Parks, Ski Resorts, and have access to incredible healthcare, and a growing University, the Cedar Valley will continue to grow.
3. The CICWCD was established to make sure clean and reliable water will be available for future generations. An additional source of water into the Cedar Valley will help mitigate and repair the declining aquifer. The development of easy and accessible waters are of the past. Future water projects like the Bear River, Lake Powell Pipeline, and this project will involve multiple players and require long-term planning. Understanding the planning and processes of getting water from Pine and Wah Wah Valleys will take years and should not take away from the fact that the residents of Cedar Valley could use the water today.

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