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Department of Environmental Quality

Alan Matheson Executive Director

MAY 25 2017

CERTIFIED MAIL (Return Receipt Requested)

North Utah County Water Conservancy District C/O John H. Jacobs, Attorney 75 North Center American Fork, Utah 84003

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

Subject: Settlement Agreement, Tibble Fork Dam Sediment Release, Docket #I16-07

Transmitted herewith is the duly executed (signed and dated by the Acting Director) Settlement Agreement, Docket No. I16-07. The Settlement Agreement was open for public comment from March 31, 2017 to May 1, 2017 and published in the Provo Daily Herald. Several comments were received during the comment period and the Division has responded to these.

The Settlement Agreement was approved by the Utah Water Quality Board during their board meeting on May 24, 2017. The Agreement has been finalized and payment of the full penalty amount according to the schedule described in the Agreement, along with compliance with the requirements of the approved Monitoring and Remediation plans referenced therein, will formally close out this enforcement action.

Please submit the first payment per Paragraph 6A of the Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$70,802.05 made payable to "State of Utah". Submittal is due within 30 days of the effective date of the Stipulated Compliance Order to the address below:

Utah Division of Water Quality Attn: Emily Canton P.O. Box 144870 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4870

A separate invoice is included herein. Please include a copy of the invoice, or the invoice number with your remittance.

If you have any questions with regards to this matter, please contact Kevin Okleberry at 801-536-4054 or kokleberry@utah.gov.

Sincerely.

Matthew Garn, P.E., Manager

Surface Water Section

MG:KO:smm

Enclosures:

1. Settlement Agreement, Docket #I16-07

2. Invoice

CC: Craig W. Anderson, Assistant Attorney General, via email

Ralph Clegg, Utah County Health Department, via email

DWQ-2017-004667

UTAH DIVISON OF WATER QUALITY

IN THE MATTER OF NORTH UTAH COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

DOCKET NUMBER 116-07 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (hereinafter "AGREEMENT") is between NORTH UTAH COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT (hereinafter "OPERATOR") and the DIRECTOR OF THE UTAH DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY (hereinafter the "DIRECTOR"), concerning violations of the *Utah Water Quality Act* (the *Act*), *Utah Code Annotated*, and the *Utah Administrative Code*.

- 1. The **DIRECTOR** has authority to administer the *Utah Water Quality Act, as amended* 1953, as specified in *UCA* 19-5-106(2)(d) (hereinafter the "ACT").
- 2. The **DIRECTOR** has been delegated authority by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to administer the *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)* permit program under the *Federal Clean Water Act* (CWA).
- 3. The parties met on November 30, 2016 to discuss the **NOTICE OF VIOLATION** and the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident, and now desire to resolve this matter fully without further administrative proceedings except to the extent provided herein by entering into this **AGREEMENT**. Entering into this **AGREEMENT** is not an admission of liability or factual allegation set out in the **NOTICE**, nor is it an admission of or an agreement to any disputed facts or disputed legal theories, nor is it an admission of any violation of any law, rule, regulation or permit by the **OPERATOR**.
- 4. The **DIRECTOR** will administer the terms and provisions of this **AGREEMENT**.
- 5. This AGREEMENT resolves the NOTICE OF VIOLATION and ORDER, Docket Number I16-07 (hereinafter the "NOTICE"), between the OPERATOR and the DIRECTOR, issued to the OPERATOR in September 28, 2016, by the DIRECTOR. It does not in any way relieve the OPERATOR from any other obligation imposed under the Act or any other State or Federal laws.
- 6. In resolution of said NOTICE in Paragraph 5 of this AGREEMENT;
 - A. The **OPERATOR** agrees to pay a penalty in the amount of \$52,500 and associated costs incurred by the Division of Water Quality in the amount of \$92,622.55 for a total of \$145,122.55, which was calculated and adjusted for circumstances in conformance with the penalty policy outlined in *UAC 317-1-8*, according to the following payment schedule:
 - Within 30 days of the Settlement Agreement being signed by the Director of the Division of Water Quality, NUCWCD will remit payment in the amount of \$70,802.05. This amount is to reimburse monitoring costs that DWQ incurred from August 23 through September 5th.

- On or before January 1, 2018, NUCWCD will remit payment in the amount of \$21,820.50 to DWQ for labor costs associated with Tibble Fork investigations from August 23rd through November 4th.
- On or before January 1, 2019, January 1, 2020, and January 1, 2021, NUCWCD will remit payments in the amount of \$17,500 for penalties assessed to resolve the NOV.

Payments are to begin within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this **AGREEMENT** by online payment, or check made payable to the State of Utah delivered or mailed to:

Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Quality P. O. Box 144870 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870

B. The **OPERATOR** further agrees to fund a restoration and monitoring project(s) for the American Fork River in order to return it to its pre-incident state. The plan(s) for these project(s) must be completed and approved by the Division of Water Quality and initiated within 30 days of the effective date of this **AGREEMENT**.

The **OPERATOR**'s participation in the restoration and monitoring project(s) must fully adhere to *UAC R317-1-8*. The **OPERATOR** agrees not to attempt to gain or generate any positive publicity, and further agrees not to deduct or otherwise attempt to obtain a tax benefit from the foregoing funding of these projects.

- C. The **OPERATOR** may be required to submit updates, based on the approved project(s). Updates must be submitted every 3 months. The updates must include how the project is progressing and any known setbacks that may impact the progress of the mitigation and recovery.
- 7. Nothing contained in this AGREEMENT shall preclude the DIRECTOR from taking additional actions against the OPERATOR for permit violations not resolved by this AGREEMENT.
- 8. If an agreement between the **OPERATOR** and the **DIRECTOR** cannot be reached in a dispute arising under any provision of this **AGREEMENT**, then the **OPERATOR** or the **DIRECTOR** may commence a proceeding with the **BOARD** under the *Administrative Procedures Act* to resolve the dispute. A final decision in any adjudicative proceeding shall be subject to judicial review under applicable state law.
- 9. Nothing in this **AGREEMENT** shall constitute a waiver by the **OPERATOR** to raise in defense any legal or factual contention for future allegations of noncompliance.
- 10. Nothing in this AGREEMENT shall constitute or be considered as a release from any claims,

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to include natural resource damage claims, cause of action, or demand in law or equity which the **STATE** may have against the **OPERATOR**, or any other person, firm, partnership or corporation for any liability arising out of or relating in any way to the release of pollutants to waters of the State.

AGREED to this 25 day of May

_, 2017.

NORTH UTAH COUNTY

WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

UTAH DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

Authorized Agent

Directo



STATE OF UTAH

INVOICE

SEND PAYMENT TO:

DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WATER QUALITY 195 N 1950 West P O Box 144870 Salt Lake City UT 84114-4870

BILL TO: North Utah County Water Conservancy District 75 North Center
American Fork UT 84003

Invoice Number: 177000000000411

Original Invoice Date:

05-25-17

Amount Due: \$70,802.05

Due Date: 06-24-17

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Please write INVOICE NO. on front of check or money order

Contact: Sharon Schofield (801) 536-4321

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: UTAH DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

AR DEPT:BPRO 480:48070

RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS

STATE OF UTAH



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Amount Due:

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Invoice Charges

Line Number

Description

Settlement agreement Docket #I16-07 DWQ Monitoring Cost First invoice

Amount

\$70,802.05

Total Invoice Charges

\$70,802.05

Other Charges

Description

Other Fee

NSF Fee

Amount

\$0.00

\$0.00

Total Other Charges

\$0.00

Payments Applied

\$0.00

Total Amount Due

\$70,802.05

Instructions: