

Utah Lake Watershed Council Meeting

Attendees:

Joe Crawford – Provo River Watershed Council	Laura Haskell - DWRe
Rich Mickelsen - TSSD	Shazelle Terry - JWCD
Cory Pierce – Spanish Fork City	Jay Olsen
Gary Calder – Provo City	Jodi Gardberg - DEQ
Sterling Brown – SWUA	Ben Abbott - BYU
Cade Moore – Utah Fly Co	Chad Dutton– Texas Instruments
Scott Bergendorf - DNR	Jeff Budge - PRWUA
Jared Hansen - CUWCD	Eric Ellis – Utah Lake Authority
Sandy Wingert – DEQ	Andy Rasmussen – Langdon Group
Marty Larson – Highline Canal Company	Hollee Wood – Langdon Group
Mark Illum - Texas Instruments	Jed Muhlestein - Alpine City

Approval of Minutes, June 26th Meeting:

- Rich made motion to accept minutes from last meeting with a change to the “Langdon Group will determine term lengths” item – Officers have terms of 4 years
- Motion made by Rich Mickelsen and seconded by Marty Larson
- All were in favor

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- Sterling provided a handout
- Link on website with watershed councils with agendas and minutes
- Reimbursements are available for travel and food from DWRe for this council
- DWRe is looking to improve their branding for these councils
- Part of the goal of the statewide council is to help with water planning
- Joe received email from Carly Payne: Josh Zimmerman is our Area Planning Specialist and can take the minutes and agenda from our meetings and putting them on the DWRe website
- We received one correction on our organizing document from the statewide council that we have changed

Watershed Tours – September 18th Tour

- Tour of Utah Lake Watershed – Jordan River Pump House, TSSD, North Slough Access, State Park, Provo Delta, Sandy Beach, back to Jordan River Pump House
 - September 18th 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Meet at Jordan River Pump Station
- TSSD to provide lunch and Farm Bureau to provide snacks
 - Statewide Watersheds Council has approved up to \$1000 for local watersheds to use for tours (such as this)
 - There is the option to use this funding for this tour while it is available and have TSSD and Farm Bureau contribute for another tour at a later time

- Not possible to get all the way around the lake in one trip – first trip September 18th and another tour sometime Spring 2024
- Sandy Wingert (in this meeting as well as on the Provo River Watershed Council) would also like to participate in this tour
 - This could be a good way to get up the Provo River and see that part of the watershed as well
 - This can also be a good way to provide understanding between the two watershed councils
 - They have also offered to fund lunch for this tour as well
- BYU has options for buses/transportation as well
- Subcommittee will finalize these details and send out in email with what the details are

Budget/Funding Sources

- Could Meta or TI be sources of funding in the future?
- What is this funding for?
 - Future projects – sampling, restoration, etc...
- Joe will start looking into areas within the watershed that could be a focus for the council to start projects at
 - Tour could provide some ideas for what those focus areas may be
- None of the other Councils have received funding thus far
- BYU has some research points up in the burn marks from the big fire that we could go look at
- Can we define what is “our space”? We don’t want to duplicate efforts, so where can we go in and make a positive impact that isn’t already being done
- Discussion regarding whether or not it is our responsibility to get projects done
 - It is our responsibility to provide information to the statewide council and they will roll it up to the Legislature
 - In order to be the experts and facilitate what needs to be done, what do we need to do?
 - Do we want to do any outreach or educational efforts as part of this council?
- Tour heavy in the first year or so to really understand one another and the different interests/players/issues within the watershed
- Create list of problem points within the watershed for each of the different members and we can establish what the priority problems are – we can tour these areas and then determine what the priority is
 - Full day trips are going to be hard for people to get off, perhaps smaller but more frequent trips to different areas around the council
 - Can create a google doc or other spreadsheet to track these issues
 - Can include the dates/time of year when it is most effective to view this area/issue
 - Cory will create this and send it out (can be edited as we go)
 - Do we get information from whomever we represent for their input as to what issues we should be aware of?
 - We deliver this information out, but we can represent those interests

- Potential budget item: creating videos of what we tour to use as outreach materials
- Local Conservation Districts already have tours in place. Contact Daniel Gunnell to see what projects they are currently working on and how we can collaborate with them
- Heber Valley work has received funding (Sandy Wingert) and a lot of work will be happening there and there will be a lot to see
- Discussion about longer tours versus more frequent shorter tours
 - Initial full day tours can be a great way to initially expose us to what is happening within the watershed, and then we can go back on shorter trips to other areas that need further information or that may have been missed in the initial tour
 - Shorter tours:
 - October – PRWUA trip
 - November – Provo Aquifer Recharge trip
 - Spring – Marty’s mud, Impacts to Fish

Public Comment:

- No public comments

Future Council Meetings:

- Agenda Item for next meeting will be to approve the one correction to the organizing document that was recommended by the statewide Watersheds Council
- Full tour in September, shorter tours Oct – Nov, meeting like this again in December before schedules/holidays get crazy
- Provo River Watershed Council/Provo River Water Users Association Tour: sometime in October (Sandy is double checking what works with them)
- 3rd Monday of the month – trip/tour 11-2
- September 18th, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Full Day tour
- October 16th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. – PRWUA trip
- November 20th, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Provo River Aquifer Recharge trip
- December 18th, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Central Utah Water Conservancy District