

IRON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-6

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CENTRAL IRON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT TO PLAN FOR AND DEVELOP THE PINE VALLEY WATER SUPPLY & CONSERVATION PROJECT.

Whereas, Iron County, is a body politic, established under the laws and constitution of the State of Utah; and

Whereas, the Utah State Division of Water Rights has provided informational seminars based upon groundwater studies showing that mining of the Cedar Valley within Iron County aquifer is presently occurring due to overuse of water in the Cedar Valley Basin; and

Whereas, current estimates are that the mining of the Cedar Valley Basin aquifer is occurring at the rate of 7,000 acre feet per year; and

Whereas, current USGS studies have shown that mining of water is likely causing ground subsidence in various locations of the valley, including North of Enoch City, where developed infrastructure has collapsed; and

Whereas, Iron County and the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (hereinafter "The District") have worked cooperatively together to provide and enhance local water resources, and to protect the Cedar Valley Basin by seeking out and obtaining new sources of water outside its territory, before said basin is irretrievably harmed due to aquifer mining; and

Whereas Iron County recognizes that water is the life blood of its communities and must be preserved to continue promoting sustained economic growth and development; and

Whereas, the District has identified additional sources of water and acquired water rights located in Wah Wah Valley and Pine Valley which would be available upon the construction of a pipeline to transport and convey water from said point of diversion to Cedar Valley Basin residents; and

Whereas, Iron County supports the District in seeking to import water from the Pine Valley Water Supply Project, to develop and maximize current water supplies through establishing water infrastructure, to conserve water through implementation of conservation measures, and to utilize all available water resources as efficiently and effectively as possible; and

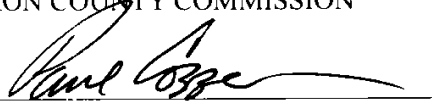
Whereas, Cedar Valley residents currently consist of approximately 96% of Iron County's population, and the District works with the County and local municipalities to assure future water supplies will be available to these local residents; and

Whereas, Iron County recognizes and acknowledges that the cost of construction of a water transportation system will require an indeterminate amount of funding to be paid by District through various revenue resources, yet to be fully established; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Iron County, a Utah local government entity, that it will cooperate and support the District in its efforts to develop the Pine Valley Water Supply and Conservation Project, for the purpose of supplying water to the community, to provide assistance as Iron County deems necessary and advisable in the future when construction of said water line is commenced, and to otherwise make reasonable efforts, as determined in its sole discretion and capabilities, to assist in the preservation of water resources available to Iron County.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of April, 2020.

IRON COUNTY COMMISSION

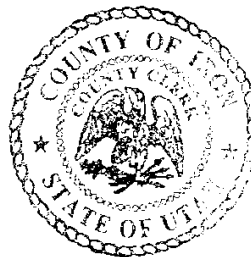


Paul Cozzens, Commission Chairman

ATTEST:



Johnathan T. Whitaker, County Clerk



Voting:

Paul Cozzens Aye

Michael P. Bleak Aye

Alma L. Adams Aye