

**VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET**  
**COUNTY PROPOSITION #11**  
**FORMATION OF THE CACHE WATER DISTRICT**

Should the Cache Water District be created?

YES                       NO

**The arguments for or against a ballot question are the opinions of the authors.**

Argument For	Argument Against
<p>By Voting “YES” for the Cache Water District, we will be able to protect and keep our water here.</p> <p>The State of Utah will continue to manage its water through established districts. Cache County needs a water conservancy district because the legislature recognizes the expertise of these districts when making decisions about the best uses of our water resources.</p> <p>A water district will protect our natural stream environment, preserve water quality and allow water to be used for the benefit of the citizens living in Cache County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unlike any other district in the state, the Cache Water District will have a board elected by the voice of the people.</li> <li>• The Cache Water District will effectively conserve and protect our water and will have limited taxing authority.</li> <li>• A comprehensive study of water in Cache County concluded that a conservancy district is the most effective way to protect our water supply, represent all county water users, and maintain and improve our environmental quality.</li> </ul> <p>We, as a community, have the opportunity to establish an entity that will, through elected board members, respond to the people and make management choices that can positively affect all aspects of this precious resource.</p> <p>M. Robert Smith– Cache County Farm Bureau, President          Craig “W” Buttars– Cache County Executive          Lyle W. Hillyard– Utah State Senator          David Rayfield– Hyde Park resident          Bryan Cox– Hyde Park resident</p>	<p>Every glass of water you’ve drank, every blade of grass you’ve watered, every crop you’ve irrigated in Cache County for as long as you and your forefathers have lived here has been done without a water district. Local water suppliers have risen to meet these needs, without having to utilize another layer of government and without another entity collecting property taxes from you.</p> <p>Vote NO to starting another unresponsive layer of government because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A Yes vote moves Bear River Development forward.</b> The contract for the marketing campaign to start the water district clearly indicated the purpose of the effort is to provide “continued Bear River development”, they can do so without a water district, according to Utah law.</li> <li>• <b>Bear River Development jeopardizes Cache County’s Farm Water Supply.</b> Once water pipes are constructed to link the bear River to the urban Wasatch Front, much more water can flow away from Cache County than the 220,000 acre-feet being discussed. This diversion will mark the beginning of major water transfers and buy-and-dry efforts by wealthy Salt Lake water suppliers that will put Bear River farmers out of business.</li> <li>• <b>Forming a water district means you will pay taxes for more lobbyists pushing Bear River Development.</b> It is only a matter of time before you’ll be paying property taxes to the water district for lobbyists at the Utah Legislature to push Bear River development. In the last few legislative sessions, 4 of Utah’s biggest water districts spent at least \$500,000 on lobbying contracts to permanently fund Bear River Development and the Lake Powell Pipeline with your sales tax money.</li> <li>• <b>Cache County isn’t running out of water.</b> The County’s 80,000 residents have more water than Salt Lake County’s 1 million people. That’s why water districts down there want to start diverting Cache County’s water, and some of the proponents of the YES side are helping them, including private companies and their lobbyists.</li> <li>• <b>Starting a Water District won’t provide any water to existing tax payers.</b> There has been no identification of a specific community that will receive water from a new Water District. Instead we have general statements about water needs that are unsupported, with vague promises of future services, one day.</li> <li>• <b>Water Districts can do nothing to protect our water rights and instream flows.</b> Utah State Code 73-3-30 states: only the Division of Wildlife Resources and Division of Parks and Recreation can hold an instream flow, <u>not water districts</u>. As for Water Rights, they will still be held by the owners who currently possess them and cannot be taken away unless they’re not being used.</li> </ul> <p>We already have a system that gives the people of Cache County the freedom and liberty to choose for themselves how to provide for their water needs. Lets stay on the path rather than creating more layers of bureaucracy that collect taxes and insulate our elected officials from the public even further. Please, vote NO.</p> <p>Richard Toth, North Logan resident</p>

Rebuttal to Argument Against	Rebuttal to Argument For
<p><b>Vote YES to keep our water here!</b> The stated purpose of the Cache Water District is specifically to conserve and protect our Cache Valley water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A YES vote does NOT move the Bear River Development forward</b>—The Bear River Development Act aims to send water to the Wasatch Front. The purpose of the Cache Water District is to keep water in Cache Valley.</li> <li>• <b>The proposed Cache Water District is NOT the same as, nor is it the Bear River Development Act</b>— The Cache Water District would work to protect Cache Valley’s farm water supply.</li> <li>• <b>The creation of the Cache Water District is about addressing the water that is currently being lost, as well as developing methods to keep our water here.</b></li> <li>• <b>The 120,000 residents in Cache County currently have an adequate water supply.</b> However, we need a water district to maintain this supply and continue our quality of life.</li> <li>• <b>The creation of the Cache Water District will facilitate local partnerships and collaboration to help meet current and future water needs.</b></li> <li>• <b>A water district will help prevent the loss of existing rights by ensuring our water is put to beneficial use as required by law.</b></li> </ul> <p>Ironically, opposition for the Cache Water District is being coordinated along the Wasatch Front, the very place that is fighting to take our water. They want voters to believe that a district will not protect water rights.</p> <p><b>NOW is the time for the Cache Water District; it really is OUR water, OUR future, and OUR choice</b></p> <p>M. Robert Smith– Cache County Farm Bureau, President  Craig “W” Buttars– Cache County Executive  Lyle W. Hillyard– Utah State Senator  David Rayfield– Hyde Park resident  Bryan Cox– Hyde Park resident</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NO REBUTTAL SUBMITTED</u></b></p>



Jill Zollinger  
Cache County Clerk/Auditor  
179 North Main Suite 102  
Logan, UT 84321

