Iron County Water Stewards

Recognizing David Harris

David D. Harris serves as treasurer for the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District’s Board of Directors and believes it is imperative for the District to have a good understanding of the financial side of water, so he works hard to help gain and provide that understanding.

His profession is in financial planning, and he said with the District working toward the Pine Valley Water Supply project, the finances of water are very important.

“With the economic side of the project, we can figure out how much we need and what will help us break even, which will not only help us now, but in the future,” he said.

Water economics in the community are changing, and Harris said the market will change even more as the state’s Groundwater Management Plan is implemented, beginning in 2035, and people and the city are restricted from using certain water rights.

Harris said he has always known water is an important commodity.

“Despite what the movies and stories in the old west showed, more people were shot and killed over water than gold and silver,” he said.

However, since he began serving on the Enoch City Council and was appointed to the District, he has learned to really appreciate how important water is to our communities. He has enjoyed learning about the water history of the area and how to manage water for future growth.

Harris is also the Enoch City Council’s liaison to the city water board. During that time, Enoch has had some challenges with the failure of pumps and wells, which required them to take emergency measures to reduce water usage. However, the city was able to recover from that, and is working to find long-term solutions by providing more water sources for the future. Harris said although Enoch has had some challenges, he is proud of how far they have come and believes they will continue to find good solutions for the future.

“David Harris has always been deeply involved in all water-related issues in Enoch City”, said Rob Dotson, Enoch City Manager. “He has brought a viewpoint indigenous to
his background of finance and the impact that water decisions and projects have on the economy of our area.”

Harris has lived in the Cedar Valley for 20 years, since moving to the area for work. He grew up in Idaho and then moved to Glendale, Arizona, where he received his Masters in Business Administration degree.

The purpose of the Iron County Water Stewards program is to recognize community members for contributing to the effort to optimize every drop of water in Iron County. The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (CICWCD) is actively engaged in education, conservation, reuse and import projects to meet the growing demands on local water supply.

For every effort you make to conserve, we consider you a water steward, too. To Get to Know Your H2O, visit https://cicwcd.org/.