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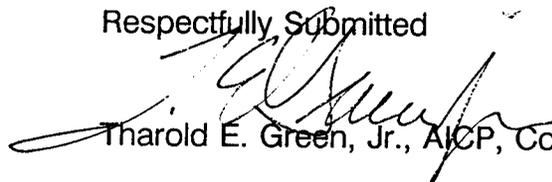
RE: Division response to Utah Lake Drainage Basin Distribution Plan

Dear Bob:

We have received your letter of 18 September regarding our "position" on the distribution plan. It is my understanding we have voiced our concerns regarding the lower level of Utah Lake and the financial and environmental impacts on Utah Lake State Park and associated wetlands in the Utah Lake Basin. However, we also recognize the resulting benefits to upper reservoir-related state parks in terms of revenue flow, utility and environmental benefits of holding water higher and longer. This would result in faster filling of the Jordanelle Reservoir and a degree of stabilization for both Jordanelle and Deer Creek..and Strawberry.

Water quality and availability is a higher order of concern and exigency for the state than leisure uses. Leisure use is in high demand and is very important--economically, socially, medically and politically according to our SCORP planning process. But holding the water higher, where possible, seems wise and prudent. Leisure uses are important, but a secondary use and concern after human needs and the environment. Besides, there are definitely leisure and recreation benefits resulting from your proposal. Therefore, we support the proposal of the State Engineer's Office for the Utah Lake Drainage Basin.

Respectfully Submitted



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