

Wake-Up Call: Irrigation Districts and Rural Subdivisions

Legal Aspects of Urban Encroachment Issues and Opportunities By Kara Brighton

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- I. Introduction
 - A. Wyoming Subdivision Statutes
 - 1. Review of Title 18, Chapter 5, Article 3
 - B. Summary of Wyoming Counties's Subdivision Regulations
 - C. Wyoming Growth
 - 1. Population Change - 1990-2000
 - 2. Second Home Growth in Wyoming - 1990-2000
 - D. WWDC Irrigation System Survey Report

- II. Issues Raised by Subdivision Development
 - A. Inadequacy of Delivery Systems
 - B. Secondary Water Supply Systems
 - 1. Urbanization of Irrigated Lands
 - 2. Potential Source of Revenue
 - C. Ground Water Impacts
 - 1. Quantity Issues
 - 2. Quality Issues
 - D. Liability Concerns

- III. County Planning Process - Irrigation Districts' Role
 - A. Review County's Existing Subdivision Regulations
 - B. Potential Modification of County Subdivision Regulations
 - C. Wheatland Irrigation District Example

- IV. Conclusion