

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-6-15-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
CENTRAL IRON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
TO ENCOURAGE THE COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT
TO ADOPT ORDINANCES THAT SUPPORT THE STATEWIDE WATER
CONSERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District, (hereinafter may be referred to as “District”), is a local government political entity and a legal subdivision of the state of Utah, as established under the state; and

WHEREAS, the District service boundaries include the municipalities of Cedar City, Enoch City, Kanarrville Town, and the unincorporated areas within Cedar Valley, Iron County (hereinafter may be referred to as the “Cedar Valley Community”); 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 Utah Geological Survey studies have shown that mining of water can cause ground subsidence in various locations of the valley; and

WHEREAS, there are several locations within the Cedar Valley Basin which have experienced varying degrees of subsidence; and

WHEREAS, the Cedar Valley Community has worked cooperatively together to provide and enhance local water resources, and to protect the Cedar Valley Basin by, conserving water, recharging water and seeking out and obtaining new sources of water, before said basin is irretrievably harmed due to aquifer mining; and

WHEREAS, the Community recognizes that water is the life blood of its communities and must be preserved to continue promoting sustained economic growth and development; and

WHEREAS, residences within the Cedar Valley Community use approximately 60% of their annual water use outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the State of Utah enacted U.C.A. §73-10-37 in an attempt to provide state funding to encourage the reduction of outside watering of lawn turf, and to replace the same xero landscaping; and

WHEREAS, the Utah State Division of Water Resources (“Division”) has been directed by the State of Utah to develop a program to incentivize individuals to remove turf and install more water efficient Landscapes; and

WHEREAS, the Division may award a grant to a district to fund financial incentives provided through a landscaping conversion incentive program administered by the district; and

WHEREAS, project areas must be located within a municipality or unincorporated county area that have implemented an Ordinance for water efficient landscape standards; and

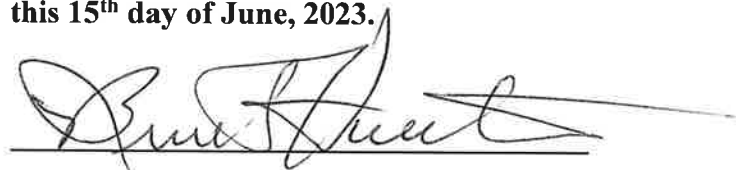
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District, that it encourages elected officials within the Cedar Valley Community to review and adopt ordinances which allows our community members to participate in the State rebate programs for water conservation and support the District in its efforts to help save water and promote a sustainable water future.

This resolution is hereby passed and adopted by the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District 15th day of June, 2023 and will take effect in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions, and parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith be hereby repealed. This resolution is hereby passed and adopted by the District on the 15th day of June 2023, and will take effect in resolutions with the terms set forth herein.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the District Council of the District, Iron County, State of Utah, this 15th day of June, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Hunter", is written over a horizontal line.

Brent Hunter, Chairman

Roll Call was taken:

Tyler Allred-Aye
David Harris-Aye
Terri Hartley-Aye
Tyler Melling-Aye
Andy McCrae-Aye
Brent Hunter-Aye
Spencer Jones-Not Present