

Cove-East Fork Virgin River Watershed Project Kane and Washington Counties, Utah

Draft Plan-EIS Notice of Availability

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Project Information

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Kane County Water Conservancy District (KCWCD) and the Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD) as project sponsors announce the availability of the Cove-East Fork Virgin River Project Draft Watershed Plan Environmental Impact Statement (Plan-EIS). The project preferred alternative consists of developing a 6,000-acre-foot reservoir with appurtenances, a recreation area, pipelines, and a booster pump station. Water from the proposed reservoir would be made available to existing agricultural fields near Long Valley, and for municipal and industrial uses in Washington County.

The Draft Plan-EIS evaluates the proposed action, alternatives considered, and the potential environmental impacts associated with each alternative. The NRCS (lead federal agency) and the local sponsoring organizations (KCWCD and WCWCD) will hold a public meeting to provide information about the proposed Project and Draft Plan-EIS analysis, and to collect comments on the Draft Plan-EIS.

NRCS invites you to submit comments anytime during the open comment period starting September 18, 2026, and ending on November 2, 2026. NRCS also invites information about cultural resources within the area of potential effects to assist in identifying and evaluating impacts in the context of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

An electronic copy of the Draft Plan-EIS can be downloaded from the NRCS Project website accessed from the web address or QR code below.

<https://tinyurl.com/CoveEFVR>



A hard copy of the Draft Plan-EIS is available for review at the KCWCD Office (725 East Kanaplex Drive, Kanab, UT 84741) and the WCWCD Office (533 East Waterworks Drive, St. George, UT 84770).

Draft Plan-EIS Public Meeting

You are invited to attend, discuss, and submit a comment during the Draft Plan-EIS meeting.

**When: September 30, 2026
(Wednesday)
6.00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Where: Old Rock Church
Events Center
2615 S State St
Mt. Carmel, Utah
84755**

How to Submit a Comment

Please mail or email all comments to:

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Comments must be received by November 2, 2026, to become part of the public record.

Watershed Area Overview Map



