



January 16, 2025

Mayor Chris Hart  
85 N Main  
Ivins, UT 84738

Dear Mayor Hart,

The Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs approved the proposed Dry Wash Reservoir over twenty years ago as part of the Shivwits Water Rights settlement. At the time, the district and federal permitting agencies expected that both Graveyard and Dry Wash Reservoirs would be necessary to deliver reuse water to the Shivwits Band, Ivins, and other communities.

Because the district's twenty-year plan depends significantly on reuse water, the district's engineers began carefully re-evaluating the purpose and need for both Dry Wash and Graveyard Wash Reservoirs. This analysis considered increased conservation standards and the resulting decisions of Ivins, Santa Clara, and St. George to reduce expansion of their secondary water systems. Based on this information, current modeling shows that the reuse system needs only one west-side reservoir.

Consequently, the district will postpone development of Dry Wash as a reuse reservoir and prioritize Graveyard Wash Reservoir. While the district will work to preserve Dry Wash's viability as a reservoir site, the district's current intent is to develop Dry Wash as a reuse reservoir only if Graveyard Wash Reservoir does not come to fruition or is inadequate to meet secondary demands. Once Graveyard Wash Reservoir is operating and successfully satisfies the requirements of the reuse system, the district will analyze whether to pursue Dry Wash as a drinking water reservoir.

The district commends Ivins' conservation efforts. The city's actions have greatly contributed to the district's ability to delay or reduce the need for new water infrastructure like Dry Wash Reservoir. We look forward to continued collaboration on critical drinking water projects, including securing a drinking water treatment plant location and obtaining federal and state approvals to maintain dredging at Gunlock Reservoir. The district remains committed to working with Ivins to provide water to your vibrant community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zachary Renstrom".

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cc: Ivins City Council; Washington County Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees