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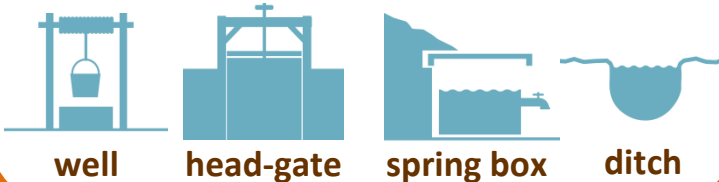
Why am I receiving a summons?!

The summons is part of a legal process required by law called a “water rights adjudication” or “general adjudication.” The adjudication process is geared towards individuals who wish to claim a water right. The Division of Water Rights sends these notices and summons to property owners in the general area because they are the group most likely to have valid claims that the State Engineer is unaware of and to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate if they wish.



What is a water right?

A water right is different than a connection to the local municipal water supply. People who have water rights are generally very aware of them because they are actively diverting water from a natural source using some type of physical structure such as a well, head-gate, spring box, or ditch.



well

head-gate

spring box

ditch

What is a water rights adjudication?

A water rights adjudication is a legal process that is used to identify historical and existing water rights in a specific area and document their uses.

What is my obligation?

Generally speaking, if you think you have a water right, you should participate and file a claim when provided notice to do so; otherwise, you may simply disregard this notice. Individuals who are uncertain as to whether or not they should be participating should contact the Division of Water Rights.

What will happen next?

The Division of Water Rights will be holding a public meeting as shown in the attached notice. We encourage you to attend. Following the public meeting, the Division of Water Rights will send a notice indicating that the 90-day claim filing period has begun and instructions on how and where to file a claim.



How Can I find out more information?

Website: www.waterrights.utah.gov/adjdinfo

Phone: 801-538-5282

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www.waterrights.utah.gov/adjdinfo

