

## Message from Steve Creamer - Candidate for EID Board Member

Dear Neighbors,

I have had the privilege of living in the Canyon since 2000. During that time I have gained a love and respect for the Canyon that I know each of you must also feel. I decided to run for a position on the water district board because I believe that I have a background that can assist in directing the management of the district and protecting our most valuable resource: **DRINKING WATER AT A REASONABLE COST**

I am a civil engineer by training and owned and managed an engineering company located in St. George, Utah from 1976 until 2004. During that time I was actively involved in designing, constructing, and helping more than 100 Utah cities, towns, and water districts operate and maintain their water and sewer systems. In 1991 I left the active management of the engineering company and founded four Utah based environmental and energy companies. Currently I am semi-retired and Chairman of a Solar Energy company that owns and operates small utility and large commercial solar systems throughout the U.S.

I am also serving my second term on the Emigration Oaks Homeowners Association Board.

I have been involved and worked with the water district since 2000. I gave the district easements through my property to the 1mm gallon reservoir and Brigham Fork Well and allowed the construction of the Well on my property because they were the best and lowest cost alternatives available and therefore in the best interest of the Canyon. I have been a member of the EID water rate advisory committee and therefore I understand their budget.

I believe it is time to take a hard look at operational costs. Not many residents know that we are taxed at the highest rate allowed by State law for our type of District and our water rates are in the top 2% of all water systems in the State of Utah. I believe we need to cut every cost possible in hopes of lowering our rates and taxes while encouraging conservation.

For example, we could save significant monies by eliminating an engineer from Tooele who drives to Emigration Canyon twice a week to take water samples and read meters. We have the opportunity to consolidate operations, accounting, meter reading and billing into a single person that we pay a reasonable salary, rather than paying high consulting rates for these individual services. We should work with all of the Canyon neighborhoods to see if there are any shared services that would save us money.

The water district has a high debt to household burden. Therefore, the EID Board and Management need to focus on minimizing operations and maintenance costs.

Finally, **I HAVE TIME TO SERVE.**

*On another note, less than two weeks ago the current EID Board posted a search for a new general manager. The board is scheduling interviews next week. This job search was ONLY posted on the EID website. The notice has not been widely publicized or left open long enough to reach a pool of qualified applicants. Therefore, regardless of who you choose to vote for, please immediately notify the current board of anyone that is qualified to apply for this position or forward the attached job notice to any qualified applicants.*

Thank you for your time. I would appreciate your **VOTE**.

Sincerely,

Steve Creamer

NOTE: All registered voters should have received a ballot by U.S. Mail. If you have not received your ballot you should contact the county clerk's office. You must be registered to vote.