

To whom it may concern,

I'm sending this letter in regards to the Pahvant Valley groundwater management plan. It is my understanding that the State held a meeting with water users of that area on Nov, 13 2024 in which the State addressed the issue of the dropping ground water levels.

There is no question there is a concern about the groundwater level dropping, but how is this going to be addressed? Is the State going to legitimately allow the water users to come up with a solution? Or is the State just going to do what they want, like they have in other areas of concern? What happens if the weather pattern changes into a more wet cycle? Will the right to use allocated water that has been taken come back to the user? Will all be affected the same, municipalities, home owners? I highly doubt it! Yes, the users don't own the water, they own (purchased) the right to use said water. So is the State willing to admit in making a mistake in issuing the rights to use too much of the said groundwater? I think not, in the end the State will do like they always do and just take what they want! Without any kind of compensation for people that have built their livelihoods on these farms and on the rights to use the said water. Has the State even begun to think about the economic impact that this will have for Millard county? Not only will it affect the farmers, it will affect all of the businesses that operate in this area. Fertilizer, power, tires, chemical, seed, fuel, banks and many other small businesses. We are talking Millions of dollars.

Utah is experiencing a tremendous amount of growth, as we all know it's one of the top 5 fastest growing states in the nation and it is the second driest state in the nation. Where is that water going to come from? Are we going to slow the population growth? These are all questions that need to be addressed before any plan can be made.

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