



WASHINGTON COUNTY
WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF IVINS RESERVOIR
Washington County's oldest reservoir

Together with the City of Ivins, Washington County Water Conservancy District (district) will honor the 100th anniversary of the Ivins Reservoir on Thursday, September 6 at 6 p.m. during the Ivins Heritage Festival.

Designed by Leo A. Snow and Clarence S. Jarvis, the reservoir was part of the original canal and waterways system designed and built in the early 1900s by the Ivins Irrigation Company. Local settlers were offered one free acre of land in the new township in exchange for one year of labor on the canal and reservoir. Ivins Reservoir is the oldest reservoir in the county and has been operational since its development.

“The vision behind it [Ivins Reservoir] and the construction of it are great stories reflecting the dogged determination, sacrificing spirit, and tireless work ethic of those who preceded us here,” wrote Ivins Mayor, Chris Hart, in a recent city newsletter.

“In Washington County, we truly benefit from the work and foresight of our community’s ancestors,” added district General Manager, Ron Thompson. “It’s our responsibility to do the same for our posterity.”

Ivins Reservoir stores up to 778 acre feet of water from the Santa Clara River. The water is primarily used for irrigation. The reservoir was transferred to the ownership of the district in 2004 to enhance the Santa Clara Project and recreational opportunities for all county residents and visitors. The City of Ivins, Shivwits Band of Paiutes and district worked together to create a recreation plan that allows for swimming, boating, fishing and observing wildlife habitat.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary, regional partners have completed an array of improvement projects, including a paved access road, parking area, established trails, restrooms, and expanded beach and picnic areas.

About Washington County Water Conservancy District

The 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.wcvcd.org for more information.