

# Professional Background of Jerald (Jerry) A. Postema

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## Overview

Jerald (Jerry) A. Postema has been a dedicated servant to the Hildale/Colorado City community since February 2021. He began his tenure as Project Manager, guiding several critical initiatives following Harrison Johnson's deployment. In addition to leading these projects, Jerry was also entrusted to oversee and mentor the Utility Department Interim Director.

## Key Grants and Projects

### Hildale Groundwater System Plan

Jerry authored a successful grant proposal to Washington County, securing \$100,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for a Professional Engineer Report (PER) and Feasibility Plan for the Hildale Groundwater System. The grant was awarded, and the plan was completed by Bowen Collins, Engineer.

### Water Master Plan Update

In 2022, Jerry collaborated with the Utah Division of Drinking Water to obtain a \$50,000 grant for hiring an engineer to update the Water Master Plan, originally completed in 2014. This updated plan, along with a Facilities Plan and Impact Fee schedule, was finalized and adopted by both Councils in 2024.

### Water Rate Study

Partnering with Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) in 2022 and leveraging USDA Rural Development funding, Jerry initiated a Water Rate Study for the community at no cost. The study, valued at \$50,000–\$75,000 if privately funded, led to the adoption of new rates in 2024.

### Colorado City Water Project

In 2023, Jerry worked with Colorado City and Mohave County to secure an ARPA Grant for a \$3 million water project. The Mohave County Board of Supervisors awarded \$1.4 million for the project, which included the addition of two wells and replacement of the underground raw water line connecting the wells to the treatment plant.

## EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revisions

Collaborating with the Utah Department of Environmental Quality in 2023, Jerry helped secure a \$150,000 grant for implementing new EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. This effort required a comprehensive survey of all water services to identify building material types. The work was completed ahead of the October 2024 USEPA filing deadline, finishing in September 2024. In 2024, Hildale received an additional grant of up to \$200,000 for creating a detailed water service inventory, allowing residents online access to information about materials between the meter and their buildings.

## Booster Pump Station Funding

In 2024, Jerry requested emergency funding from the Utah Division of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the Booster Pump Station. This resulted in a Grant/Loan of \$829,050—\$278,050 in grant funding and \$551,000 as a loan at 1.73% interest over 30 years.

## Professional Experience

Prior to his service in Hildale/Colorado City, Jerry brought more than 40 years of experience managing utility and public works facilities across Michigan, Arizona, Oregon, and Utah. He has overseen utilities serving populations from large (350,000 residents), to mid-size (18,000 residents), down to small communities (1,000 residents).