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Re: Sanpitch River Management

Dear Bob:

As my prior letters on this matter have stated, there still remains a major issue between the Upper and Lower Sanpitch River Water Users regarding the proper long-term management of the Sanpitch river system. It is clear from the inability of the parties to get together that there is now a necessity for your office to compel the representatives from both areas to formally sit down under the auspices of the Office of the State Engineer to reconcile what could otherwise turn into some very major problems and concerns between the two groups.

Overall, it still seems advisable to consolidate this river system in the Sanpete County area under one single River Commissioner and one single set of rules for operating the system. So long as the river is divided into the upper and lower districts, there will continue to be mistrust, suspicion and accusations between the parties.

Specifically, it is the concern of users in the lower area that the areas irrigated by the upper area users are being expanded to a significant degree by the use of sprinkler irrigation. This expansion goes beyond the decreed irrigated lands under the Cox Decree and, as a result, the return flow is diminished to downstream users which is not in compliance with the Decree. I suggest that your office cause such a meeting to occur in the very near future and that there be a formal proposal to

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consolidate the management of the river under one River
Commissioner.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lee Kapaloski', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Lee Kapaloski

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cc: Roger Johnson, Sanpitch Drainage District
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