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TO: Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

RE: Temporary flow changes in Sixth Water Creek and Diamond Fork Creek and Public Meeting Notice

On or about October 8, 2012, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD), Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (URMCC), and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), as Joint Lead Agencies, will commence with the final repairs to the sleeve valves located at the Sixth Water Flow Control Structure. In October 2011, the Joint Lead Agencies implemented a temporary change to the 2011-2012 winter in-stream flows in Sixth Water and Diamond Fork creeks due to necessary repairs to the Sixth Water sleeve valves. The repair and refurbishment took more time than anticipated and only one sleeve valve was installed for the 2012 irrigation season, but was installed without being painted with a protective coating. This next phase includes installing the other sleeve valve and painting a protective coating on the sleeve valve installed in May 2012. The Joint Lead Agencies anticipate that reinstalling the second sleeve valve and painting the protective coating on the first valve (the one that is already installed) will take until November 15, 2012.

The final repairs will be preceded by gradually dewatering the Diamond Fork System beginning on or about October 8th. Accordingly, releases will be made to the Sixth Water Creek and subsequently to Diamond Fork Creek through the Strawberry Tunnel between October 8 and November 15, 2012. Under the Central Utah Project, minimum winter stream flows were established at 25 cfs for Sixth Water Creek and 60 cfs for Diamond Fork Creek. As a result of the Diamond Fork System being shut down during the repairs (October 8 to November 15), the minimum winter stream flows in Sixth Water and Diamond Fork creeks need to be temporarily modified from their normal flow rates. The Joint Lead Agencies recommend using the current flow regime in Sixth Water Creek while the Diamond Fork System is shut down. This would yield 32-33 cfs through the Strawberry Tunnel into Sixth Water Creek (measured at the Sixth Water gage) resulting in approximately 42-43 cfs in Diamond Fork Creek at Monks Hollow. Therefore, the proposed Sixth Water Creek would have a higher minimum winter flow while Diamond Fork Creek would have lower minimum flows during this time period. Upon completion of the repairs, the Diamond Fork System will be operational and the Sixth Water Creek flow regime described above would be retained throughout the winter period. Alternatively, flows through the Strawberry Tunnel could be reduced at that time to the usual winter flow rate of 25 cfs. The Diamond Fork Creek flow regime will be increased to its normal minimum winter flow rate (60 cfs) by augmenting streamflow at the Sixth Water Flow Control Structure as needed to achieve 60 cfs at Monk's Hollow in Diamond Fork Creek. The flow tests for the repaired Sixth Water sleeve valves will occur during the spring of 2013.

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The Joint Lead Agencies will hold a public meeting to present details and solicit comments for the proposed temporary changes to the winter stream flows for Sixth Water and Diamond Fork creeks. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide project information, address questions and concerns, and receive comments on the proposed action as outlined above. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and members of the Joint Lead Agencies will be on hand to answer questions and to take comments. The meeting will be held:

Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Central Utah Water Conservancy District (see map below for directions)
355 West University Parkway
Orem, Utah 84058

The Joint Lead Agencies appreciate your interest in and support of our efforts to restore the Diamond Fork System to full capability. If you have any input about the recommendations outlined above, or wish to make a comment please contact Chris Elison at (801) 226-7166 (email: chrisE@cuwcd.com); or Mark Holden at (801) 524-3146 (email: MHolden@usbr.gov); or Lee Baxter at 801-379-1174 (email: lbaxter@usbr.gov).

Sincerely,

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