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To: Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

Subject: Realignment of the South Fields Reach of the Spanish Fork – Santaquin Pipeline

The Central Utah Water Conservancy District (District), Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (Mitigation Commission), and the United States Department of the Interior – Central Utah Project Completion Act Office (CUPCA Office), as Joint Lead Agencies (JLAs), are evaluating realignment of a portion of the South Fields Reach of the Spanish Fork – Santaquin Pipeline that is part of the Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System (ULS) of the Central Utah Project. The Spanish Fork – Santaquin Pipeline was evaluated in an Environmental Impact Statement (ULS EIS) and Records of Decision completed in 2004/2005. The JLAs are preparing a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document to evaluate the potential impacts of the realignment alternatives of the South Fields Reach.

The South Fields Reach begins with a connection to the Spanish Fork Reach (south of Powerhouse Road) and terminates at the Woodland Hills Drive/Salem Canal Road intersection where it would connect with the future Salem Canal Reach. The ULS EIS evaluated the South Fields Reach as a 54-inch diameter pipe. The proposed South Fields Reach NEPA document would analyze increasing the diameter to 60 inches and is planned to be a welded steel pipe. The alternatives for realigning a portion of the South Fields Reach are shown in the enclosed Scoping Packet (see figure on page 3) and include: Alternative A – 400 East, Alternative B – Woodland Hills Drive, and the No Action Alternative – ULS EIS Alignment. All the alternatives include an option along the Salem and South Fields Canal at the eastern end of the project. Each is discussed below:

- **Alternative A – 400 East** Alternative A would begin on 8800 South, turning south on 400 East, and then turning west on 9800 South to the Woodland Hills Drive/Salem Canal Road intersection. This realignment alternative would be about 2.3 miles in length.
- **Alternative B – Woodland Hills Drive** Alternative B would begin on 8800 South and turn south on Woodland Hills Drive to the Woodland Hills Drive/Salem Canal Road intersection. The realignment on Woodland Hills Drive would be about 2.3 miles in length between 8800 South and Salem Canal Road.
- **No Action Alternative —ULS EIS Alignment** The No Action Alternative was analyzed in the 2004 ULS EIS. It is currently the approved alignment for construction. This alignment follows Powerhouse Road as it heads west and turns into 8800 South, then turns south on 800 East (a private road), and turns west on 9600 South which turns into 9650 South. It turns south on 400 East and turns west again on 9800 South.

- **Option — Salem and South Fields Canal Alignment** All the alternatives include an option along the Salem and South Fields Canal instead of along Powerhouse Road. This option would connect with the Spanish Fork Reach and run along the Salem and South Fields Canal for approximately 3,100 feet. The Salem and South Fields Canal begins just east of the connection of the 60-inch Spanish Fork/South Fields reaches. About 2,400 feet of this canal has been piped. This option would construct a portion of the South Fields Reach in the same right-of-way as the Salem and South Fields Canal located just south of Powerhouse Road. This option would reduce the construction length and impacts to Powerhouse Road.

The enclosed Scoping Packet contains additional project information. As part of the NEPA process, the JLAs are soliciting comments from the public and agencies. The scoping comment period for this project extends until Friday October 1, 2017. As part of the scoping process, the JLAs will be holding a public information meeting (open house format) on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 PM at Foothills Elementary School in Salem, Utah (school address 412 South 810 East) to answer questions and receive input. Comments may be the most important contribution from citizens and groups and should be clear, concise, and relevant to the analysis of the proposed action. Comments that are solution oriented and provide specific examples are helpful and that contribute to developing alternatives that address the purpose and need for the proposed action are also effective. Scoping comments regarding the Realignment of the South Fields Reach may be submitted by mail (Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Attn: Sarah Sutherland, 355 West University Parkway Orem, Utah 84058), email (see address below), via the project website ([southfields.cuwcd.com](http://southfields.cuwcd.com)), or at the public information meeting. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (801) 226-7100 or by email at [sarah@cuwcd.com](mailto:sarah@cuwcd.com).

Sincerely,



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