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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE ADDITION OF LAKESIDE IRRIGATION COMPANY TO THE SPANISH FORK RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Dear Water User:

Our records indicate you are an owner of a water right within the Spanish Fork River Drainage. In accordance with Utah Administrative Rule R655-15-5(4)(b) the Utah State Engineer will be conducting a public meeting to discuss the addition of Lakeside Irrigation Company to the existing Spanish Fork River distribution system. You are invited to participate by attending this public meeting in person or online. This meeting will be held at the Spanish Fork Library.

DATE: January 15, 2025

TIME: 11:00 am

LOCATION: Spanish Fork Library - Heritage Room 2nd Floor, 80 S Main Street,
Spanish Fork City, Utah

ONLINE: <https://waterrights.utah.gov/publicmeetings/>

Agenda for Public Meeting

1. Meeting Introduction by Assistant State Engineer Nathan Moses.
2. Distribution System Overview, Boundaries, and Representative Groups by Distribution Engineer Tim Heyrend
3. Reasons for adding Lakeside Irrigation Company to the distribution system by Distribution Engineer Tim Heyrend.
4. Proposed Budget and Assessment Methodology to include Lakeside Irrigation Company by Tim Heyrend
5. Public Comments and Questions – Discuss next steps by Nathan Moses.

In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act, individuals needing special accommodations should notify Melissa Bowdren at (801) 538-7370 at least three days prior to the meeting.



Information from the meeting will be posted on the Utah Division of Water Rights website at <https://waterrights.utah.gov/meetinfo/oldmeet.asp> as a resource for those who are unable to view the meeting live or require additional information.

Proposed Modification of the Spanish Fork River Distribution System

The Spanish Fork River Distribution System Committee is currently formed with thirteen representative entities in accordance with R655-15-9 such that the decisions and recommendations of the committee need no ratification by the water users of the distribution system. It is proposed to modify the distribution system to add Lakeside Irrigation Company to the Committee. The Committee organization members would then be as follows:

- 1) East Bench Canal Co.
- 2) Salem Irrigation & Canal Co.
- 3) Spanish Fork South Irrigation Co.
- 4) Lake Shore Irrigation Co.
- 5) Spanish Fork West Field Irrigation Co.
- 6) Spanish Fork City
- 7) Spanish Fork Southeast Irrigation Co.
- 8) Strawberry Water Users Association
- 9) Mapleton/Springville
- 10) Highline Canal Company
- 11) CUWCD/CUP
- 12) Indianola Irrigation Co.
- 13) Individual Water Right Owners
- 14) Lakeside Irrigation Co.

The committee shall consist of one representative from each of the above-listed entities with one vote per entity. Each entity shall be responsible for selecting its representative and informing the State Engineer prior to the Annual Distribution Meeting. The term of each representative on the committee shall be determined by the entity represented. The purpose of the committee shall be to prepare recommendations regarding distribution system budgets and assessments and water commissioner and deputy appointments for ratification by the committee. The committee shall also coordinate with the Division of Water Rights staff as requested. In all aspects, the committee shall function as described in R655-15-9. Meetings of the Distribution System Committee shall be held annually and as necessary to fulfill the purposes of the Distribution System. Committee meetings may be held in lieu of or in addition to the Annual Meeting with

the water users as determined by the State Engineer. The chairman and the vice chairman are appointed to four-year terms that are to be offset by the commissioner's term.

Method of Calculating Assessments

The method of calculating the assessment for each individual account is as follows:

All accounts bear a pro-rata share of the total assessment based on the 5-year average acre-feet per year of water used in accordance with water rights along the Spanish Fork River and its tributaries. A minimum assessment for smaller water rights may be charged, as decided by the Committee at the annual meeting. The State Engineer's office prepares the water user accounts and assessments which may be modified at any time to correct mistakes or to update accounts without an official Order of the State Engineer.

