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Nephi City enters into mutual assistance agreement

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Nephi City has entered into a mutual assistance agreement that will allow power entities in the state to assist each other when an emergency occurs.

The "Mutual Assistance Agreement" was entered into between PacifiCorp and Rocky Mountain Power (RMP), the Utah Rural Electric Cooperative Association (URECA), the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) and the Utah Municipal Power Agency (UMPA).

"We are part of UMPA," said Seth Atkinson, city administrator. "The state has been the real impetus behind the agreement."

The agreement benefits areas suffering from weather-related outages as well as other emergency events because other entities can be called in to help without concerns about territories and boundaries.

"We have discussed this in several work sessions," said Skip Worwood, city council member. "I will make the motion to enter into the agreement and authorize the mayor to sign it."

Kent Jones, council member, made the second and all voted in favor.

As an association of members, URECA represents eight electric power distribution cooperatives and those one generation and transmission cooperatives who are URECA members. Members provide electricity to over 70,000 homes, businesses, ranches and farms across the state of Utah, said Atkinson.

Regulated electric utilities are subject to the oversight of regulatory authorities, including the Utah Public Service Commission (UPSC) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC);

UMPA is a political subdivision of the State of Utah formed pursuant to the Utah Interlocal Cooperation Act and represents six municipal electric utilities, two of which are in Juab County--Levan and Nephi--and provides electricity

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Lady Wasps end season with win over North Sanpete Hawks

By Isaac Allred
JHS Publicity Manager

The Lady Wasps soccer team had a great game this past Tuesday the 5th against the North Sanpete Hawks.

The energy in the crowd was exciting as Avree Miller and Sydney Bradford each scored a goal for the team. The Wasps beat the Hawks with a final



GLORY OF THE AUTUMN LEAVES • Today's storm will probably end the glory of red and yellow leaves to our Main street. Above, this tree was proudly showing off the color on Monday. The weather man is calling rain changing to snow today and Thursday, but warming to the 50's and 60's by the weekend.

Juab County is all in when opposing water grab from Iron County Water District

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Juab County Commissioners are all in when it comes to opposing the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District's Project (CICWDC).

Annette Garland, representing the Great Basin Water Network (GBWN), met with commissioners to seek their backing in objecting to the CICWDC proposal to take groundwater that will harm Juab County's West Desert residents.

"The project will harm rural groundwater basins extending from the Beryl Enterprise area all the way to the Great Salt Lake," said Garland.

She said that a tax-and-spend project is an example of government waste, careless water management and misguided solutions to a community's water needs.

"CICWDC has already depleted its own water supply,"

said Garland. "Now it wants to drain more of the West Desert. Beaver, Millard and White Pine, NV, counties are all committed to fighting the project for their communities."

The potential impacts to Juab County residents and resources is undeniable.

Kyle Roerink, executive director of Great Basin Water Network, had been in touch with the commission, said Clinton Painter, commissioner.

"He came in and talked to us and we gave our support," said Painter.

He said that commissioners were not wanting CICWDC to take the water from Juab County and would oppose the taking. They had fought against Nevada taking the water from the West Desert and thought this would do the same thing.

"As we say, our victories are only temporary," said Garland. "After defeating the SNWA's (Southern Nevada Water) pipeline, we now have another

boondoggle to fight."

"This is basically the same battle," said Richard Hansen, county commission chairman.

Cedar City is proposing a water grab just south of Baker and Great Basin National Park. It will siphon away water from rural Nevada and Utah's West Desert to feed sprawl development in the water-wasting community of Cedar City, said Garland.

She said that rates will skyrocket for residents, aquifers will empty, farms will perish, sacred cultural resources will vanish, wildlife will suffer, communities will pay and ecosystems will pay.

Cedar City needs to get conservative with its water. And it needs to get conservative with how it spends money.

"USGS (United States Geological Survey) estimates that the multi-phase project will harm Snake Valley and Fish Springs Flat in Juab County," said Garland. "There are more than 20 other basins that will

be harmed in Nevada and Utah according to USGS."

"It will have an adverse affect on Fish Springs," said Hansen.

He said that when Roerink talked to them, he said it was possible that when the water draw down occurred, the Great Salt Lake might flow backwards to fill the low water spaces.

"The Great Salt Lake could go the other way," said Hansen.

"The brackish water will affect us," said Garland.

In addition, she said, USGS estimates the perennial yield between Pine and Wah Wah Valleys is 11,000 to 15,000 acre feet. CICWDC wants to pump 26,000 any (acre-feet per year). "That math spells trouble for the region," she said.

Those aquifers are the same, said Hansen.

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CO-ED REGION CHAMPS • The JHS girls' soccer team finished the regular season as co-ed Region 14 champs along with Manti. The team had a 7-1 region record. They enter the state tournament this week as the #11 team and will face off with Carbon tonight at 4:00 pm in Price. Photo courtesy of Angie Hall



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