

Q: Must the current EID trustees be ordered to cease management of a water system?

A: Yes. In the past, in order to protect the Canyon Stream and senior water rights, the following has occurred:

- **On August 20, 2015**, in order to prevent EID from issuing water letters for new construction in the Canyon, The ECHO-Association filed a legal impediment to the approval of changes to EID water rights with Utah State Engineer Kent L. Jones (*lis pendens*).

Result: EID issued six (6) water letters for new homes to be constructed in the Canyon before federal district judge Jill N. Parish lifted the encumbrance and assessed a \$30,000 fine against ECHO representative Mark Christopher Tracy.

- **On May 5, 2016**, in an open and public EID trustee meeting, The ECHO-Association gave legal notice to EID trustees Michael Scott Hughes, David Bradford and Dr. Mark Stevens warning that the continued operation of the Upper Freeze Creek Well violated federal funding guidelines and warned of substantial fines and penalties should EID continue water extraction via the newly completed well after May 19, 2016.

Result: EID trustees extracted another estimated 30 million gallons from the water source.

- **On April 20, 2017**, The ECHO-Association filed an information letter with the Utah State Engineer and United States Attorney's Office revealing ongoing impermissible (free) water use by **forty-six (46)** domestic units unpermitted and without explanation by EID, and then submitted an expert report of David E. Hansen Ph.D., P.E. revealing *substantial depletion* of the Canyon steam since January 2000.

Result: The Utah State Engineer approved the **59th** temporary change application filed by EID since 1988, took no action to prevent impermissible water use but then later directed EID to file a permanent change application revealing the junior priority date of EID's water shares.

- **On September 8, 2018**, the Salt Lake Tribune environmental reporter, Brian Maffly, documented *total depletion* of the Canyon stream less than two miles from Hogle Zoo.

Result: On September 10th, EID requested approval of **568** new homes and **multiple new well sites** located on property belonging to private land-developers. As the ultimate measure of last resort, The ECHO-Association filed action to block EID's permanent change applications and, if necessary, will file litigation in Utah state or federal district court in order to prevent further – and possibly irreversible – damage to the Canyon hydrology in our lifetime.

Q: Is water in Emigration Canyon safe to drink?

A: It is currently unknown. In 1966, EID's own hydrologist Jack Barnett P.E., P.G. warned that "[a]ny reduction in stream flow would increase the concentration of bacteria and increase the opportunity for bacteria to contaminate existing domestic water supplies [located near the creek]." During the July 2016 trustee meeting, EID trustees *refused to state* if the Brigham Fork Well was contaminated with iron bacteria and failed to report the same in its 2017 Customer Confidence Report or 2015 Sanitary Survey as mandated under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974. This past month, the EID general manger revealed that EID's Brigham Fork Well failed EPA water quality standards for sulfates and turbidity. The ECHO-Association therefore recommends independent and continuous bacterial testing of all drinking-water sources in Emigration Canyon and will provide free pump testing at the request of its members.

Q: How do I become a member of The ECHO-Association?

A: It is simple. After conflict review and approval of the online application prior to January 1, 2019, The ECHO Association will affirm membership benefits upon payment of the membership fee. By collecting thousands of pages of documents, over a hundred hours of voice recordings, interviewing numerous witnesses and consulting subject-matter experts over the past four-and-a-half years, The ECHO-Association is uniquely positioned to achieve the best possible results at the lowest cost to our members.