

SEPTEMBER 17, 2003     HOBBLE CREEK – MEETING WITH WATER USERS

Represented at the meeting were Springville and Mapleton Cities, the golf course, and the irrigation companies in the area.

They are concerned about the development of large homes (and irrigated landscaping etc) in the canyon – some may have water rights and some may not.

There is an on-going court case with some of the water users in the canyon.

Concerned about change applications moving water out of the irrigation system

There is about 40,000 acre feet of water delivered and used from Hobble Creek each year

We told them:

There would be at least a two year waiting period before we could even start to look at their situation and start work toward organizing a distribution system.

Once we started, the process would probably take about two years for us to do the study necessary and research the water rights to be able to set up a distribution system that could adequately regulate water use based on water rights.

They will send a letter to Jerry and set up an appointment to meet with Jerry

They may start:

Installing measuring devices

Mapping the uses of the irrigation companies and their PODs

Our concerns (not really discussed at the meeting)

The Proposed Determination of Water Rights for the area is a mess and probably has created more problems than it solved – especially in regards to the water uses in the canyon.

It will take a lot of work to come to a clear understanding of the water rights and get things sorted out.

The people building homes in the canyon are very wealthy and there probably will be a considerable amount of litigation over our determination of the water rights there. Do we and the AG's Office want to put the necessary resources towards this endeavor?