



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 17, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Nick Sandberg, Public Lands Coordinator

TITLE: Consideration of letter recommending a public hearing by Utah Division of Water Quality on permit application for underground in-situ mining by Lisbon Valley Copper Mine.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign letter

SUMMARY

Utah Division of Water Quality is providing a public comment period on the proposed issuance of a permit for underground injection of an acid solution for in-situ copper recovery at the Lisbon Valley Copper Mine. Area residents and the County have concerns on the potential effects on underground water quality and quantity especially to local users dependent upon existing water wells in the area. The subject letter requests that Utah Division of Water Quality conduct a public hearing so the proposal can be explained to the public and affected parties through a presentation and question and answer format. Better informed comments could then be made on the proposal.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

None on this proposal.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at present.