

**Response to Westside Associated Duck Clubs and Wildlife Refuges,
Inc.:**

1. As State Engineer, in unifying the Utah Lake-Jordan River system, I am doing all that is within my authority to ensure that all water rights on the system, regardless of adjudication status, are accorded the full protection of the law. I recognize that problems will arise concerning amounts and priority dates in the absence of a final system-wide adjudication. Because of the length and complexity of the adjudication process, and because of the changes which are occurring on the system; I feel that the implementation of a distribution plan should not be delayed, and I am confident that issues such as those you raised can be successfully handled on a case-by-case basis.

2. To the best of my knowledge, no exchange applications have been used as change applications in the Utah Lake-Jordan River Basin. I will carefully monitor any exchanges filed to ensure against such abuse. In the Welby-Jacob decisions, the State Engineer committed to study the effects of changes in beneficial use and their impact on diversion and return flow patterns. The results of such studies will be included in the proposed distribution plan.

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