



Central Iron County Water Conservancy District

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Chekshani Cliffs Property Owner

Re: Water Quality Improvement Options – Ballot Forms and Payment Information

Greetings,

The goal of The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (CICWCD) is to develop, improve, and increase the water resources within Iron County. CICWCD has been approached by several property owners from the Chekshani Cliffs Subdivision, and at their request has been investigating water treatment and source options for the subdivision. CICWCD is committed to protecting public health, providing aesthetically pleasing water, meeting Federal and State regulations, and preventing economic drains due to corrosion induced leaks and repairs.

CICWCD understands that Chekshani Cliffs property owners are looking for a reasonable solution to address water quality issues. Because of this, CICWCD, with the help of Ensign Engineering, has developed 3 proposed solutions. The first being to drill a new well in a different location for higher quality water. The second to install a treatment facility which would purify the current water. The last is to simply do nothing, which we would like to avoid. There are associated costs with each solution. A new well or treatment facility both have the estimated total cost of \$500,000. To do nothing, we understand is costing households an average of \$1,000 per year due to plumbing repairs within home and irrigation systems.

In order to move forward with either the new well or treatment facility, there would be costs to each property owner. A property owner could either pay in full, an estimated \$7,000, or could choose to finance through CICWCD. Financing through CICWCD would increase a property owner's water bill approximately \$74 per month until paid, an estimated 10-year plan at 5% APR. Additional financing options will be available to those who need.

CICWCD has been successful in acquiring grants for 18 other water companies and subdivisions and has secured over \$15,000,000 in grants and low interest loans for water systems in the last 12 years. Because of this success, it is likely that the project's cost for property owners may be half the amount listed above.

CICWCD cannot move forward with any plan of action if the property owners are not interested in the proposed improvements. It is important that support or disapproval for the project be shown through a vote by the property owners. The approval of Chekshani Cliffs property owners is needed to move forward with this project.

In order for CICWCD to continue planning for this project, we need assurances that the Chekshani Cliffs Property Owners are supportive of CICWCD moving forward to improve the

water quality. **It is not the intent of CICWCD to force any property owner to move forward with this project. We are merely responding to a need and request for services.**

Please review this proposal and then select **for or against** joining with CICWCD to improve water quality by returning the enclosed ballot to CICWCD with the appropriate boxes checked before **January 24th, 2019**. Please review and fill out all sections on the ballot. If there is a change of ownership for your lot(s), please make a note on the ballot. If there is a change in mailing address, please check the box under the return address.

Only those that vote for or against the new improvements will have a voice in the outcome. If the majority of property owners wish to move forward with this proposal, it is expected that every lot owner will contribute to the project. Without full participation from all lot owners, the project becomes economically unfeasible.

In conclusion, we currently only expect each lot owner to vote for or against the proposal as presented. If a substantial majority of the voting owners votes yes, CICWCD will proceed with the project. If a majority of the voting owners votes no, we will reevaluate the project. **In other words, it is for the Chekshani Cliffs property owners to decide for themselves if they want CICWCD to help improve the water.** If you have questions, please contact our office at the phone number listed above. The presentation from the meeting held January 3rd and other information will be posted on our website at www.cicwcd.org.

The Chekshani Cliffs area is a beautiful part of Iron County. We firmly believe that the proposed water improvement project will add reliability and value to your property. We encourage you to review this letter carefully and then decide for yourself the best direction to take for your subdivision.

Please take time to review the information in this letter and then return your ballot as soon as possible. Please encourage your neighbors to do the same. Ballots need to be postmarked by January 24th, 2019. If you decided to vote yes, and if we receive a clear mandate for new improvements, we will look forward to serving you further!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Monroe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Monroe" clearly distinguishable.

Paul Monroe
General Manager

Enclosure: Ballot