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From: Blake [bigfish@cut.net]
Sent: Saturday, May 29, 2010 6:23 AM
To: PRO NarrowsEIS
Subject: water

We need the water. on a good water year we are on rationing by mid july and I cant even keep my garden alive I have to choose what half to keep  

Blake Howcroft 365n 100w Fairview Ut
May 20, 2010

Mr. Peter Crookston, PRO-774
Bureau of Reclamation
302 East 1860 South
Provo, Utah 84606-7317

Re: Narrows Project, Sanpete County

Dear Mr. Crookston:

695-1 Let me preface my comments by emphasizing that the disposition and responsibility of the Utah System of Higher Education, as it pertains to economic development, is to grow the economies of each region across the state through the influence and power of education and research. Thus, the objective of my office is to establish, support, and implement initiatives that will help grow jobs, increase wages, and on a regional level that help ensure a healthy state economy.

As it has been explained to me, the Narrows project in Sanpete County is an initiative that will help ensure the future economic vitality of central and southeastern Utah. I am aware, however, that there is a difference of opinion between Sanpete and Carbon county interests regarding the Narrows project. Nonetheless, I believe “a rising tide raises all ships” and that the Narrows project would in fact help ensure adequate water reserves for both counties long term.

Water is a fundamental resource to sustaining life and growing communities. As we try to grow and stabilize the economies of the various regions of Utah, whether it be Sanpete, Carbon, or other counties, the value of water and other basic infrastructural resources and services are absolutely paramount.

It has been my experience that an abundance mentality of creating more resources for more people is far more productive and the best public policy. The greater the number of people that can benefit from a public service investment, such as the Narrow, the better we all are long term. Conversely, a scarcity mentality only limits options, positions neighbor against neighbor, ends up negatively impacting everyone involved, and costs the public more in the long run. Communities that work together and share in resources are those that thrive.

I believe the Narrows project to be an initiative that will benefit central and southeastern Utah and help ensure those regions have the basic infrastructural needs met to grow their business and communities. I encourage the Bureau of Reclamation to move ahead with the Narrows project.

Sincerely,

Cameron K. Martin, PhD
Associate Commissioner
Economic Development & Planning
Dear Sir:

This letter is to demonstrate my support for the construction/building of the Narrows Dam and Reservoir. It is obvious that the time for this project to go forth is many years overdue!

The documentation, contracts, overdue promises, justification, water rights, financial concerns and environmental impact studies have all been addressed and completed. It is past time to construct this much needed water project. The project would enhance the area and benefit all parties that have a vested interest and need for its completion.

As a current farmer/rancher in Sanpete County and lifetime Utah resident, etc. My family strongly supports this project. The facts, evidence and mutual benefits are overwhelming. Nothing else is needed it's time to fund this project.

Sincerely,

M. Vinson Miner Ph.D.

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