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Mr. Will Atkin
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Dear Mr. Atkin,

Thank you so much for the time, effort and expense the State Division of Water Rights, in co-operation with the USGS and the UGS, has put into studying the groundwater in the Malad and Bear River Drainages in Water Right Area 29. The public meeting held was very informative and the results positive. The Bear River Water Conservancy District is in support of the proposed Groundwater Policy for Malad and Bear River Drainages in Water Right Area 29 and appreciates that this policy will guide the Division in making critical decisions on applications that are submitted. The policy of protecting existing water rights, acknowledging the localized interference concerns that exist within the Valley, yet encouraging the greatest amount of available water to be put to beneficial use is a good and reasonable approach which is very important to the residents living in Box Elder County as we prepare for the future growth, and preserve their health and safety.

I have great confidence that the Office of the State Engineer will manage this policy in a fair and professional manner benefiting all of the water users in the Bear River Basin.

Best Regards,


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