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To: Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

Subject: Public Meeting and Extension of Review and Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Realignment of a Portion of a ULS Pipeline through Provo and Orem

The Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD), the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (Mitigation Commission), and the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior), as Joint Lead Agencies, are proposing a Realignment of a Portion of a Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System (ULS) Pipeline through Provo and Orem. The ULS Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was completed with Records of Decision signed by Interior on December 22, 2004, and by the Mitigation Commission on January 27, 2005, providing for the construction of the ULS. Portions of the ULS pipeline are currently under construction.

The Joint Lead Agencies initiated the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the environmental impacts of a proposed action with a Notice of Intent (NOI) that was published in the Federal Register on February 25, 2010. The need for and purposes of the project have not changed from the ULS Final EIS.

The proposed Realignment would avoid active and historic landslides and reduce the risk associated with geologic faults. Three Alternatives for the realignment of a portion of a ULS pipeline through Provo and Orem are being considered.

The EA is required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA, to determine whether the Proposed Action would have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. The Draft EA examines three Action Alternatives and a No Action Alternative.

A Draft EA was released for public review on August 1, 2010 for the Realignment of a Portion of a ULS Pipeline through Provo and Orem. At the request of Provo City, a Cooperating Agency, the Joint Lead Agencies are holding an additional public meeting for the proposed pipeline realignment. The purpose of this meeting is to address questions and concerns, and receive comments on the proposed action as described in the Draft EA. There will be a brief presentation on the project, followed by a question/answer session.

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The meeting will be held:

Thursday, September 16, 2010

5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Provo City Office

351 West Center Street

Provo, Utah 84601

The period for review and comment on the Draft EA has been extended to September 30, 2010. The document may be reviewed at the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, located at 355 W. University Parkway, Orem, UT 84058 or at the U.S. Department of the Interior CUPCA Office, located at 302 E. 1860 S., Provo UT 84606. The document may also be accessed on the CUWCD website at www.cuwcd.com/provo and at the Interior website at www.cupcao.gov. To request a hard copy or CD of the Draft EA for a Realignment of a Portion of a ULS Pipeline through Provo and Orem, please contact Bridget Atkin (please see contact details below).

You may send written comments via email to bridget@cuwcd.com or mail to:

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Your interest in this project is appreciated. You may direct questions regarding this project to Bridget Atkin at (801) 226-7166.

Sincerely,



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