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**WASHINGTON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT RELEASES DOCUMENTS
AS ORDERED BY UTAH RECORDS COMMITTEE**

On May 23, 2016, the Utah State Records Committee issued a decision requiring Washington County Water Conservancy District to obtain from Applied Analysis a copy of a preliminary Lake Powell Pipeline financial survey prepared as part of a 2013 citizen's committee meeting. The district has the option to appeal the decision, but has opted to secure and release the requested document. In addition, the district is releasing a second survey from another meeting attended by local elected officials in 2014.

The documents from these meetings have been misrepresented by some as the district's repayment plan for the Lake Powell Pipeline, a project of the state of Utah in which the district would be a benefitting participant. These documents are not repayment plans; they are the result of interactive (live polling) focus group exercises. The information was generated using only the defined assumptions provided by those participating in the polling.ⁱ The two resulting documents have different inputs and outcomes based on varied audience response, which is why the district decided to release copies of the results from both meetings. The documents and underlying calculations used in both meetings were prepared and presented by Applied Analysis.ⁱⁱ

The released documents also contain an overview of a 2012 model prepared by University of Utah economists, which was presented in both meetings for comparison purposes.

Those who will determine the project's final financing terms and repayment plan did not participate in either meeting and the data produced today does not reflect an official position. Any reference to these documents and the data contained therein as a repayment plan is inaccurate and misleading.

Because information essential to formulate a repayment plan will not be available until 2018 or later, a repayment plan for the Lake Powell Pipeline cannot be determined at this time. A definitive repayment plan requires:

- Project route and design features that would be determined after completion of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review
- Approved final design
- Cost estimates based on the final design
- Financing terms approved by the state and accepted by the districts

No official decision will be made to build the Lake Powell Pipeline until after multiple opportunities for public review and feedback on the costs, financing terms and repayment plan options.

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Washington County Water Conservancy District is a not-for-profit public agency established in 1962 to manage Southern Utah’s regional water needs. The district oversees the development, stabilization, management, acquisition and conservation of water resources in Washington County in an ongoing effort to provide a safe, reliable water supply for current and future generations. Visit www.wcwcd.org for more information.

Applied Analysis is a Las Vegas-based corporation with experience in economics, finance and accounting and is a consultant to Washington County Water Conservancy District. Visit www.appliedanalysis.com for more information.

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ⁱ Following is an incomplete list of audience-determined assumptions used to generate the results in the documents provided by Applied Analysis at the 2013 and 2014 meetings:

- Rate of population growth
- Available water supply
- Future water use numbers
- Year the additional water supply would be needed
- Project cost
- Financing interest rate
- Number of years in the water supply buffer
- Cost of conservation
- Debt term vs. a pay-as-you-go funding model
- Construction timeframe
- Initial capital payment option and amount
- Percent, if any, of evaporation lost
- Payment allocations from water rates, impact fees and property taxes

Revisions to any of the above listed assumptions would change the results noted in the worksheets.

ⁱⁱ The agenda, presentation and minutes from the citizen’s committee meeting has been posted to the district’s website since 2013; video footage of the presentation is available on YouTube as well as at the district’s office.