Ivins City Staff Report
City Council Meeting 06/05/2014

Agenda Item: Approval of transfer of Conservation Easement Deed to Washington County

Submitted by: Charles R. Gillette, P.E., City Engineer

Recommended City Council Action:
Approve transfer of Conservation Easement Deed to Washington County and approve expenditure for fencing.

BACKGROUND:

Ivins City is required to mitigate for the tortoise habitat impacts created by the dam that was constructed in the Tuacahn Wash last year. Ivins is required to provide additional lands into the reserve. It has been proposed that the site as shown on the attached map would provide the necessary mitigation with 10.11 acres. The Red Cliffs Desert Reserve staff has proposed that this transfer occur via a conservation easement deed that would be transferred to Washington County. This same method was used for mitigation that was provided by City of St George for the new overpass currently under construction at Red Hills Parkway and Bluff Street.

FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS:

The proposed deed is attached to this report. City staff has negotiated certain terms with the intent of minimizing any restrictions on the City in its efforts to maintain the dam and limiting any additional burdens of liability. The presented form here incorporates those changes.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Conservation Easement Deed
- Exhibit A Legal Description (Requesting approval without Exhibits B & C which still need to be prepared)
- Map of mitigation area

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is a requirement to provide fencing at an estimated cost of $10,000 to $13,000.

Respectfully Submitted:

Charles R. Gillette, P.E., City Engineer

Content Review:

Dale Coulam, City Manager