Letter to the Editor: Iron County needs to make its No. 1 priority water

This June 18, 2013, photo was taken on a day Cedar City Councilman Paul Cozzens spent with others in both Wah Wah and Pine valleys in Southern Utah. Front row from L-R: James Greer, assistant state water engineer over technical services; Jim Goddard, who is with the Division of Water Rights in charge of well drilling; Spencer Jones, board member with the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District. CICWCD. In the rear: Kelly Crane, Ensign Engineering engineer for the CICWCD. "We cut metal caps off of two wells, one in each valley and ran a camera down a thousand feet in each well to inspect water level and condition of the casing," Cozzens wrote. "We are very..."
fortunate that these wells were drilled over 40 years ago by potential mining operations, they were never used and we are now the beneficiaries of them as we look at some pump tests to assist in our effort to get our application approved by the state engineer." Wah Wah Valley, Southern Utah, June 18, 2013 | Photo courtesy of Paul Cozzens, St. George News / Cedar City News

In this June 18, 2013, photo a camera attached to a cable is lowered into an existing well, transmitting images to a computer allowing operators to see the condition of the water and the well, measure water depth and other visual data of that nature. Wah Wah Valley, Southern Utah, June 18, 2013 | Photo courtesy of Paul Cozzens, St. George News / Cedar City News
In this June 2013 photo Paul Cozzens cuts the cap off an existing well in Pine Valley to run a camera down to see the depth and quality of water, Southern Utah, June 18, 2013 | Photo courtesy of Paul Cozzens, St. George News / Cedar City News
This June 2013 photo shows Central Iron County Water Conservancy District performing pump tests on an existing well in Wah Wah Valley. Southern Utah, June 18, 2013 | Photo courtesy of Cedar City Councilman Paul Cozzens, St. George News / Cedar City News
This 2013 photo shows a view of Wah Wah Valley, looking south from state Route 21 towards the well testing site. Southern Utah, June 18, 2013 | Photo courtesy of Paul Cozzens, St. George News / Cedar City News
In this 2016 photo water shoots up from a test well officials with the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District drilled in the Pine Valley west desert area. The district is planning to import water from this area to Iron County in the future. Southern Utah, fall 2016 | Photo by Paul Monroe general manager of the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District, courtesy of board member Paul Cozzens, St. George News / Cedar City News
This 2016 photo shows one of eight test wells drilled by Gardner Drilling in the Pine Valley west desert area of Southern Utah. The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District is planning to import water from this area to Iron County in the future. Southern Utah, fall 2016 | Photo by Paul Monroe general manager of the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District, courtesy of board member Paul Cozzens, St. George News / Cedar City News

This 2016 photo shows the Pine Valley area in the west desert of Southern Utah from which Iron County plans to import water in the future. Southern Utah, fall 2016 | Photo by Paul Monroe general manager of the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District, courtesy of board member Paul Cozzens, St. George News / Cedar City News

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