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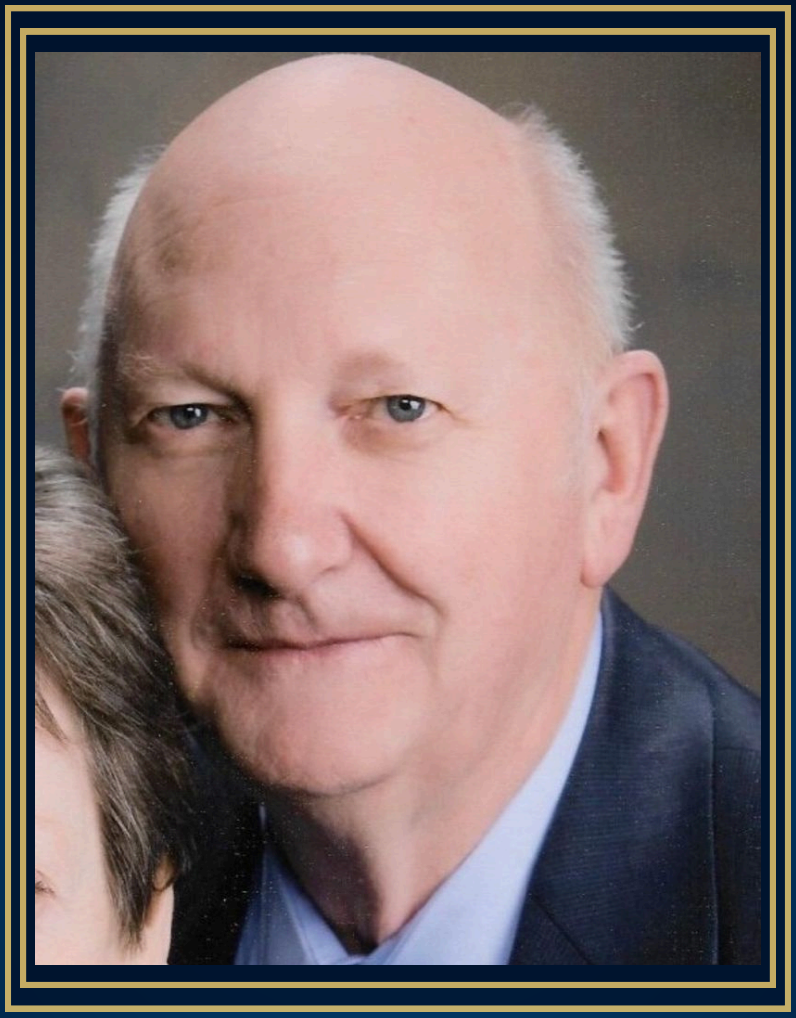

## H. LEE WIMMER

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Wimmer began his professional career with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, but his most influential work started when he returned to Utah in 1973 to help build what would become Horrocks Engineers. As a principal for over two decades, he served as city and district engineer for numerous communities, directly shaping the infrastructure and growth of cities across Utah. His work at this stage reflected a deep commitment not just to engineering solutions, but to helping communities responsibly meet their long-term needs.

The defining chapter of Wimmer’s career came with his transition in 1994 to the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, where he served as Assistant General Manager and CUPCA Program and Construction Manager. In this role, he assumed responsibility for one of the most complex and consequential infrastructure efforts in the state’s history: completion of the Central Utah Project. The Central Utah Project is Utah’s largest water resource development initiative, designed to capture and deliver the state’s share of Colorado River water to support municipal, industrial, agricultural, and environmental needs. Its scope includes vast systems of reservoirs, tunnels, pipelines, and environmental mitigation measures across multiple river basins—an undertaking complicated by decades of funding challenges, environmental requirements, and interagency coordination.

Under the Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA), responsibility for finishing this massive project was transferred to local leadership, requiring not only engineering expertise but also exceptional management, collaboration, and accountability...

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“Wimmer stood at the center of this effort. Over a 25-year tenure, he guided the completion of approximately $1.8 billion in infrastructure, ensuring that the project would reliably serve generations of Utahns with water supply, flood control, environmental enhancements, and recreational opportunities.

Beyond the scale of the work, Wimmer’s leadership on CUPCA demonstrated the highest ideals of the engineering profession. He successfully navigated the intersection of engineering design, environmental stewardship, public policy, and stakeholder engagement—helping transform a historically slow-moving federal project into a model of locally driven infrastructure delivery. His work directly enabled sustainable growth along the Wasatch Front and improved water security across much of the state.

Equally important is Wimmer’s legacy as a mentor and advocate for the engineering profession. He invested deeply in the next generation by helping establish the BYU Civil and Environmental Engineering Scholarship Society and by teaching engineering ethics to students. He served on boards overseeing critical water facilities and routinely advised local leaders, extending his influence far beyond individual projects. His commitment to professional development and ethical practice strengthened the engineering community in Utah in ways that will continue long into the future.

In sum, H. Lee Wimmer’s career embodies a lifetime of service defined by impact, leadership, and integrity. His contributions to the Central Utah Project alone would merit recognition, but when combined with his decades of community engineering, mentorship, and professional service, they represent an extraordinary legacy. His work has not only shaped Utah’s infrastructure—it has helped secure the state’s future. ”