

## Questions You Can Pose to Elected Officials

### Mayors and City/Town Council Members in Washington County:

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- If there is uncertainty in our ability to build the Lake Powell pipeline, would you support stronger water conservation goals?
- The Division of Water Resources measured 2015 water usage in Washington County at 302 gallons per person per day. What should we shoot for in a long-term per capita water use rate and how do we get there?
- If, as nearly all of the scientists say, the Colorado River is shrinking and already over-allocated, how can we "live within our means," that is, adapt our water use so that the Virgin River watershed is sufficient?

### Washington County Commissioners:

Chairman	Victor Iverson	<a href="mailto:victor.iverson@washco.utah.gov">victor.iverson@washco.utah.gov</a>
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Commissioner	Dean Cox	<a href="mailto:dean.cox@washco.utah.gov">dean.cox@washco.utah.gov</a>

- How do you feel about the recent letter from the other Colorado River Basin states regarding Utah's effort to transfer Colorado River water from the Upper Basin to Washington County in the Lower Basin, a move prohibited without approval by Congress and all of the other Basin States?
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- If, as the scientists say, the Colorado River is way over-allocated, how can we “live within our means,” that is, adapt our water use so that the Virgin River watershed is sufficient?
- Could you direct me to the written plan for how the Lake Powell Pipeline will be paid for? Will all of the financial burden be on the residents of Washington County? Will we get subsidies from the state or federal government?
- Washington County already has some of the highest impact fees in the state. Are you concerned that paying for the pipeline will make them even higher, thereby running the risk of hurting the housing industry?
- What happens if there is no water for the LPP? Will taxpayers still have to pay for the LPP?

### **Utah State Legislators:**

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- Credible research indicates that the population in this country will migrate from the Southwest and Southeast between now and 2060 due to lost shoreline (rising seas) and rising temperatures. Have you considered the effects of these population projections? Resource: [Click Here](#)
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- How can the Colorado River be a second source of water for Washington County if demand for Colorado River water has outstripped supply and shortages are occurring? I hear that every drop of water is already being used.
- Washington County already has some of the highest water impact fees in the state. Are you concerned that paying for the pipeline will make them even higher, thereby hurting the housing industry?
- What happens if there is no more water for the LPP? Will taxpayers still have to pay for the LPP?