



# Iron County Water Stewards

## *Recognizing Joel Myers*

The members of the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board have a wide range of backgrounds and specialties, and Joel Myers approaches the position with years of engineering experience and understanding.

Myers is a geotechnical engineer who owns GEM Engineering. He does

groundwater studies, foundation studies and designs, and also designs dams, lagoons and wells. His engineering insight is important for Board discussions on wells and production, engineering of a design or structure, project feasibility, and more.

Paul Monroe, District General Manager, said Myers is a valuable resource and a great person to have on the board.

“His engineering experience is vital to us as we try to discover the best solutions for our water challenges in this valley,” Monroe said.

Myers said with groundwater as the valley’s primary source of drinking water, and an aquifer that is continuing to decline, he is very interested in seeing the Pine Valley Water Supply project to completion. The project would involve importing water from a valley about 60 miles northwest of Cedar City to the Cedar Valley Aquifer. He said the District has examined projects in other areas as it has designed the PVWS project, and he believes it will be a great way to replenish and stabilize the aquifer.

“We need to provide more projects to develop water in our area,” Myers said. “Our water levels have consistently been falling every year, and have been for a long time now, so we’ve got to figure it out.”

He added that he believes importing water through the PVWS project is the answer.

“We live in the desert, so there are not a lot of sources to tap other than groundwater,” he added. “I’d like to see the West Desert project through and bring more water into this valley.”

Myers said the plan is well underway. The project is currently in the Environmental Impact Study phase with the Bureau of Land Management.

In addition to his service on the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board, Myers’ company designed the liner system for the Lake at the Hills, which is used to irrigate the golf course and Southern Utah University. The lake has alleviated a lot of strain on the irrigation system in the surrounding area.

“That’s one of the best projects I’ve been involved in as far as water goes,” Myers said.

Myers has lived in Cedar City most of his life, just leaving a couple times for schooling and spending a few years in St. George. He grew up near Southern Utah University and his father was a college

professor. Myers is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Public Works Association.

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*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.*

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