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Water Conservancy District Board tours water delivery system in Colorado

On March 29-30 board members, staff, Iron County Commissioner Paul Cozzens, and Cedar City Mayor Garth Green traveled to Colorado to tour the Southern Delivery System, a project which was the largest of its kind in Colorado that can deliver 96-Million gallons water per day through a 50-mile pipeline from Pueblo Reservoir to Colorado Springs and was just recently completed in 2016.

The group also learned about the Willamette Water Supply Program that is currently in construction in Oregon and spans 36 miles and will supply water to three communities in that area. Both projects were designed to provide a cost-effective, reliable, and resilient water supply that will benefit current and future generations for years to come. They will also help serve and support vibrant local economies.

“It was very informative to learn more about projects that are so similar to the Pine Valley Water Supply Project,” said District General Manager, Paul Monroe. “Moving water from new sources to communities has happened for thousands of years and is currently being implemented all around us. This is not a new concept, especially here in the west.”

The mission of the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District is to ensure the Cedar Valley has a secure water future, and its Board of Directors and staff are continually looking at projections for the valley 50 years into the future.

With a goal to optimize every drop of water that comes into the valley, the District works on projects to conserve, recharge, reuse, and source water. It is committed to improving the health of the Cedar Valley aquifer and providing water to residents, businesses and communities in the area. With that in mind, the District is working to make the Pine Valley Water Supply Project a reality.

The proposed Pine Valley Water Supply Project in southern Utah would deliver water from Pine Valley, northwest of Cedar City, about 66 miles to the Cedar Valley. This project will provide a redundant and secure water source, help restore Cedar Valley aquifer levels, provide safe and reliable drinking water, and ensure water for current and future generations.

“The process has been a long one, and there is much more to do,” said District Board Member and Enoch City Councilman, David Harris. “However, we are embracing that process, as this project is important for our valley, and the process ensures it is done fairly, feasibly, sustainably, and correctly.”

The Pine Valley Water Supply Project will help provide water for the Cedar Valley’s future. With drought, population growth, and a state-imposed Groundwater Management Plan that will reduce usable water rights, an additional source is needed. Conservation, reuse, and recharge projects are crucial as well and continue to be pursued and implemented in addition to the proposed import project.

The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (CICWCD) is charged with conserving, developing and stabilizing the Cedar Valley water supply for the benefit of all current and future water users/consumers in the region. The Water District educates residents about conservation, reuse and water import strategies as it strives to meet the challenges of an overdrawn aquifer, climate changes, community growth and residential development. Efforts include sustaining and bolstering the declining aquifer with recharge projects, designing personalized home water use plans and managing the Pine Valley Water Supply Project for meeting Cedar Valley’s water needs into the future.

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Photo Captions:

District board members, staff, and local elected officials stand in front of the Pueblo Reservoir Dam in Colorado, which is the start of the Southern Delivery System that transports water to Colorado Springs, CO.

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