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1. Executive Summary

Riverton City's (City) ground water supplies for its culinary water system are high in total dissolved solids (TDS). The high TDS affects the palatableness of the water. During certain periods of the year, the City blends water from a wholesale supplier. This blending changes the taste of the water by reducing the TDS level. The high TDS also causes excessive scaling in the water distribution system extending into the end user's water heaters and household piping, creating an undetermined loss of energy. These effects may be counteracted through the application of desalination technology in a water treatment plant. Deconcentration of the mineralized ground water supplies will reduce the City's dependence on outside supplies of high-quality potable water, thus increasing the City's ability to continue to provide adequate water to its growing service base. Additional benefits may include lower maintenance and operating costs of the City's potable water infrastructure downstream of the desalination treatment and lower water heating costs for end users because damaging scaling will be reduced.

With partial funding assistance through the Bureau of Reclamation's Desalination and Water Purification Research and Development Program, the City recently completed pilot testing of two desalination treatment methods: electrodialysis reversal (EDR) and reverse osmosis (RO). Pilot testing of each system was performed for a period of 3 months at three of the City's well sites. Pilots were run on the same water source (wells) for the same duration to provide a side-byside comparison of each technology's effectiveness in accomplishing the City's treatment desires.

The primary goal for the pilot testing was to evaluate the performance of each technology at reducing naturally occurring TDS in the source ground water to desired target levels. Both technologies were successful at reducing TDS levels in the source water, from over 900 milligrams per liter (mg/L), on average, to below the target level of 500 milligrams per liter (mg/L) (from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's secondary drinking water standards). Both pilot units used a four-stage membrane process. Fewer stages of treatment were not investigated due to budget and time limitations. On average, the RO pilot reduced TDS levels to below 20 mg/L, while EDR reduced levels below 330 mg/L.

Based on results from the pilot testing, to achieve a blended ratio of 500 mg/L, 65 percent of all the City's well water would have to be treated with RO and 87 percent with EDR. The RO pilot achieved a recovery of 74 percent as operated, and the EDR pilot achieved an average of 73 percent. The EDR unit did exhibit higher recovery rates between electrode polarity reversal, with some periods as high as 82 percent. RO reduced TDS by 98 percent, and EDR reduced TDS by 63 percent.

Treatment capital and operational cost estimates were developed based upon the observed data from the pilot operation. Both vendors reviewed the data and participated in development of the cost estimates. For a central water treatment facility with a capacity of 10.5 million gallons per day (mgd) capacity, it is estimated that a reverse osmosis plant could be constructed for \$7.9 million, plus distribution and disposal improvements. Similarly, an EDR plant of the same capacity could be constructed for \$12.8 million. Operational costs are estimated at \$216 per acre-foot for RO and \$298 per acre-foot for EDR. These costs are based upon 2005 dollar estimates and do not include a contingency. The recommended contingency is 20 percent since the estimates are for budgeting purposes.

2. Introduction

Support for this project began when the Riverton City (City) Water Department was exposed to electrodialysis reversal (EDR). City personnel visited a site in Magna, Utah, where an EDR demonstration unit was operating on a public supply underground water well. The well water being treated at that particular project was similar in total dissolved solids (TDS) concentration to the City's well supplies. The EDR demonstration unit was operating on a continuous basis, producing treated water with a significantly reduced TDS concentration. Sparked by the results of the EDR, the City's Water Department became interested in investigating technologies to reduce TDS concentrations in their public drinking water underground sources.

2.1 Project Funding

In order to pursue investigating EDR, the City budgeted \$40,000 to conduct an EDR pilot test on their well water. The City retained Epic Engineering, P.C. (Epic) as their consultant to manage the piloting. Epic prescreened additional technologies for TDS reduction and recommended reverse osmosis (RO) as another potential viable process. Prescreening efforts indicated that RO could compete with EDR, both in terms of economics and finished water quality. Therefore, it was recommended to the City that both technologies be piloted in order to provide a comparison.

Reclamation's Desalination and Water Purification Research and Development Program was identified as a source of additional project funding. Epic submitted a funding proposal on behalf of the City in order to fund piloting of both EDR and RO. The project budget was identified as \$93,754 and was to be funded equally between Riverton City and Reclamation.

2.2 Project Definition

The project includes the pilot testing of two treatment methods for reducing TDS: EDR and RO. Pilot testing of each system was performed for a 3-month period in order to provide a 2,000-hour (22 hours per day on average) operating basis for reliability and sustainability. The pilots were run on the same water source during the same period in order to provide a side-by-side comparison. Source water quality was continuously monitored and recorded, as was the effluent water quality from each pilot. Water quality data from the source water, permeate, and concentrate streams were used to evaluate each technology's effectiveness in reducing TDS and were the basis for a 20-year present worth comparison. This

final technical report is provided to document the findings of the project and fulfill the cooperative agreement requirements with Reclamation.

2.3 Project Team

The pilot project team included the City's Water Department, Epic, Goldeneye Solutions, Inc., and GE Infrastructure/Ionics (GE). The City's Water Department oversaw the pilot project and provided day-to-day monitoring, data recording, and sampling of the EDR and RO pilots. Water Department personnel also helped set up, move, and dismantle pilot equipment. Epic provided technical support and coordination between the City, Goldeneye Solutions, Inc., and GE. Engineers from Epic helped troubleshoot operational difficulties, evaluated pilot data, and provided project coordination. Goldeneye Solutions, Inc., provided the RO pilot equipment. GE provided the EDR pilot equipment. Both pilot vendors trained City personnel in operation of their pilot unit and provided technical assistance during pilot operation. In addition, the pilot vendors provided assistance to Epic in developing capital cost and operational costs of full-scale treatment plants.

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GE Infrastructure/Ionics, Water & Process Technologies, 65 Grove Street, Watertown, Massachusetts 02472

2.4 Project Objectives

The primary objective of the project is to evaluate the performance of EDR and RO at reducing TDS in the City's drinking water wells and to determine each process's treatment capital and operational costs per acre-foot. In order to accomplish this goal, the pilot units were operated at the City's Gedge well, Hill well, and Maynard well. Sampling and testing of feed water, brine, and treated water were done to gather data that could be analyzed to determine the effectiveness of each process. Samples were tested for TDS, pH, turbidity, and conductivity. Target constituents were monitored, as well, and included total silica, reactive silica, sulfate, arsenic, iron, total organic carbon (TOC), hardness, and alkalinity. The pilot project was performed to provide a baseline evaluation that would serve the City in planning its future water supply and treatment goals.

3. Pilot Equipment Description

3.1 Reverse Osmosis Pilot

The main components of the RO pilot unit were the 4-inch, spiral-wound membranes. The membranes were manufactured by Dow. The pilot unit required 18 Dow/Filmtec BW30LE-4040 membranes. The pilot was configured in four stages, arranged in a 2 by 2 by 1 by 1 array of three membrane elements each. The pilot was constructed on two moveable skids. The primary skid consisted of the high-pressure booster feed pump, the RO elements, the pilot programmable logic controller and control panel, sampling ports, and instrumentation. The other skid held the permeate storage tank, feed pump, and two feed valves.

Figure 3-1. RO pilot skid.

The RO pilot was covered with a temporary cover to protect polyvinyl chloride (PVC) components from excessive sunlight and electrical components from precipitation. The pilot required a 480-volt, 30-amperes, three-phase power connection and had a footprint of 16 feet by 10 feet.

The Dow BW30LE-4040 RO membrane element is designed for treating brackish water in light industrial applications. The BW30LE-4040 is 4 inches in diameter and 40 inches long; has an active membrane area of 82 square feet; a permeate flow rate of 2,300 gallons per day (gpd) at 150 pounds per square inch (psi) applied pressure; and a stabilized salt rejection of 99.0 percent based on standard test ratings. The membrane is made from a polyamide thin-film composite material. It is rated for a maximum operating temperature of 113 degrees Fahrenheit (°F); a maximum operating pressure of 600 psi; a maximum pressure drop of 15 psi per element; a pH range between 2 and 11; a maximum feed silt density index (SDI) of 5; and a free chlorine tolerance less than 0.1 part per million (ppm).

Figure 3-2. Prefilters and feed pump.

Feed water for the RO pilot is pressurized by a feed pump before it is sent through two 20-inch-high, 5-micron cartridge filters. The feed pump has a 2-horsepower motor and delivered feed water at an average pressure between 70 and 80 psi to the prefilters. The feed pump was installed adjacent to a permeate collection tank from which permeate water could be pumped through the RO membranes for cleaning. The process change was accomplished using two air-actuated valves.

The prefilters consisted of two 20-inch-high, 5-micron disposable cartridges installed in parallel in the feed water piping. Following the prefilters, the feed water pressure is boosted by a multistage, centrifugal, high-pressure pump. The high-pressure pump has a 7.5-horsepower motor and was used to boost the feed pressure to a value ranging between 150 and 180 psi.

Figure 3-3. Chemical injection system.

A chemical injection system for anti-scalant was provided with the pilot. It consisted of a small high-density polyethylene tank with a level sensor and a diaphragm metering pump. The RO membrane elements are protected by a hard shell exterior that is designed to withstand higher pressure drops, which are experienced in multiple element configurations.

The feed water flows through the membranes as a result of the pressure difference created between the feed water and product water. The product side of the membrane is near atmospheric pressure. The remaining feed water continues through the pressurized side of the RO element. The feed water is now called concentrate because it contains a higher concentration of constituents. The major

energy requirement is for the initial pressurization of the feed water. As the product water passes through the membrane, the remaining feed water and brine solution becomes more and more concentrated. To reduce the concentration of dissolved salts remaining, a portion of this concentrated feed water-brine solution is withdrawn from the container. Without this discharge, the concentration of dissolved salts in the feed water would continue to increase, requiring everincreasing energy inputs to overcome the naturally increased osmotic pressure.

Figure 3-4. RO membrane element.

Figure 3-5. RO flow diagram.

3.2 Electrodialysis Reversal Pilot

The EDR pilot was an Aquamite V-M manufactured by Ionics, Inc. The pilot unit is considered to be a four-stage EDR stack. The membrane stack has two electrical stages, and each electrical stage contains two hydraulic stages. The cell pair orientation in the pilot membrane stack is 90/60//90/60. The pilot membrane sheets are 18 inches by 40 inches each and are paired in sets consisting of one cation selective membrane and one anion selective membrane. The first-stage hydraulic stage contained 90 cell pairs, the second stage contained 60 cell pairs, and so on. This staging is diagrammed in figure 3-12, which appears later in this report.

Figure 3-6. EDR membrane stack.

This unit was selected by GE because of its ability to closely duplicate the performance of a full-sized EDR 2020 system, in terms of product water quality and the concentrated level of brine, which recirculates within the EDR system. The ED membranes provided in the unit were not new. GE estimated their age at 15 years.

The process of EDR is very similar to electrodialysis (ED) in that it utilizes electrical current as the main driving force in separating matter. The charged particles must be mobile, and the separation media must be able to transfer the electrical current with relatively low resistance; as such, water is a good medium for ED. Where ED draws the ions to the anodes and cathodes by separating them, EDR adds ion selective membranes to prevent migrating cations and anions from reaching the electrodes. The semipermeable barriers are commonly known as ion-exchange, ion-selective, or EDR membranes. In order to allow water to flow between the ion-selective membranes, they are assembled with spacers between them that help direct the waterflow and create turbulence.

Like other membrane processes, one problem in water desalination with the ED process is that the membranes and other active surfaces tend to become "fouled" or "scaled" over time by organic and inorganic substances present in the water. The fouling is removed by chemical soaks and flushing. EDR was developed to extend the time between chemical cleans on ED membranes. By reversing the electrical current and exchanging the fresh product water and the concentrate wastewater streams within the membrane stack several times per hour, fouling and scaling constituents that build up on the membrane surface in one cycle are removed in the next reversing cycle. This is the main difference between ED and EDR. The efficiency of the EDR process depends largely on the direct current voltage levels in the stacks. It is important to note that the two electrodes in a stack are kept separated from the processed solutions.

The EDR pilot unit arrived in a trailerized configuration, which made transportation easy but proved to be difficult to work in when repairs to the pilot had to be made. The trailer was approximately 8 feet wide by 12 feet tall by 24 feet long. The trailer required a 480-volt, 50-amperes, three-phase power

Figure 3-7. EDR pilot unit trailer.

connection to power the internal pumps, electric actuated valves, electronic controller, and EDR rectifier. The flow diagram for the pilot unit, as supplied by GE, shows how the water is routed through the EDR stack.

The pilot unit is designed to boost feed water with a 2-horsepower motor and 15-gallon-per-minute (gpm) pump. The motor requires 480-volt, three-phase electricity. The trailer is equipped with a feed water pump, so it can utilize water from an open top reservoir, at atmospheric pressure, and pressurize the water in order to push it through a 10-micron, disposable cartridge prefilter. The feed pump was not needed in this test because the water pressure provided by the well pumps was more than adequate to accomplish this. However, the controller logic in the pilot unit could not reasonably be changed to delete the pump from the control circuit, so the feed pump boosted the feed pressure, again, to a pressure greater than required by the pilot unit. To compensate for this additional

pressure, GE installed a manual pressure-reducing valve downstream of the feed pump and prior to the 10-micron filter.

Figure 3-8. EDR flow diagram.

The target feed flow rate was 14 gpm. Actual feed water flows varied from 11 to 18 gpm during the piloting. New cartridge filters were installed at the beginning of the pilot testing and were not replaced during pilot operations. Inlet pressures to the prefilter ranged from 62 to 75 psi. The prefilter cartridge holder was large enough to stack two cartridges on top of each other, effectively providing for parallel flow of the feed water through them.

Figure 3-9. Prefilter.

Feed water was divided into several streams before entering the EDR stack. These streams are the main stack feed, electrode feed, and concentrate make-up water. The main stack feed was controlled by monitoring the dilute (or product flow) from the EDR unit with a rotameter and an electronic flowmeter. Theoretically, under steady state conditions, these flows would be the same; however, in practice, the EDR membrane stack continually leaked a small amount of water. The amount of leaked water was not measured during the pilot study but, by observation, appeared to be less than 1 percent of the feed flow. A dilute flow rate of 12.5 gpm was the goal for the pilot.

Electrode feed was measured using two rotameters: one for the top and bottom electrodes in the stack, and one for the center electrodes. Electrode target flows of 1 gpm each were desired during the pilot. The target concentrate make-up flow rate was 0.6 gpm.

Waterflows to the electrodes are not continuous during operation. The flows alternate between the sets of electrodes. The top and bottom electrodes have flow around them during the negative electrode polarity phase, and the middle electrodes have flow around them during the positive electrode polarity phase.

Figure 3-10. EDR rotameters.

During polarity phase changes, which occurred every 15 minutes of pilot operation, the electrode flows both fell to zero while the cycling actuated valves

Figure 3-11. Electrode feed rotameters.

changed position.

Feed water routed through the EDR membrane stack passes through the cell pairs in various stages. Understanding the internal stages to the pilot unit can be difficult; therefore, figure 3-12 illustrates the various hydraulic and electrical stages. A full-scale 2020 EDR membrane stack does not share electrical stages with hydraulic stages the way the pilot unit does. Because of this, a full-scale EDR plant is expected to achieve slightly better ion separation than the pilot unit. Dilute (permeate)

water from each hydraulic stage flows onto the next stage, where the flow divides and passes through the next stage's cell pairs. Concentrate, also referred to as brine, is drawn off from each hydraulic stage. The majority of the concentrate is sent to waste, and a small stream is pumped back to the start of the EDR stack and recycled.

When viewing the EDR stack, it is easy to see the two electrical stages as they are separated by the plates forming the middle electrodes. The hydraulic stages in the pilot cannot be visually seen from viewing the exterior of the EDR stack. Understanding the hydraulic stages in the EDR stack is made easier by illustrating them in a simplified sketch of the stack (figure 3-12). The collected water from the stack is often referred to as dilute because it has a lower concentration of ions present than the stack feed water. The dilute is collected and sent on as product water or off-spec product. During an electrical current reversal of the electrodes, dilute water and concentrate streams exchange within the membrane stack. This cycling helps remove fouling and scaling constituents that build up on the membrane surfaces. The stack of ion-selective membranes is clamped together in a manner to squeeze them one on top of the other. This assembled configuration helps minimize the leakage of water from the spacers and membranes. The stack is protected with plastic sides that can be easily removed for access and maintenance. The plastic shields protect operators from inadvertently touching the electrodes and getting shocked. The electrode voltage during the pilot operation ranged between 48 and 56 volts direct current. Amperage in the electrodes varied from 1.2 amperes to 6.6 amperes.

Figure 3-12. EDR stages.

The bottom of the stack has a tray that collects water that seeps from the stack. The water that seeps from the stack is sent to waste. We noted during the pilot testing that the drain line on the tray tended to clog rather easily. We attribute this to the high concentration of TDS in the feed water and the likelihood that the water coming off of the stack was a combination of dilute and concentrate, effectively providing a small stream with hardness equal to the feed water.

To ensure that feed water is not contaminated within the stack, the pilot piping is configured to maintain a higher pressure on the dilute streams compared to the brine streams. The pilot accomplishes this using PVC pipe mounted to the outside of the trailer. The dilute stream is pushed through a higher standpipe relative to the other streams before it gravity flows away from the unit.

Figure 3-13. EDR unit.

Figure 3-14. EDR stack.

The EDR pilot produces several streams, all of which must be properly managed to maintain proper operation. These streams include product water, off-spec product, concentrate recycle, brine-blowdown, and electrode waste. Management of these streams is mainly accomplished by monitoring multiple pressure gauges mounted on the pilot and by varying manual flow control valves. The process is tedious and somewhat difficult. We found that even after the 3 days of initial training and three subsequent followup visits by GE personnel, operation of the EDR pilot improved but was not perfect. GE informs us that a new full-scale

plant would be equipped with automated equipment to control each series of EDR membrane stacks and that these improvements simplify the operation of the technology.

The top two gauges provided the feed water pressure before and after the prefilter cartridge. The middle left gauge indicated the feed water pressure after the feed pump. Note that due to the

Figure 3-16. EDR gauges.

Figure 3-15. EDR piping.

circumstance with the water system pressure from the wells, a pressure reducing valve was installed between the feed pump and the prefilter cartridge to reduce pressure. The middle right gauge indicated the water pressure at the EDR stack inlet and outlet. The lower left gauge indicated the water pressure going to the electrodes, and the lower right gauge indicated the stack inlet differential pressure and the stack outlet differential pressure.

The stack inlet differential pressure is a measurement between the raw feed water entering the stack and the brine concentrate. The stack outlet differential pressure is measured between the product (dilute) water and the brine concentrate stream.

4. Feed Water Quality

The analysis of the feed water quality for the pilot testing was critical in order to determine the effectiveness of each method in treating the source water from Riverton City's wells. Several constituents were tested including TDS, pH, turbidity, and conductivity. Target constituents such as total silica, reactive silica, sulfate, arsenic, iron, TOC, hardness, and alkalinity were monitored as well. Critical water quality parameters for the RO process include silica, water temperature, and TDS. Critical water quality parameters for the EDR process include water hardness, water temperature, and TDS.

4.1 Silt Density Index

The fouling potential of suspended solids in the feed water was measured by performing a SDI test. A sample line was run from a tap on the feed water piping to a SDI test kit, which was used to analyze the feed water. The unit included a ball valve, pressure regulator (set to 30 psi), pressure gauge, filter disk holder, and filter papers. A standard SDI test estimates the decay (plugging) flow rate of colloidal particles through a 47-millimeter-diameter, 0.45-micrometer pore size membrane and is used to assess the suitability of membrane processes like EDR and RO. The rate of plugging is converted to an SDI value and used as a guide for determining pretreatment/prefiltration requirements. SDI values of less than five do not require prefiltration according to the manufacturers of RO and EDR membranes. SDI values were measured upstream of the prefilter cartridges and for each of the wells. The results are:

Gedge well = 2.0, Hill well = 0.5, Maynard well = 0.1

The formula used to determine the SDI value is:

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SDI = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{t_i}{t_f}\right) \times 100}{T}
$$

The well water, as expected, measured very low SDI. The Gedge well had the highest SDI, which was consistent with the observations made on the replaced prefilter cartridges. While it was relatively little in volume, the Gedge well did produce the largest amount of sand of the three wells.

4.2 Turbidity

Turbidity refers to how clear the water is. The greater the amount of total suspended solids in the water, the murkier it appears and the higher the measured turbidity will be. High concentrations of particulate matter can modify light penetration, as particles of silt, clay, and other materials stay dispersed in the

water. Fine particulate material, if not removed by pretreatment, can also clog or damage sensitive membranes and potentially interfere with membrane removal efficiencies. Very high levels of turbidity for a short period of time may not be significant and may even be less of a problem than a lower level that persists longer.

The well water from all three wells measured relatively low. The results for each of the wells are:

Note: NTU = nephelometric turbidity units.

4.3 Water Temperature

As expected, the temperature of the water from the wells remained fairly constant during the duration of the test. It was anticipated that all of the ground water would be very close in temperature given the proximity of the wells to one another. The actual average feed water temperature from each well to the pilot units was:

4.4 pH of Water

The ground water sources evaluated in the pilot project had a stable pH reading very near neutral. The pH of pure water, when exposed to the atmosphere, can be lowered by the absorption of carbon dioxide from a pH of 7 to as low as 5.7. The pH of water also lowers as temperature increases. Most substances have a pH between 0 and 14; because of this, the pH scale is said to range from 0 to 14. Values below 7 are considered acidic, and values above 7 are basic. Drinking water should have a pH between 6.5 and 8.5.

4.5 Total Organic Carbon

Total organic carbon is a measurement of the degree of organic contamination within the water. The main sources of TOC are natural organic substances, insecticides, herbicides, and other agricultural chemicals. Riverton City's wells are protected from contamination by their Drinking Water Source Protection Plan. Implementation of this plan does not guarantee the wells will not be contaminated, but it is the best management practice available to the City. Laboratory measurements of the TOC from each of the studied wells are provided below. The minimum regulated level for surface waters (or ground water under the direct influence of surface water) that use conventional filtration is greater than 2.0 mg/L. Only the Maynard well exhibited TOC levels above this value, but there is no evidence to suggest that the Maynard well is (or has been) under the direct influence of surface water. In addition, the wells are not chlorinated; therefore, the interaction of disinfectants with TOC does not occur. For these reasons, the permeate water from each pilot was not tested.

4.6 Total Dissolved Solids

Dissolved solids can be organic or inorganic in nature. Inorganic constituents are the most common dissolved solids in water, and they typically exist as ions in solution. The most common of these ions are calcium, magnesium, sodium, iron, manganese, bicarbonate, chloride, sulfate, nitrate, and carbonate. These electrically charged dissolved particles make ordinary natural water a good conductor of electricity. It is a common practice to measure the conductivity of water to use as an indicator of TDS concentration. The TDS concentration can be related to the conductivity of the water, but the empirical relationship is not a constant. The relationship between TDS and conductivity is a function of the type and nature of the dissolved cations and anions in the water and possible the nature

of any suspended materials. The TDS in ppm (mg/L) usually range from 0.5 to 1.0 times the electrical conductivity (EC) in microsiemens per centimeter $(\mu S/cm)$.

The concentration of the dissolved ions may cause the water to be corrosive, have a salty or brackish taste, tend to deposit scale formations, and interfere and decrease efficiency of hot water heaters. Also, high TDS levels can be a warning for elevated concentrations of health related ions such as nitrate, arsenic, aluminum, copper, lead, etc. For these reasons, the EPA has set a secondary standard of 500 mg/L for drinking water. However, many communities in the United States tolerate levels as high as 1,200 mg/L.

The average TDS concentrations of the well source waters, as measured during the pilot test period from laboratory samples, are:

4.7 Conductivity

Electrical conductivity estimates the amount of TDS (salts) or the total amount of dissolved ions in the water. Absolute pure water with no ions will not conduct an electrical current. EC increases with increasing water temperature and is commonly corrected to a standard value of 25 degrees Celsius (°C). At this standard temperature, the values are referred to as specific EC. The geology of the surrounding rocks contributes to the chemistry composition of the water, and this can have an influence on the conductivity of the water. For example, limestone leads to higher EC because of the dissolution of carbonate minerals in the water. The size of the contributing watershed can also influence the conductivity of water. For example, a bigger watershed surface area means relatively more water draining into the lake and more contact with soil and rocks before reaching the collection basin. This can allow more time for dissolving ions into the water. Other sources, mainly pollutants from wastewater, urban runoff, and pesticides can also affect conductivity. For these reasons, a consistent and direct relationship between TDS and conductivity cannot be established for all cases. However, for small studies, an average empirical relationship is often used to identify "normal" conditions and for monitoring because conductivity can easily be measured in the field, whereas measuring TDS is a more timeconsuming activity and is most often done in a laboratory setting.

The average conductivity measurements of the well source waters, as measured in the field with a handheld instrument during the pilot test period, are:

The correlating empirical relationship for each well is as follows, where TDS is in mg/L and EC is in µS/cm:

4.8 Arsenic

The EPA lowered the maximum contaminant level for arsenic from 50 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb in January 2006. The potential health effects from exposure to elevated levels of arsenic can be skin damage, circulatory system complications, and increased risk of cancer. A common source of arsenic contamination in drinking water is erosion of natural deposits in geological formations. Industrial sources of arsenic include runoff from mining activities and electronic production waste. Waters that have a high natural concentration of fluoride can contribute to higher levels of arsenic because of fluoride's affinity for the element. The average arsenic concentrations in the well water are:

4.9 Sulfate

Sulfate, like TDS, is not regulated by the EPA under national primary drinking water standards. However, sulfates degrade the taste of drinking water, similar to TDS, and EPA recommends a secondary standard of 250 mg/L. In combination with calcium, barium, or strontium, sulfate can be a cause of scaling in RO membranes. The average concentrations of sulfate in the wells are:

4.10 Alkalinity

Naturally occurring alkalinity is a natural buffer in water that will react with small doses of strong acids to produce relatively small changes in pH. Alkalinity is comprised primarily of carbon dioxide, bicarbonate, carbonate, and hydroxides. Carbon dioxide and bicarbonate are in a balance between the pH range of 4.4 and 8.2. At a pH of 4.4 or lower, all alkalinity is in the form of carbon dioxide. At a pH of 8.2, there is negligible carbon dioxide and all alkalinity is bicarbonate. Bicarbonate and carbonate are in balance between the pH range of 8.2 and 9.6. At a pH of 9.6, there is no carbon dioxide or bicarbonate and all alkalinity is carbonate. As the pH increases above 9.6, hydroxyl alkalinity starts to occur due to the presence of hydroxide ions.

Alkalinity is commonly reported in CaCO₃ equivalents. Levels of 20 to 200 mg/L are typical of fresh water. A total alkalinity level between 100 and 200 mg/L is considered well buffered. Levels below 10 mg/L indicate that the water is poorly buffered and is very susceptible to changes in pH from natural or human-caused sources.

The alkalinity levels in the three wells are:

4.11 Water Hardness

The hardness of water is defined as the sum of polyvalent cations dissolved in the water. The most common cations are calcium and magnesium, although iron, strontium, and manganese may contribute. Hardness is usually reported as an equivalent quantity of $CaCO₃$. The calculation for hardness, is in milli-equivalents per liter CaCO₃ = ([Ca, mg/L]*2.497) + ([Mg, mg/L]*4.116. The following classification for hardness is used in the water industry.

The well water tested is all very hard. Magnesium is highly soluble and usually represents a third or less of the total hardness and is usually not a contributor to scaling on membranes. Calcium, on the other hand, can be a large contributor to scaling. The hardness levels in each of the three wells are:

4.12 Total Silica and Reactive Silica

Total silica refers to the total concentration of silica without identifying the silica compounds. Total silica content of water is composed of reactive silica and unreactive silica. Reactive silica $(SiO₄)$ is dissolved silica that is slightly ionized and has not been polymerized into a long chain. Unreactive silica is polymerized, colloidal, or suspended silica (e.g., sand). High levels of suspended silica are not recommended for membranes; hence, the SDI limit of five for RO and EDR. In the colloidal form, silica can be removed by modern RO membranes, but it can cause fouling of the RO membrane. Silica passes through the EDR process, essentially unaffected.

The relative insolubility of silica can cause ill effects on RO membranes as the feed water becomes more concentrated. At a pH of 7, the solubility of silica is 120 mg/L at 77 ˚F. Multistage RO units, which concentrate the feed water, can reach this limit and cause precipitation of silica, thereby clogging the membrane. An example is a feed water having a silica concentration of 30 mg/L in an RO system trying to achieve a 75-percent recovery.

Reactive silica can be removed within an ion-exchange softening process. Silica can be removed easier in such a pretreatment process if a large percentage of it is reactive silica, thus preventing silica fouling of the RO membrane.

The silica concentrations in the three Riverton City wells are as follows:

5. Pilot Operation

One of the implied goals of the pilot testing project was to acquire 2,000 hours of operational performance from each technology. That is the reason for choosing a 12-week study period. If the pilots ran continuously, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week for this period, they would have logged 2,016 hours each. Realistically, we expected to achieve a result somewhat less than this for the following reasons:

- 1. The 12-week study period was the maximum study duration due to budget restraints.
- 2. The 12 weeks included a small number of days for setup, training, and relocating of the pilot equipment from one well location to the next for the three studied wells.
- 3. Some minor "hiccups" in operating the pilots were expected.

5.1 Study Period

The pilot equipment was set up on August 31, 2005, and began operation on the same day under the supervision of the vendors. Training of the Riverton City personnel began on the same day and ensued for the next 3 days. The vendors shared the available training time each day, with each vendor providing 4 hours of training each day. During the remaining hours in the day, the vendor pilot technicians fine-tuned the operation of the pilots and prepared training lessons for the City operators.

The last day of pilot operation was December 7, 2005. The pilots were in operation for a gross period of 14 weeks (98 days). The additional 2 weeks of rental were provided by the vendors on gratis. The following table provides a detailed breakdown of the pilot operations at each well.

5.2 EDR Operation

As can be seen from the data in the previous table, the EDR pilot saw significant downtime while at the Gedge well and Hill well. The experience of trying to run the EDR pilot was unpleasant during the first 2 months of operation, when the EDR unit was operating at the Gedge and Hill wells. The Field Notebook outlines the problems experienced with the EDR pilot during this period of time, but it does not fill in all of the gaps. In general, the main problem in operating the EDR unit stemmed from not completely understanding how the pilot operated. This basic deficiency manifested itself as a failure of the concentrate recycle

pump. Multiple visits by GE technicians to clean and adjust the pilot, as well as to provide additional training, still did not compensate for the complexity of the pilot. The issue of complexity is one related to process piping, valving, and location of instrumentation. The overall concept of EDR was well understood.

Pilot		Gedge Well			Hill Well				Maynard Well				
	Start and finish dates	No. of days onsite	No. of days opera- tional	$%$ on- line	Start and finish dates	No. of days onsite	No. of days opera- tional	$%$ on- line	Start and finish dates		No. of days onsite	No. of days opera- tional	% on- line
EDR	08/31/05- 10/12/05	42	19	45%	$10/12/05 -$ 11/07/05	26	19	73%	11/07/05- 12/07/05		30	30	100%
RO.	08/31/05- 10/12/05	42	41	98%	10/12/05- 11/07/05	26	26	100%	11/07/05- 12/07/05		30	30	100%
		Gedge Well, Hill Well, and Maynard Well											
Pilot												Total estimated operating	

Table 5.1. Pilot Operations

The age and condition of the EDR pilot was the second cause of problems associated with operating the unit. Electrical shorts associated with the emergency stop button on the EDR pilot caused multiple shutdowns of the unit for no apparent reason. PVC piping within the pilot was aged and brittle. This caused a piping failure that required repair during the time the brine concentrate pump was malfunctioning. Also, we know that the GE technician worked on several motor operated valves on the pilot during field visits to correct their operation. The details of the maintenance work done on the EDR pilot equipment was not recorded by GE's technician and, hence, is not a part of this report. However, after the last site visit by the technician on October 28, 2005, the EDR pilot operated successfully for the remainder of the study.

It is not our intent to imply that the EDR process is inherently plagued with problems but, rather, to present the actual problems experienced with our particular EDR demo unit. In all fairness, the process of EDR has been proven in various other applications, and it should not be assumed that EDR equipment will demonstrate the difficulties we experienced. We caution the reader to be mindful of this and want to make it clear that the comments in this report are applicable only to this particular study.

Weather conditions changed during the course of the pilot study from warm 70 °F days in September to cold 32 °F days in late November and early December. Night-time temperatures dipped as low 22 °F. The trailerized enclosure of the EDR pilot equipment served as a shelter from rain and snow. Two small (1,500-watt) electric resistance heaters were used inside the trailer to keep temperatures above freezing.

5.2.1 EDR Performance

Recorded measurements of field and laboratory results (where applicable) were evaluated to determine the percent rejection that the EDR equipment achieved. The analysis was done on the results for each individual well. The overall results were combined to provide a time-weighted average for the pilot study. The terms "rejection" and "reduction" are used synonymously in this report.

Table 5-2. EDR Rejection Rate

The results show that the EDR pilot could successfully reduce TDS in the well water by approximately two-thirds of initial values. The removal of alkalinity tracked very closely with that of TDS, which, given the pH of our feed water, indicates that the majority of alkalinity in the well water is due to bicarbonates. The unit performed exceptionally well at reducing water hardness. This shows EDR is capable of high rejection rates of calcium and magnesium (the main contributors of hardness in the City's wells). Sulfate removal was the highest of the measured parameters, and all of the treated well water achieved greater than 95-percent rejection. Arsenic, while low in initial concentrations, still exhibited very significant rejection by the EDR, with an average reduction of 85 percent. As expected, the EDR unit showed little to no effect on silica concentrations in the water. Therefore, the presence of silica in water has little to no effect on the fouling of EDR membranes and seemingly passes through without effect to the membranes or equipment.

5.2.2 EDR Projections vs. Actual Results

The accuracy of the computer-generated models used in the EDR industry, compared to actual performance in the field, is of important interest to the City. City officials must consider the impacts that water recovery rates and treatment efficiency may have on planning budgets. If it can be shown that projections are indeed accurate with real-life results, the planners can have a high level of confidence that planned improvements will accomplish their desired goals. GE ran a projection for the EDR pilot on the Gedge well prior to pilot startup. The projection was based upon water quality sample data taken from the well 2 years previously. That projection is presented hereafter and compared to actual results for specific parameters.

Table 5.3. EDR Model Projections

At the Gedge well, the largest deviation from the projection was found in the recovery percentage and concentrate TDS levels. The EDR pilot did not achieve the flow recovery anticipated or the concentration of dissolved solids in the brine stream. This variance is attributed to improper acid feed settings during operation at the well. Hydrochloric acid was fed into the feed water in order to acidify the water, so that scale-forming calcium and magnesium ions would remain in solution as the water flowed through the EDR process. Our pilot protocol did not establish a feed water pH target level. Rather, we relied on GE to provide guidance on establishing the acid feed rate for the study. In retrospect, the feed water should have been conditioned to provide a pH of 6 or less, as this likely would have helped prevent the disruptive scaling experienced early on in the study.

The City operator responsible for the pilot experienced numerous occasions where instrumentation settings could not be achieved on the pilot, specifically stack

differential pressures. Whatever the cause of this was, it is attributed to the condition of the EDR unit, as evidenced by the repair work performed each time GE's field technician visited the pilot operation and to training provided by GE.

By the end of the pilot operation, the overall recovery percentage of the EDR unit was 73 percent. Recovery percentages gradually increased over time and at each of the well sites. Adjustments to the EDR pilot by GE seemed to be the biggest factor in improving recovery. The individual recovery at each well was: Gedge well = 61 percent, Hill well = 78 percent, and Maynard well = 79 percent.

Optimizing recovery to try and achieve an 85-percent recovery rate (as indicated possible by GE prior to the beginning of the pilot operation) was not a focus during the pilot operation. GE recommended the pilot be run at a conservative recovery rate to demonstrate the technology and insisted that a full-scale EDR plant would be a more efficient plant, both in terms of recovery and effectiveness. On several occasions, Riverton City informed GE that the EDR pilot needed to stay in operation during the demonstration or, if it could not, that the equipment was to be removed. Thus, GE focused on having the unit online as opposed to trying to push its capabilities for fear of an offline condition occurring.

5.3 RO Operation

The experience of operating the RO pilot equipment evokes the thought "simple and reliable," as problems were few and not difficult to solve. Initially, some of the instrumentation on the RO pilot appeared to be recording data incorrectly. Specifically, the data logger was recording oscillating amperage readings on the booster pump and lower than actual concentrate flows. These items were corrected while at the Gedge well and did not significantly impact operation of the unit.

A second small problem we experienced operating the pilot was that the antiscalant solution tank formed a mucous-looking substance in it, which affected the operation of the level sensor in the tank. The mucous-looking substance was formed by sunlight exposure and caused the level sensor to send a false signal that the chemical tank was empty, which, in turn, triggered the programmable logic controller to shut down the RO unit. This was solved by draining the chemical tank, rinsing it with water, and cleaning the level sensor. To avoid the problem in the future, Goldeneye Solutions instructed us to add sodium benzoate to the antiscalant solution at a concentration of 2 tablespoons per 16 gallons.

The RO unit was mounted on mobile skids with casters and did not have a weather enclosure. Although we erected a patio-type tarp cover over it to protect it from sunlight and precipitation, the weather caused a metering pump

(diaphragm style) to malfunction during the pilot operation. It was determined that rain damaged the pump controls. This caused the unit to be inoperable for 1 day. The condition was fixed temporarily with a spare pump and permanently when Goldeneye Solutions provided a replacement pump a few days later. After the initial failure, the metering pump was protected from precipitation by placing a small plastic bag over it.

During the colder months of November and December, the RO pilot equipment was wrapped with a tarp and kept above freezing temperature with two portable

propane heaters (15,000 British thermal units [BTU] and 25,000 BTU, respectively). Freezing of the unit did not occur, except at the sample port, where SDI measurements were being made.

The main breaker in the RO power center tripped on two separate occasions, which necessitated a restart of the unit on each occasion. However, the downtime was relatively

Figure 5-1. RO Pilot Tarp Enclosure.

insignificant and did not promulgate any other conditions or problems with the RO equipment. Keeping the equipment from freezing was the main concern for the City's operator responsible for monitoring the RO pilot. The other aspects of running the RO equipment required very little attention or adjustment.

5.3.1 RO Performance

The overall performance of the RO unit was evaluated by using recorded measurements from field and laboratory sample testing. The results were combined into rejection averages. For comparison, the results are presented alongside those of the EDR.

Table 5-4. RO Versus EDR Comparison

Rejection by the RO membranes was greater than the EDR ion-selective membranes. The RO membrane represents a physical barrier through which water is forced, removing constituents that are too large to pass through the membrane. This approach of removing impurities in water appears to be a more effective method than the EDR process of drawing ions out of the feed water stream.

The implications of this include potential benefits; most notably, the ability to treat a smaller side stream to produce the desired blended water quality and the reduction in energy costs associated with treating the smaller stream. However, the RO membranes are subjected to greater concentrations of constituents in the brine stream, which can lead to back-side fouling and scaling. RO also effectively eliminates alkalinity in the treated water, thus removing any natural buffering capacity against strong acids, and lowers its pH to undesirable levels.

5.3.2 RO Projections vs. Actual Results

The accuracy of the computer projection for the RO pilot was more accurate than that for the EDR. Specifically, the recovery projection of 75 percent was almost achieved, as the pilot's actual recovery rate was 74 percent. The recovery of the RO pilot could be improved by adjusting the outlet pressure control valve. The valve position was not changed during the pilot test. The projection provided by the RO vendor did not include a forecast for conductivity. The largest deviation in the projection was that for TDS. The projection included a higher than actual TDS concentration, which correlated to a higher calculated concentration of TDS in the brine than what was actually achieved. This deviation was increased by a higher residual TDS in the product water than forecasted.

Table 5-5. RO Model Projections

6.0 Quality Control of Data

One of the keys to successfully completing the pilot project was reviewing the collected data for errors in accuracy and analyzing it for precision and confidence. The goal was to achieve a high level of quality assurance by following procedures adapted from the National Science Foundation/Environmental Protection Agency Equipment Testing Verification (ETV) protocol.

Data was recorded by Riverton City personnel in most cases, and reviewed by supervising personnel from Epic. This procedure was developed to identify inaccuracies in data recording and to reduce human-induced errors in the dataset. Field measurements of conductivity and pH were taken with a Myron L handheld meter that was calibrated on a weekly basis using reagent solutions provided by the manufacturer. Electronic flowmeter measurements were checked against flow rotameters for noticeable deviations in each pilot. The vendors did not provide current calibrations on the pilot instrumentation; however, we feel that the devices provided a reasonable degree of accuracy.

6.1 Precision and Confidence Intervals

The degree of mutual agreement among individual measurements provides an estimate of random error and is referred to as precision. This report analyzes the precision of the recorded data from the pilot operation by calculating the standard deviation, coefficient of variance, and 95-percent confidence interval for nine different parameters on the feed water and treated water from each pilot. For a normally distributed set of data, 68 percent of the values will be within one standard deviation of the mean, 95 percent will be within two standard deviations, and 99.7 percent will be within three. The coefficient of variance is the ratio of the standard deviation to the mean and is a dimensionless number that can be used to compare the amount of variance between data sets with different means. The coefficient of variance is expressed as a percentage. A low percentage indicates a close distribution of data, and a high percentage indicates a spread data set.

6.1.1 Feed Water Quality

Seven of the nine parameters at both the Gedge and Maynard wells were found to have a 95-percent confidence interval within one standard deviation. The Hill well feed water exhibited the most variation in water quality data. This data variation is illustrated in the water quality charts derived from the Hill dataset. During the pilot test, it was determined that the fluctuations in water quality were a direct result of two conditions acting together.

The Hill well pump station incorporates a metering connection between Riverton City and Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District (District) that meters water the City purchases from the District. The water purchased from the District mixes immediately with water pumped from the Hill well. When the Hill well pump is operating, well water displaces water from the District at the point of connection to the RO and EDR pilots. After the well shuts off, water purchased from the District begins to fill the pump station piping as the pilots continue to draw water from the system. The water quality from the District is significantly different from the underground water from the well. The most noticeable difference is in TDS concentration. The District water has an approximate TDS concentration of 250 mg/L.

	Gedge Well				95% Confidence Interval			
Feed Water Quality	Average	\mathbf{s}	CV	No. of samples	Student's $t_{0.05}$	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Units
TDS	857.3	34.2	4%	38	1.686	847.9	866.7	mg/L
Conductivity	1,292	22	2%	69,178	1.6448	1,292	1292	umhos/cm
Hardness	471	25	5%	$\overline{7}$	1.943	453	490	mg/L
Alkalinity	298	3	1%	$\overline{7}$	1.943	296	300	mg/L
Sulfate	141		1%	7	1.943	140	142	mg/L
Reactive silica	32	1	3%	$\overline{7}$	1.943	31	32	mg/L
Total silica	34	$\overline{2}$	7%	$\overline{7}$	1.943	32	35	mg/L
Arsenic	0.0044	0.0016	37%	7	1.943	0.0032	0.0055	mg/L
pH	7.3	0.17	2%	45	1.678	7.25	7.33	

Table 6-1. Statistical Analysis of Feed Water Quality Data

	Maynard Well				95% Confidence Interval			
Feed Water Quality	Average	\mathbf{s}	CV	No. of samples	Student's $t_{0.05}$	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Units
TDS	970.1	34.0	4%	42	1.68	961.3	978.9	mg/L
Conductivity	1,499	20	1%	54,965	1.6448	1,498	1,499	umhos/cm
Hardness	494	41	8%	10	1.833	470	517	mg/L
Alkalinity	368	3	1%	10	1.833	366	370	mg/L
Sulfate	159	4	3%	10	1.833	156	161	mg/L
Reactive silica	45	1	2%	10	1.833	44	45	mg/L
Total silica	47	$\overline{2}$	4%	10	1.833	46	48	mg/L
Arsenic	0.0074	0.0008	10%	10	1.833	0.0070	0.0078	mg/L
pH	7.5	0.08	1%	43	1.685	7.48	7.52	

Table 6-1. Statistical Analysis of Feed Water Quality Data (continued)

6.1.2 RO Product Quality

Statistically analyzing the RO product water reveals the flowthrough membrane's ability to significantly reduce the TDS, hardness, and alkalinity of the feed water. Permeate water from the RO pilot consistently had a TDS concentration between 5 and 34 mg/L. Hardness was virtually removed, with no readings above 1 mg/L as $CaCO₃$. Likewise, alkalinity was reduced to a level averaging 1 mg/L. The coefficient of variance for many of the parameters is high (greater than 50 percent) but the averages and standard deviations for each are relatively small compared to feed water conditions. We conclude from this that the RO membranes are highly effective at removing dissolved solids; however, a proper design needs to accommodate the lower band of expected performance.

The high variation in TDS in product water from the Hill well indicates water purchased from the District influenced the water quality samples. The treated water from the Hill site has a significantly lower average TDS than the other two locations.

	Gedge Well				95% Confidence Interval			
RO Product Water	Average	s	CV	No. of samples	Student's $t_{0.05}$	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Units
TDS	29.0	14.4	49%	27	1.706	24.3	33.7	mg/L
Conductivity	21.78	1.11	5%	43,680	1.6448	21.77	21.79	umhos/cm
Hardness	0.30	0.45	149%	5	2.132	0	0.73	mg/L
Alkalinity	0.80	0.84	105%	5	2.132	0	1.60	mg/L
Sulfate	0	0	0%	5	2.132	0	0.00	mg/L
Reactive silica	0.12	0.16	137%	5	2.132	0	0.28	mg/L

Table 6-2. Statistical Analysis of RO Product Water Quality

6.1.3 EDR Product Quality

The data collected from analyzing the EDR product water must be interpreted with care. The EDR process is a cycling process; when the pilot equipment switched electrode phases, its efficiency fluctuated by ramping down and up until a steady-state treatment was achieved again. Operators were instructed to take water quality samples and tests during the middle of the 15-minute cycle to ensure steady-state conditions. However, this proved to be more difficult in practice than anticipated. Some of the data results and samples may have been taken at a time when the EDR unit was producing "off-spec" product water. This report does not separate "off-spec" product data, if any was collected, as the procedures used in place did not adequately address the condition.

In general, the EDR unit produced treated water with significantly higher levels of TDS, conductivity, hardness, alkalinity, sulfate, silica, and arsenic when compared to RO treated water. Measured pH levels were also slightly higher. Likewise, the standard deviation for each monitored parameter was significantly greater when compared to the RO results.

Of particular interest is the result for TDS reduction at the Gedge well. Here it is well documented that the EDR unit was malfunctioning during much of the test period for the well. Nonetheless, the laboratory data for TDS indicated a lower average, standard deviation, and coefficient of variance. This data is misleading because it appears that the unit operated with a high degree of effectiveness at that site when, in fact, its water recovery was the lowest of the three test sites. Being unfamiliar with the intricacies of the EDR equipment, it is difficult to explain this condition. That is why we are emphasizing the need to look at the collected data side by side with the actual performance and operation. Only by considering all the information together can a complete picture be presented.

It is our opinion that the best operational data from the EDR pilot is that from the testing at the Hill and Maynard wells because it is taken during a time when the equipment was properly adjusted and ran consistently. The data from the Gedge well is considered noncharacteristic of EDR and should be weighted accordingly. Operation difficulties experienced early on with the EDR have skewed the data during that time, so any use of it for planning purposes should be done with caution.

	Gedge Well				95% Confidence Interval			
EDR Product Water	Average	s	CV	No. of samples	Student's $t_{0.05}$	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Units
TDS	225.5	51.7	23%	11	1.812	197.2	253.8	mg/L
Conductivity	358	124	34%	25,498	1.6448	357	360	mg/L
Hardness	63	62	98%	2	6.314	0	337	mg/L
Alkalinity	123	67	55%	2	6.314	0	422	mg/L
Sulfate	6	6	94%	2	6.314	Ω	31	mg/L
Reactive silica	32	0.2	1%	$\overline{2}$	6.314	30.6	32.5	mg/L
Total silica	34	3	9%	2	6.314	20	48	mg/L
Arsenic	0.0005	0.00071	141%	2	6.314	0	0.0037	mg/L
pH	6.9	2.13	31%	15	1.761	5.88	7.82	

Table 6-3 Statistical Analysis of EDR Product Water Quality

7.0 Concentrate Disposal

An issue that must be addressed in any RO or EDR project is the disposal of the concentrate. We offer some general comments in this report that outline Riverton City's perspective and our recommended management practices regarding concentrate disposal. First, it must be remembered that in the overall scheme, mass balance of constituents is achieved. Concentrating the TDS levels from the 900-mg/L range (927 mg/L was the feed water average) to near 3,300 mg/L (3,368 mg/L was calculated concentrate average) is a significant increase and should raise the question "what is to be done with this water?".

In the City's case, their existing pressure irrigation system is capable of accepting the concentrate and putting it to beneficial use. The main source of water for the City's pressure irrigation system is canal water from Utah Lake. This source has TDS levels that range between 300 and 4,000 mg/L, with an average TDS for a 1-year study period during the years 1990-91 of just over 1,200 mg/ $L¹$ If the City irrigation system did not utilize the concentrate water, another alternative for the City would be to discharge the brine stream into the Jordan River, which would convey it into the Great Salt Lake. The lake has a TDS concentration that varies between 100,000 mg/L and 240,000 mg/L, depending on the volume of the lake.

Concentrate disposal costs are not included in the cost estimates within this report.

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¹ (Utah Department of Environmental Quality, "Utah Lake," http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/ watersheds/lakes/UTAHLAKE.pdf).

8.0 Pilot Project Evaluation

The pilot project test protocol stated very specific goals for the study period. The purpose of these goals was to document the success, or lack of success, of each technology's ability to attain TDS reduction in the well water, and provide a basis for determining capital and operational costs related to implementing the technology on a production basis at one or more of the City's wells. While many of the goals were achieved, not all were. The largest influencing factors that affected our ability to accomplish the goals are:

- 1. Multiple occasions of failure and shutdown of the EDR demonstration unit. Managing the problems associated with the EDR equipment taxed personnel resources on this project by requiring their time and effort to try and keep the unit running. We soon found ourselves without time to adjust and monitor variables that we would like to have done.
- 2. A change in the experimental plan from testing one well site to testing three. Initially, the protocol was intended for one well; however, it was decided to test three individual wells because of the differences in water quality, specifically TDS and silica concentration. Moving the pilots from well to well required time and personnel that otherwise could have spent time monitoring the impacts of desired adjustments in the protocol.
- 3. Lack of vendor support on the EDR. We found the customer service and technical support from GE lacking during the pilot study. Specifically, when we asked GE for recommendations for adjusting electrode voltage we were informed that they would not vary the pilot electrode voltage because it was already at the optimal setting.
- 4. Bare rental of the pilot equipment. The decision to lease the equipment bare and operate it was made early on in the project schedule. Hindsight has provided us with the knowledge that monitoring and adjusting the pilots to accomplish all the goals written in the experimental plan required more personnel time than was budgeted in the project. Also, our lack of operating experience caused us to spend more time troubleshooting the pilots than an experienced technician would require.

8.1 Test Objectives

Test objectives were divided into two categories: primary and secondary. There were 2 primary objectives and 16 secondary objectives.

8.1.1 Primary Objectives and Conclusions

1. Evaluate the performance of each technology at reducing naturally occurring TDS in the source ground water to desired target levels.

Overall, the pilot test accomplished this goal, as can be seen in the observed data. Actual blending was originally intended at the time of writing of the pilot protocol. However, we soon realized that the results for TDS in blended samples would not be known for some time if they were collected and sent to the lab, so we removed actual blending from the test. Instead, we recognized that calculated values, based on pilot data, could easily predict the required target blending ratios. The target level was selected as 500 mg/L TDS based upon the EPA's secondary drinking water standard. In order to achieve a blended ratio of 500, 65 percent of all the City's well water would have to be treated with RO and 87 percent with EDR. RO has the advantage of having to treat less water than EDR to achieve the same blended water TDS levels.

2. Determine the treatment capital and operational costs per acre-foot for each technology.

Costs estimates were developed based upon the observed data from the pilot operation. Both vendors reviewed the data and participated in the development of the cost estimates. For a central water treatment facility of 10.5-mgd capacity, it is estimated that a reverse osmosis plant could be constructed for \$7.9 million, plus distribution system improvements. Similarly, an EDR plant of the same capacity could be constructed for \$12.8 million. O&M costs are estimated at \$184 for RO and \$237 for EDR per acre-foot. These costs are based upon 2005 dollar estimates and do not include contingency. The recommended contingency is 20 percent, since the estimates are for budgeting purposes. These estimates are included in this report as appendix F.

The costs for the disposal of the brine stream are considered the same for the City's situation, regardless of whether RO or EDR was implemented. Therefore, we did not include them in the cost analysis.

8.1.2 Secondary Objectives

1. Conduct 12-week pilot operation to provide 2,000 hours of "on-line" time.

The RO equipment met the operational goal, operating an estimated 2,200 hours while the EDR was online an estimated 1,500 hours.

2. Determine the optimal number of stages and blending ratios to reduce TDS concentration levels to 700, 600, and 500 mg/L.

Both pilots used a four-stage membrane process. Fewer stages of treatment were not investigated. During the pilot study, concentrations of blended water above 500 mg/L were considered undesirable and, hence, no longer considered. Laboratory sampling and field measurements focused on the permeate water quality after the fourth stage of membrane processing. No data was collected from interstage locations for TDS. During the pilot study, it was realized that in order to accomplish this goal that the number of laboratory samples and operator time required to do so would increase dramatically and drive the project costs beyond the established city budget. The vendors provided calculated projections for one well (Gedge).

3. Take daily sampling of TDS of feed, brine, treated, and blended water.

Water samples for TDS were taken for the feed and treated water. It was determined that the brine and blended water could be calculated, so the costs of laboratory testing were avoided.

4. Take weekly sampling in accordance with the "Sampling Matrix" from the pilot test protocol.

The matrix was followed, except that brine and blended water were not sampled because they could be calculated using mass balance.

5. Determine the optimal flow recovery and TDS reduction for each well.

Flow recovery percentages were determined based upon pilot performance during the study. RO achieved a recovery of 74 percent, and EDR achieved an average of 73 percent, with some periods as high as 82 percent. RO reduced TDS by 98 percent, and EDR reduced TDS by 63 percent. The highest recovery percentages are the most desirable. The technologies were very close in this regard, but the latter performance of the EDR indicates it may be able to achieve higher recovery rates than RO.

6. Data log multiple instrument readings every 15 minutes.

Data logging of several items was accomplished on a 1-minute resolution. The higher resolution actually showed the difference between the cycling of the EDR and the steady operation of the RO. The following items were automatically logged by computer: current, feed water conductivity, product water conductivity, feed water flow rate, treated water flow rate, RO brine flow rate, RO feed pressure, and feed water pH.

The following items were logged once a day: EDR electrode voltage, feed water temperature, and brine pH.

The vendors required that specific data to each pilot be recorded on a daily basis beyond that shown in the pilot protocol. This was done and provided to the vendors at the completion of the study. Examples are antiscalant tank level, acid tank level, electrode flow, RO first stage flow, etc.

7. Compare actual flow recoveries to anticipated recoveries.

Neither pilot achieved actual recoveries higher than those anticipated. The RO achieved 99 percent of its anticipated recovery, and the EDR achieved 86 percent.

8. Monitor and record actual chemical usages for each process.

The vendors did not provide estimated quantities of chemical usage as requested. Actual usages were determined and compared against those commonly found in similar type applications. Actual consumption is as shown below:

The antiscalant was ATF-200 provided by Alpine Technical Services. The antiscalant solution was formed by mixing ATF-200 with well water at a ratio of 1:32. The acid solution used for the EDR was 31.45 percent muriatic acid (HCl) bought locally from a nearby hardware store. The dosage rate on the EDR was changed from 2 to 4 gpd to avoid scale deposits in the brine (concentrate) stream. The dosage change occurred on October 28, 2005, as directed by GE.

Actual expenses incurred by the City for chemicals were \$1.34 per day for antiscalant and \$8.95 per day for muriatic acid. The cost disparity for chemicals between the EDR and RO apparently diminishes for large-scale operations. Industry-provided figures for chemicals show EDR chemical consumption costs only 25 percent more than RO.

9. Evaluate the impact of high silica ground water on water recovery.

Silica showed no impact on the EDR process. The provided antiscalant dosage in the RO system proved to adequately prevent silica fouling of the RO membranes.

10. Evaluate membrane recovery after each clean in place.

The RO membranes that were tested were installed new, and a clean in place was not performed on them. No noticeable degradation of the membrane performance was observed. The EDR ion-selective membranes were in used condition. They did show signs of scaling while at the Gedge well; however, subsequent maintenance performed by GE technicians did remove the scaling. Following the scaling incident at the Gedge well, the EDR equipment continued to improve in performance.

11. Investigate energy input vs. effective TDS reduction.

This goal of the pilot project was not accomplished.

12. Determine the ideal configuration of EDR and RO systems to meet the TDS goals established.

The pilot equipment vendors both recommended four-stage membrane configurations for the feed water.

13. Develop full-scale plant process design criteria.

The pilot project provided the following full-scale design criteria: recovery rate, TDS rejection, chemical dosage rates, brine TDS concentration, and blending ratios. This data would be the foundation of a large plant design.

14. Determine the upper limit of effectiveness of EDR and RO.

This goal was not achieved. Process parameters were not varied under controlled conditions and monitored as required in order to define any limits. The only apparent limit was that of scaling in the EDR caused perhaps by dosing muriatic acid at a level that was too low (~30 mg/L).

15. Maintain testing quality assurance by limiting sampling to steady-state conditions.

This goal was accomplished. The only questionable data is that of the EDR during the initial few weeks at the Gedge well, and it is questionable, not because of recording accuracy, but because of operating conditions.

16. Summarize the findings of the pilot test operation.

This report is a compilation of findings from the pilot test period and is being provided as documentation to Riverton City for their use.

See appendices for additional data.

Appendix A

Projections

WATSYS FOR WINDOWS DESIGN PROGRAM ProjName: Riverton Utah Gedge Well By: ERR, Epic Engineering
By: ERR, Epic Engineering
Cell Pair Configuration // 90/60 // 90/60 //
Monday August 22, 2005

This Design Case exceeds Design Limit.
Consult Ionics Watertown before using this design.
Langelier Index exceeds design limit of 2.1

System Summary

0.08

 0.02

 0.02

Stage 3 Element Recov. Perm Flow (gpm) Perm TDS (mg/l) Feed Flow (gpm) Feed TDS (mg/l) Feed Press (psig)

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Field Notebook

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DESCRIBE FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE; OPERATING **DATE** PARAMETERS; CHANGES IN SETTINGS; OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT **DETAILS**

- $9/4/05$ The system was shut down, I cleared all alarms that were on the screen and restarted the system. Now the system is up and running. $D.G.$
- $9/12/05$ The system was shutdown, the relay 2 light was on. The system feed pressure gauge and air valve would not hold air pressure "compressor continually running". I unplugged the airline and reset the alarms. I plugged the airline back in and restarted the system. Looking back at data logger, the system went down about 0300 on $9/10/05$. Now everything is running ok. $D.G.$
- $9/12/05$ Channel 2 reject flow was at 6.69 gpm. vs. data logger that was at 3.46 gpm. This is inconsistent data and needs to be explained. The motor amp reading varies from 0 to 4.4 amps over minutes. This also appears to be incorrect. T.W.

Taigon came out today to burn the data to a disk, but he did not have everything he needed to download the data. He said that he would return tomorrow to retrieve the data. $S.R.$

- $9/13/05$ I shutdown the RO to change out the C.T. to the updated style sent by Mike Gold. Mike Horan found the C.T. that was sent did not have the correct signal to receive the data we needed. I called Mike Gold, but he wasn't available today. Then I called Taigon and he said to run the RO without the correct C.T. until we get the right parts in. J.R.
- $9/14/05$ I changed out both filters because the difference between the pressures was close to 10 psi. The filters appeared to be really dirty. J.R.
- $9/15/05$ I changed the C.T. jumper from 0-50 to 0-20 giving us the correct reading now. Taigon came today and downloaded the data to a CD. J.R.
- $9/16/05$ I added 8 gallons of the anti-scalent solution and took a weekly sampler in to be tested. J.R.
- $9/20/05$ There was an alarm occurring, but it didn't trip the unit. The alarm was the low antiscalant level. I just canceled the alarm and it continues to run. J.R.
- $9/23/05$ The pre-filter inlet pressure was at 82 psi and the outlet pressure was at 67 psi. I changed the filters and there was still 11 psi difference. I took filters out and the pressure still did not change. I reinstalled the new filters and the pressure on the prefilter inlet is 77 psi. and the outlet is 66 psi. The filters that I took out were not as dirty as the first one's Jeremy changed. I increased the feed flow to 27.0 gallons and added 8 gallons of anti-scalent solution. D.G.

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- PLC reject flow shows 7.21 gpm vs. the data logger shows 3.62 gpm. I need to $9/23/05$ reconcile the downloaded RO data. $T.W$ Note: PLC data is correct.
- Power failure shut down the unit and I restarted it. $9/26/05$ J.R.
- $9/28/05$ The data logger shut down last night. It's getting harder to start it over again. The program needs to be debugged. J.R.
- $9/30/05$ I added 7 gallons of anti-scalant to the tank. J.R.

I downloaded the R.O. data. The feed rotometer was reading 26.5 gpm. The permeate rotometer sum is 20.25 gpm. P_1 is 9.5 gpm., P_2 is 7.5 gpm., P_3 is 2.0 gpm., and P_4 is 1.25 gpm. The data logger reject flow is 3.84 gpm. This does not agree with PLC flow 7.7 gpm. PLC flow is more accurate than the other one. I notified Goldeneye of this problem two days ago. I also noticed the sample data on brine conductivity seems incorrect. I will address this issue with Jeremy. I spoke with Jeremy and it was concluded that the handheld conductivity meter is reading correctly and samples are being taken at the right spot, but meter is limited to 19990m/cm. I will contact the meter manufacture Myron L Company, Model ARH1, Serial # T405997 T.W.

PLC reject flow is correct. Meter display changes above 2000 um/cm but meter is good to 20,000 vm/cm

- I noticed that the display on the anti-scalent pump is starting to weather. I am going $10/5/05$ to cover it with plastic. J.R.
- $10/6/05$ I downloaded the data from data logger. The anti-scalant metering pump was pulsing \sim 1.5 times/sec. with the pump unplugged. It appears moisture has damaged the pump controls. I notified Goldeneye Solutions about this problem. The anti-scalant T.W. system is offline.

I replaced the pump with a spare one. Mike is sending a new one with settings. The pump temporary settings are: 100% stroke length and 35% frequent operate in hand position. J.R.

I calibrated the hand held meter. J.R.

- $10/7/05$ The data logger wasn't current today. J.R.
- I got the replacement for the anti-scalant pump today. I am going to wait until $10/10/05$ Wednesday to install at the new site. The data logger has gone down and I can't get it

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back up. I talked with Mike he said he would address the problem on Wednesday. The program has failed debugging. J.R.
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- $9/2/05$ Two alarms tripped today the first was a critical alarm that led to concentrate pump failure. The second was a non-critical alarm that was high conductivity. J.R.
- $9/3/05$ Alarm shut down summary:

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- Current critical alarm $-11/02$ 17:04:43
	- o Unit 1 emergency stop button pressed
- Current non-critical alarm 11/03 03:38:40
	- o High product conductivity

I restarted and adjusted stack in. The differential pressure is down to 60 psi. It was at 100 psi.D.G.

- $9/4/05$ I readjusted the stack in and the differential pressure is down from over 100 psi. to 60 psi. Pressure gauge was pegged out at over 100 psi. The data logger was keeping up current time but is reading all NA's. I reset the logger and it is now working fine. $D.G.$
- $9/6/05$ The value used to get the stack differential and the adjustment is not working in the rear gauge. Concentrate discharge pump is not working either. J.R.
- I called Taigon and made him aware of the problems mentioned above, he was going $9/7/05$ to consult G.E. and get back to me. J.R.
- I had a conference call with Taigon and Bernardo. There were a lot of "could be $9/9/05$ solutions" but there was no definite solution. Taigon is going to come out Monday $9/12/05$ to asses the problems. J.R.

I adjusted the dilute flow in and the brine make up both had dropped 2 gpm. Low $(0.4+12$ dilute in) product, pH has gone up to 8.1. J.R.

 $9/12/05$ The concentrate pump burned up. The rotor is locked. T.W.

> The concentrate pump failure caused the EDR to shutdown. Samples and readings will no longer be taken until fixed. Taigon and I left messages with Eugene Reel. J.R.

- $9/16/05$ I spoke with Bernardo, he had not heard what was next. I left a message with Eugene Reel on 9/15/05 with no reply. Taigon still is making arrangements to get elevated feed tank as requested by Bernardo. J.R.
- $9/21/05$ I called Taigon he had heard nothing yet about the status of getting the EDR fixed. He was going to call G.E. again and get back with me. Mike Horan installed C.T. on the EDR. J.R.

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- Bernardo was here at 7:30 am. and began removing discharge pump. He though it $9/23/05$ was just scaled buildup on the impellers, but now he has decided the motor burned up. He is trying to find a new pump and motor. Taigon went over trouble shooting with Bernardo. J.R.
- EDR is running again and I took samples. The data logger had shut its self down but $9/26/05$ it is up and running. *J.R.*
- $9/30/05$ I downloaded the EDR data. Brine TDS samples are beyond the range of the meter (see RO notes). I shutdown the unit and started to hook up a tap for the SDI T.W. sample.

I added 4 gallons of acid; the level is just above 10 gallons for the weekend. Taigon is taking the SDI sample. J.R.

- $10/3/05$ EDR tripped and the emergency stop button was pressed. Non-critical alarm warned of high product conductivity. I started it back up and added 2 gallons of muriatic J.R. acid.
- Duane took the TOC sample today. I added 1 gallon of acid to the brine pump $10/4/05$ reservoir. I took the voltage on the stack it was low at 3 and 4 volts. The gasket on the discharge side of the brine pump failed. I fixed it and now it's running. J.R.
- $10/5/05$ The EDR tripped due to the discharge brine motor failure. I called Taigon we are going to have a meeting to see what we can figure out. Taigon called Delco to come and trouble shoot the motor. We noticed when it's running air comes out. It was also arching to its frame. J.R.
- $10/6/05$ Brandon from Delco came out, we took voltage on pump and he figured it was burned up. He suggested it wasn't the right or the best style of pump for this type of water application. He is going to try to return today to install new pump. No EDR samples were taken on $10/5$ or $10/6$ due to motor failure. Flange and gasket on the discharge side of brine pump were in poor condition and we had to replace them. I calibrated the hand held meter. J.R.

The EDR pilot remains shutdown. I downloaded the data from the data loggers. Data logger program reached excel limit of 65536 rows. I deleted all row data beyond row 200. I restarted the data logger after saving the program data. The data logger is working, but the pilot is down. T.W.

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- $10/7/05$ I received a message from Taigon on Thursday 10/6. The motor was being shipped but not until first of next week. The ETA is five days, but he was going to try and speed it up. $J.R.$
- I spoke to Taigon but he had not heard anything since Friday 10/7. He thinks we $10/10/05$ have enough data to move onto the next site. J.R.

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- $J.R.$ Moved the pilot to the Hill Well and now it's all back up and running. $10/12/05$
- $10/14/05$ The RO tripped due to a power failure. $J.R.$
- I started adding sodium benzoate at 2 tablespoons per 16 gallons. $J.R.$ $10/17/05$
- $J.R.$ $10/21/05$ I took a sample of off-spec concentrate of TDS and Selenium.
- I changed the filters today and got the pressure back to a difference of 10 psi. The $10/24/05$ filters appear dirty and appear to have exceeded their lifespan. $J.R.$
- $10/27/05$ Duane took the TOC sample form Hill well today. $I.R.$
- The breaker tripped in RO's Junction box, I reset it and now it's running fine. $11/3/05$
- $J.R.$ $11/4/05$ The selenium and TDS concentrate was sampled today.
- $11/7/05$ T.W. I downloaded the pilot data.

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DESCRIBE FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE; OPERATING **DATE** PARAMETERS; CHANGES IN SETTINGS; OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT **DETAILS**

- $10/12/05$ The pilot was moved to Hill Well. The EDR is still not running and the motor is scheduled to be installed Monday 10/17. J.R.
- $10/17/05$ Brandon from Delco installed the new pump and motor. I started the EDR up, but the pump has a little leak. I talked to Taigon he said to run it. The EDR appears to J.R. be running well. The readings and samples look good.
- $10/18/05$ The EDR tripped and the emergency stop button pressed. I restarted the EDR at 8:30 am. J.R.

I noticed water running out of the stack into drain. It was wet before, but not this wet. J.R.

The EDR tripped again and the emergency stop button was pushed. J.R.

The EDR tripped again at 8:00 pm. The emergence stop was pressed. I restarted the EDR. J.R.

 $10/19/05$ The EDR tripped again at 8:30 am. It was the same problem as before. I restarted the EDR. J.R.

> The stack out differential pressure is > 100 when the rectifier is enabled. It cannot be pulled down to 30-60" range. When rectifier is off differential pressure is 28".

Rectifier off stack differential in is 50", the stack differential out is 26" \bullet

Rectifier enabled stack differential in is > 100 , stack differential out is > 100 \bullet T.W.

The EDR tripped between 1:00 and 4:00 pm. The emergency stop was pressed and the EDR was restarted. J.R.

 $10/21/05$ The EDR tripped last night and the emergency stop button was pressed. It tripped again and the alarm said that the valve did not close. I restarted the EDR and it has been running ever since. J.R.

> We sampled off spec, the concentrate TDS and Selenium. J.R.

 $10/24/05$ The EDR tripped this past weekend some time. It was either late Friday or early Saturday morning. I started the EDR on Monday $(10/24)$. In the morning it tripped again and the problem is the valve is not closing. I found it in the operations book, but there is not enough info to pin point witch switch has gone bad. J.R.

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 $10/25/05$ The EDR failed again due to a valve not closing. J.R.

> At 2:52 pm. it failed again, I started it back up. $I.R.$

- I came in and it was tripped again. The emergency stop was pressed. I restarted at $10/26/05$ 8:23 am. J.R.
- $10/27/05$ The EDR tripped again and the emergency stop was pressed. I restarted it. Duane took the TOC sample from Hill today. J.R.
- GE is in town and they are working on the EDR. They made repairs to the stack, $10/28/05$ feed line and discharge line. The repairs included a plugged hose and they torque the stack to 120 lbs. The emergency stop switch was unhooked, the electrode tubes were cleaned and the acid was adjusted for more intake. Russell's phone # 602-437-2392. No CIP acid in drain to cause concern. J.R.
- $10/30/05$ The EDR tripped again and the emergency stop was pressed. J.R.
- I spoke to Russell and informed him that the EDR is still tripping on the emergency $11/1/05$ stop button. J.R.
- I took a concentrate sample today; it was of selenium and TDS. J.R. $11/4/05$
- $11/7/05$ I downloaded the pilot data. T.W.

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- $11/11/05$ I sampled the waste for selenium and TDS. $J.R.$
- I took TOC samples today; last night the RO had a problem because the breaker on $11/15/05$ pic tripped. The RO is now up and running. J.R.
- I downloaded the RO data from data logger, all of the readings looked well. The $11/18/05$ main feed pump is 2 hp 480-volt motor. $T.W.$
- I changed the filters today. $11/28/05$ $J.R.$
- $11/30/05$ I sampled the waste for selenium and TDS. $J.R.$

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- I started reading the water at the Maynard Well. The site condition is 1480 + pH $11/8/05$ $7.51.$ $J.R.$
- I sampled the waste for selenium and TDS. $I.R.$ $11/11/05$
- The data logger failed and it said the system has recovered from a serious error. I got $11/15/05$ it back up and running. $J.R.$
- $11/16/05$ I took a TOC sample today. J.R.
- I downloaded the data from the data logger. I noticed the permeate conductivity $11/18/05$ meter signal had failed. The previous 3 weeks permeate conductivity readings are no good. I pulled the end cap off of the instrument and rewired to fix the shorts on the leads. This fixed the signal readings. T.W.
- I sampled the waste today for selenium and TDS. $J.R.$ $11/30/05$

Appendix C

Gedge Well Charts

Figure C-1
Gedge Well RO Recovery

Figure C-2
Gedge Well EDR Recovery Gedge Well EDR Recovery

Figure C-3
Gedge Well Conductivity **Gedge Well Conductivity Figure C-3**

Figure C-6
Gedge Well RO Alkalinity Gedge Well RO Alkalinity Figure C-6

Figure C-7
Gedge Well RO Silica Total, Silica Reactive Gedge Well RO Silica Total, Silica Reactive

Figure C-8
Gedge Well RO Arsenic Gedge Well RO Arsenic

Figure C-9
Gedge Well RO Sulfate Gedge Well RO Sulfate

Figure C-10
Gedge Well RO Turbidity Gedge Well RO Turbidity Figure C-10

Figure C-11
Gedge Well EDR TDS Gedge Well EDR TDS Figure C-11

 $\overline{}$ TDS Feed $\overline{}$ TDS Treated

TDS Feed —II—TDS Treated

Figure C-12
Gedge Well EDR Hardness (CaCO₃), Calcium, Magnesium Gedge Well EDR Hardness (CaCO3), Calcium, Magnesium

Figure C-13
Gedge Well EDR Alkalinity Gedge Well EDR Alkalinity Figure C-13

-Alkalinity Feed - Alkalinity Treated Alkalinity Feed -- Alkalinity Treated

Figure C-15
Gedge Well EDR Arsenic Gedge Well EDR Arsenic Figure C-15

Arsenic Feed - Arsenic Treated Arsenic Feed **- B**- Arsenic Treated

Figure C-16
Gedge Well EDR Sulfate Gedge Well EDR Sulfate Figure C-16

Sulfate Feed -Bulfate Treated Sulfate Feed -- II-- Sulfate Treated Figure C-17
Gedge Well EDR Turbidity Gedge Well EDR Turbidity Figure C-17

Turbidity Feed —II— Turbidity Treated

Turbidity Feed -**H**-Turbidity Treated

Appendix D Hill Well Charts

Figure D-2
Hill Well EDR Recovery Figure D-2

Hill Well RO Hardness (CaCO3), Calcium, Magnesium

Figure D-6
Hill Well RO Alkalinity Hill Well RO Alkalinity Figure D-6

Figure D-8
Hill Well RO Arsenic Hill Well RO Arsenic Figure D-8

Figure D-9
Hill Well RO Sulfate Hill Well RO Sulfate Figure D-9

Figure D-10
Hill Well RO Turbidity Hill Well RO Turbidity Figure D-10

Hill Well EDR Hardness (CaCO₃), Calcium, Magnesium Hill Well EDR Hardness (CaCO3), Calcium, Magnesium Figure D-12 Figure D-12

Figure D-13
Hill Well EDR Alkalinity Hill Well EDR Alkalinity Figure D-13

-Alkalinity Feed -**B**-Alkalinity Treated Alkalinity Feed -- Alkalinity Treated

Figure D-15
Hill Well EDR Arsenic Hill Well EDR Arsenic Figure D-15

Turbidity Feed -**H**-Turbidity Treated Turbidity Feed —II— Turbidity Treated

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Maynard Well Charts

Figure E-1
Maynard Well RO Recovery Maynard Well RO Recovery

Figure E-2
Maynard Well EDR Recovery Maynard Well EDR Recovery

Figure E-3
Maynard Well Conductivity **Maynard Well Conductivity Figure E-3**

Figure E-4
Maynard Well RO TDS Maynard Well RO TDS

TDS Feed —II—TDS Treated

TDS Feed -DS Treated

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Figure E-6
Maynard Well RO Alkalinity Maynard Well RO Alkalinity

Alkalinity Feed -- Alkalinity Treated

Figure E8
Maynard Well RO Arsenic Maynard Well RO Arsenic

Figure E-9
Maynard Well RO Sulfate Maynard Well RO Sulfate

-4 Sulfate Feed **-8** Sulfate Treated Sulfate Feed -- II-Sulfate Treated

Figure E-10
Maynard Well RO Turbidity Maynard Well RO Turbidity

-A-Turbidity Feed -⁻⁻⁻⁻⁻Turbidity Treated Turbidity Feed —<mark>—</mark>— Turbidity Treated

Figure E-11
Maynard Well EDR TDS Maynard Well EDR TDS

TDS Feed —II—TDS Treated

TDS Feed -DS Treated

Hardness Feed —<mark>∎—</mark> Hardness Treated —<mark>▲—</mark> Calcium Feed —※— Calcium Treated —※— Magnesium Feed —●— Magnesium Treated

-A-Hardness Feed -**B**-Hardness Treated -A-Calcium Feed -X-Calcium Treated -X-Magnesium Feed -^A-Magnesium Treated

Figure E-13
Maynard Well EDR Alkalinity Maynard Well EDR Alkalinity

Alkalinity Feed -- Alkalinity Treated

-Alkalinity Feed - Alkalinity Treated

Figure E-15
Maynard Well EDR Arsenic Maynard Well EDR Arsenic

Arsenic Feed - Arsenic Treated Arsenic Feed **- B**- Arsenic Treated

Figure E-16
Maynard Well EDR Sulfate Maynard Well EDR Sulfate

Figure E-17
Maynard Well EDR Turbidity Maynard Well EDR Turbidity

-A Turbidity Feed -**B** Turbidity Treated Turbidity Feed —II— Turbidity Treated
Appendix F

Cost Estimates

Epic Engineering, P.C. Water Resources

> 4000 West 3341 South West Valley, Utah 84120

January 17, 2006

Scott Hill Water Dept. Director 12830 South 1700 West Riverton City, UT 84065

Civil

Municipal

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR RO & EDR TREATMENT SUBJECT:

Dear Mr. Hill,

The project cost estimates include estimated capital costs and operational & maintenance costs. They have been developed for each well site independently and for a combined central treatment facility. Capital costs have been calculated on an acre-ft basis and O&M costs have been calculated on a kgal basis and converted to acre-ft. A summary is shown on the last page of the calculations.

Since we have operated pilots for the two technologies on three of the wells (Gedge, Hill, Maynard), we have included actual operating data for: RO recovery, EDR recovery, RO power consumption, EDR power consumption, and blending ratios. The data from the three tested wells has been applied on an average basis to the calculations.

Budget estimates for treatment and process equipment are based upon equipment costs received from GE/Ionics and Harn RO. The cost estimates assume that each well site have adequate property to house the process equipment. For the central wtp, it was assumed it would be sited north of the Hill well site on the 10-acre parcel currently owned by the City. Transmission pipeline costs to deliver untreated well water to and from a central wtp are not included in these estimates. It is likely that the existing distribution system could be utilized/converted to provide a portion of this need.

Respectfully, Epic Engineering, P.C.

and

Taigon Worthen, P.E. Project Engineer

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CAPITAL COSTS RO SYSTEM EDR SYSTEM 1,900,000 MEMBRANES & PROCESS EQUIP 1,150,000 **INSTALLATION COSTS** 230,000 (20%) 437,000 (23%) ANTISCALANT FEED SYSTEM 100,000 DECARBONATION SYSTEM 100,000 100,000 **ACID FEED SYSTEM** 1,233,750 (7050 SF) **BUILDING** 656,250 (3750 SF) 550,613 ENGINEERING & CM @15% 335,438 73,415 LEGAL & ADMINISTRATION @2% 44,725 **TOTAL** 2,616,413 4,294,778 COST PER GALLON CAPACITY 0.89 1.62 \$ \$ COST PER ACRE-FT PRODUCED* \$ 44.46 75.98 \$ *BASED ON 20 YEAR LIFE **EDR SYSTEM** O & M COSTS (PER 1000 GAL) **RO SYSTEM** ELECTRICITY @ 6.5 CENTS / KW-H \$ 0.27 \$ 0.46 0.05 **CHEMICALS** 0.04 \$ \$ 0.04 0.03 PREFILTER CARTRIDGES \$ \$ 0.07 (15-YEAR LIFE) **MEMBRANES** \$ 0.08 (5-YEAR LIFE) \$ OTHER EQUIPMENT 0.06 0.04 \$ \$ **TOTAL** \$ 0.49 0.65 \$ LABOR @ \$35 PER HOUR 54,600 (0.75 FTE) 54,600 (0.75 FTE) \$ \$ COST PER ACRE-FT \$ 178 231 \$

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GARAMANDI WELL CAPITAL COSTS RO SYSTEM EDR SYSTEM MEMBRANES & PROCESS EQUIP 230,000 380,000 **INSTALLATION COSTS** 46,000 (20%) 87,400 (23%) ANTISCALANT FEED SYSTEM 20,000 DECARBONATION SYSTEM 20,000 ACID FEED SYSTEM 20,000 **BUILDING** 131,250 246,750 ENGINEERING & CM @15% 67,088 110,123 LEGAL & ADMINISTRATION @2% 8,945 14,683 **TOTAL** 523,283 858,956 COST PER GALLON CAPACITY \$ 0.87 1.59 \$ COST PER ACRE-FT PRODUCED* \$ 44.46 \$ 75.98 *BASED ON 20 YEAR LIFE O & M COSTS (PER 1000 GAL) **RO SYSTEM EDR SYSTEM** ELECTRICITY @ 6.5 CENTS / KW-H \$ 0.27 \$ 0.46 **CHEMICALS** \$ 0.04 \$ 0.05 PREFILTER CARTRIDGES \$ 0.04 0.03 \$ **MEMBRANES** \$ 0.08 (5-YEAR LIFE) \$ 0.07 (15-YEAR LIFE) OTHER EQUIPMENT \$ 0.06 0.04 \$ **TOTAL** \$ 0.49 \$ 0.65 54,600 (0.75 FTE) LABOR @ \$35 PER HOUR \$ 54,600 (0.75 FTE) \$ COST PER ACRE-FT \$ 252 \$ 308

Appendix G

Field Collected Data

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Figure G-3
RO Stage Feed Pressure

Figure G-10
EDR Stack Pressure

Appendix H

Laboratory Water Quality Data

Sample Site: Gedge Well					
		Solids, Total Dissolved (TDS)		Solids, Total Dissolved (TDS)	
Sample Date				RO Feed (mg/L) RO Treated (mg/L) EDR Feed (mg/L) EDR Treated (mg/L)	Notes
9/6/2005	880	$\overline{12}$	850	280	
9/7/2005	824	24	868	274	
9/8/2005	884	32	846	286	
9/9/2005	874	20	858	308	
9/12/2005	850	36			EDR pilot offline
9/13/2005	830	28			EDR pilot offline
9/14/2005	856	36			EDR pilot offline
9/15/2005	836	16			EDR pilot offline
9/16/2005	846	18			EDR pilot offline
9/19/2005	858	32			EDR pilot offline
9/20/2005	874	24			EDR pilot offline
9/21/2005	866	30			EDR pilot offline
9/22/2005	878	38			EDR pilot offline
9/23/2005	854	32			EDR pilot offline
9/26/2005	880	ND	920	220	
9/27/2005	864	56	868	184	
9/28/2005	844	32	908	188	
9/29/2005	878	34	858	168	
9/30/2005	872	66	910	184	
10/3/2005	746	38	822	174	
10/4/2005	848	40	790	214	
10/5/2005	856	34			EDR pilot offline
10/6/2005	862	40			EDR pilot offline
10/7/2005	846	34			EDR pilot offline
10/10/2005	852	12			EDR pilot offline
10/11/2005	830	8			EDR pilot offline
10/12/2005	792	10			EDR pilot offline

Table H-1 Gedge Well TDS Data

Sample Site: Hill Well								
	Solids, Total Dissolved (TDS)		Solids, Total Dissolved (TDS)					
Sample Date		RO Feed (mg/L) RO Treated (mg/L)		EDR Feed (mg/L) EDR Treated (mg/L)	Notes			
10/13/2005	1060	10						
10/14/2005	1020	8						
10/17/2005	1000	8	822	150				
10/18/2005	1000	12	966	272				
10/19/2005	1010	16	988	268				
10/20/2005	1030	28	998	216				
10/21/2005	1010	12	1020	222				
10/24/2005	748	ND.	806	162				
10/25/2005	938	ND.	962	274				
10/26/2005	1010	10	1030	244				
10/27/2005	1030	ND	1030	262				
10/28/2005	1050	8	1030	258				
10/31/2005	682	8	724	208				
11/1/2005	1000	ND	990	606				
11/2/2005	1000	6	1010	558				
11/3/2005	1020	ND	1000	234				
11/4/2005	832	8	902	238				
11/7/2005	982	12	964	234	Pilot was Relocated			

Table H-4 Hill Well TDS Data

Table H-6 Hill Well Concentrate '

Sample Site: Maynard Well							
	Solids, Total Dissolved (TDS)		Solids, Total Dissolved (TDS)				
Sample Date	RO Feed (mg/L)	RO Treated (mg/L)		EDR Feed (mg/L) EDR Treated (mg/L)	Notes		
11/8/2005	924	32	1020	228			
11/9/2005	1000	34	1020	298			
11/10/2005	1010	28	994	278			
11/11/2005	1000	30	1020	306			
11/14/2005	960	22	980	250			
11/15/2005	964	12	974	262			
11/16/2005			980	236	RO samples missing		
11/17/2005			940	254	RO samples missing		
11/18/2005	994	8	878	250			
11/21/2005	964	32	976	286			
11/22/2005	976	28	972	294			
11/23/2005	970	36	980	294			
11/24/2005	938	10	928	278			
11/25/2005	924	12	914	250			
11/28/2005	910	10	956	272			
11/29/2005	944	6	928	390			
11/30/2005	958	8	966	266			
12/1/2005	984	28	990	304			
12/2/2005	980	28	998	290			
12/5/2005	956	10	1010	312			
12/6/2005	966	36	990	302			
12/7/2005	1030	36	984	298			

Table H-7 Maynard Well TDS Data

Table H-8 Maynard Well Feed and Treated Water Data Table H-8 Maynard Well Feed and Treated Water Data

Table H-9 Maynard Well Concentrate

