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Water Users Diverting from Sevier River in the On-call Section

Monroe South Bend Canal
Sevier Valley-Piute Canal
Joseph Canal
Monroe Canal
Elsinore Canal
Brooklyn Canal
Richfield Canal
Annabella Canal
Vermillion Canal

Re: Clarification of ordering and transfer policies

Dear Water Users:

The State Engineer's office asked the Commissioner to be sure that only the quantity of water due Sevier Bridge Reservoir is sent past the Vermillion Dam. Ray Owens has agreed to make every effort to distribute the water precisely so that no additional amount of water passes the Vermillion Dam.

Precise distribution of water in the on-call section is the key to preventing excess flows over Vermillion Dam.

Exact distribution is not easy but with the policies we have in place for ordering water it is possible. In order to retain every bit of the Upper Sevier River Users' decreed water, we'd like to remind those water users in the on-call section of the River of the following policies that apply:

Ordering Policies

1. Orders to turn water in canals: 24 hours ahead of requested time for all canals except Vermillion Canal requires 36 hours lead time.
2. Orders to turn water out of canals: 24 hours ahead of turn off time for all canals except for Vermillion Canal requires 36 hours lead time.
3. Call time for orders in and out: 7 am to 8 am *and Ray has added 6 – 8 pm* Monday through Saturday. Emergency turn outs on Sunday will be handled like an emergency during the week; contact the commissioner he can usually assist with your emergency.
4. Late calls on turn outs will be charged an over Vermillion Dam loss equal to AF foot amount of water lost.
5. Late calls on orders in will not be honored.

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6. A series of orders will require a written note on an email or fax to avoid confusion. Ray has also added that he'll confirm receipt of faxes, emails, notes.
7. If Piute Reservoir happens to be empty, add 12 hours to all lead time for orders in or out.

Transfer Policy

All transfers between canals must be made before the 5th of the following month. Example, April transfers must be made before the 5th of May. Late transfers will be shown on next month's report. This is necessary to give time to prepare the monthly report before the 10th. Many canal companies prepare a report monthly also.

If you have any questions regarding these policies please contact me by phone at (801) 538-7431 or by e-mail at SusanOdekirk@utah.gov. Thanks to Ray and to each of you for your continued cooperation.

Regards,



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