



# **NORTH OGDEN CITY**

## **Public Works Department**

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Dear Mayor and Council Members

I would like to discuss the canals and channels throughout the City and the responsibility of keeping these channels free of debris and overgrowth and whose liability it falls to if one of those canals/channels were to flood and cause damage.

The channel currently in question is located in the back yard of the lady that lives at 525 E 1700 N and she is concerned because her sump pumps are running regularly. The water in the channel is used by water rights users along the channel.

The City does not own the channel or water rights and we do not dump water into the channel from any of our springs.

It is my opinion that these channels/canals should not be the responsibility of this City and would recommend the Council take action to distance itself from them so we do not end up paying for damages if something should happen.

Ron Chandler and I will be meeting with Terrell Grimley, of the North Ogden Irrigation Group on Monday September 24, 2012 at 9:00am and will have additional information for you at the Council meeting.

Thank you,  
Mel Blanchard  
Public Works Director