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Drought Update 5-5-2022

SALT LAKE CITY (May 5, 2022) —

- The state engineer and her deputies met with representatives of the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District (WBWCD), the Division of Water Resources, and the Department of Natural Resources to discuss challenges that Weber Basin is experiencing with existing water supplies. Due to the ongoing drought, WBWCD has received very little new storage during the last two years and is expected to receive very little again this year. To mitigate the effects of the drought on their storage reservoirs, they have reduced the amount of water they intend to deliver to contract holders this year. In addition to those measures, they are also purchasing 5,000 acre-feet of Echo shares from users on the Provo River and about 14,000 acre-feet from Deer Creek water users. The delivery of this water into Weber Basin's reservoirs will be accomplished by modifying the operation of the Weber-Provo Canal.
- The State Engineer collaborated with the Wyoming State Engineer to reach an agreement that will facilitate the distribution of water on Mill Creek, a tributary to the Upper Bear River. The tributary had been a point of contention among users across state lines due to drought and complicated hydrology. The agreement establishes clear distribution guidelines and identifies issues that require further investigation and study.

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