

## Board Work Meeting 3-8-23 – Notes

### Item #1

Talking points that were provided by Carl are okay to use while talking to the water companies in their respective areas.

### Item #2 Updating the policy for the county.

#### Concerns:

- 1) Doesn't seem to be data or research base, more politically driven.
- 2) Status of Single-Family Home Appropriations.
- 3) How to mitigate
  - a. Hard to mitigate with ground water but surface water is easier to mitigate
- 4) No plan associated with policy

#### Questions:

- 1) What are other basins doing
  - a. Most basins have already been closed for some time now to new appropriations
  - b. What does Weber Basin do and Davis Canal Company
- 2) Status of Bear River Development
  - a. This seems to be dead after the governor's declaration.
- 3) Timeline and parameters
  - a. Could we get more time from the state engineer to do a study and county plan.
  - b. Would two years be enough, most likely it will take more time than the one year provided by the state engineer.
  - c. Could we determine some operating levels for the GSL, (with the data that is out there, not sure if this is an option because no group can come to a census on what those levels should be)

#### Positions:

- 1) Make suggestions: mitigation, plan for basin (not policy)
- 2) If we were to submit a letter to the state engineer, what would we want the letter to say on behalf of the district.

Charles mentioned Bear River Canal Company (BRCC) has winter water rights, and it might be available for aquifer recharge or surface storage.

State engineer wants to have a meeting with 6-9 stakeholders in the next couple of weeks, Carl and Trevor will be setting up this meeting. Possible stakeholders include BRWCD, BRCC, Bird Refuge, Bear River Club Company, Brigham City, and Tremonton.

Boyd Bingham asked if anyone knows where our state representatives stand on this, and if we should have them included. He is going to reach out to Sandall and Peterson, invite them to our board meeting on 3/22 to give us their input on the new policy.