



Emigration Canyon
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Ref: The ECHO-Association - Open Membership Enrollment

Dear Emigration Canyon Home/Property Owner,

For the first time since the Mormon Pioneers entered the Salt Lake Valley over 170 years ago, the Salt Lake Tribune reported this past month that the Emigration Canyon Stream is entirely depleted near the eastern boundary of the Utah State capital city less than 2 miles from Hogle Zoo.

Exhaustion of water sources was predicted on December 15, 1995 by Emigration Improvement District's ("**EID**" aka ECID) own hydrologist **Jack Barnett P.E., P.G.** who testified that it will "*take decades — twenty, fifty, seventy-five years*" for water used in Pioneer Fork, Freeze Creek and Brigham Fork areas to recharge the Canyon Stream and private wells (emphasis added).

This past month, EID general manger **Eric Hawkes** reported that the Brigham Fork Well failed EPA water quality standards for sulfates and turbidity while multiple Canyon residents reported *total depletion* of private wells. Regardless, current EID trustees **Michael Scott Hughes**, **Brent Tippets** and **David Bradford** requested approval of the Utah State Engineer for 568 *new homes* and multiple *additional well sites* located on property belonging to private land-developers while the Regional Engineer of Utah Lake/Jordan River Regional Office **S. Ross Hansen P.E., L.S.** voiced no objection to the application because "it had already been decided back in 1995" and was "not different" than EID's current use of water in the Canyon.

With no other alternative, The ECHO-Association filed to block permanent changes to EID's water rights necessary for the operation of large-diameter commercial wells in the Canyon by the current EID trustees and managers.

For those individuals interested in joining The ECHO-Association with full membership benefits, we will welcome your questions on **November 15, 2018** at the Emigration Canyon Fire Station between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm.

Kind Regards,

Mark Christopher Tracy
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