

# JORDAN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 9am-10:30am  
Salt Lake County Government Center, Room N2003

## Meeting Minutes

### Attendance:

Carl Adams, Utah Dept. of Environmental Quality /Div. of Water Quality (DWQ)  
Scott Baird, Salt Lake County (SLCo)  
Brent Beardall, Salt Lake County (SLCo)  
Lynn Berni, Salt Lake County (SLCo)  
Jim Bowcutt, Utah Dept. of Environmental Quality/Div. of Water Quality (DWQ)  
Steve Burgon, Salt Lake County (SLCo)  
Jerry Chaney, Utah Dept. of Transportation (UDOT)  
Jeff Denbleyker, CH2M Hill  
Gene Drake, Salt Lake Conservation District  
Dan Drumiler, Salt Lake County (SLCo)  
Tom Holstrom, Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility (CVWRF)  
Julie Howe, Stantec  
Marian Hubbard, Salt Lake County (SLCo)  
Van King, Kennecott/Rio Tinto  
Theron Miller, Jordan River/Farmington Bay Water Quality Council  
Dennis Pay, City of South Salt Lake  
Dan Potts, Salt Lake County Fish and Game Association  
Megan Walsh, Salt Lake County (SLCo)

### Introductions

#### Housekeeping (Megan Walsh)

- Mission Statement: The Jordan River Watershed Council is dedicated to the ecological and economic sustainability of the Jordan River watershed through the promotion of stakeholder involvement.
- Next JRWC Meeting is February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in room N2003.

**Presentation:** "Updates to the Statewide nonpoint Source Management Plan", Jim Bowcutt, Utah Nonpoint Source Pollution program Coordinator, Utah DEQ/Div. of Water Quality (DWQ)

- (See Presentation on JRWC website <http://watershed.slco.org/jrwc/index.html>)
- Current NPS plan approved in 2000
- EPA's deadline is October 2013 for states to complete plans
  - All states' plans were out of date
- Additional plans (which will be included in the appendices) will also be updated, including: silviculture, stormwater, hydromodification, Info & education strategy
- Watershed Management Approach Slide

- Dan Potts asked about whether or not trans-basin water exchanges will be accounted for, Jim answered no, not in this NPS management plan.
  - Jordan River's Basin year is 2014
- Chapter 4 –NPS Pollution Control and Management Strategies
  - New sections
  - Question about the connection between UPDES and the NPS program
    - Carl Adams mentioned the “fine wavy line” between the two
  - Carl Adams added that Christine Pomeroy (U of Utah) provided a short list of BMPs to DWQ for use in Utah
  - Julie Howe mentioned that all MS4 permittees have their own stormwater management plan
- Approval Process slide
  - Presently at the Water Quality Task Force approval stage.
  - By June 2013 the plan will be sent to the EPA for approval
- Questions/Comments
  - EPA has seen a first draft that was sent to the NPS Task Force
  - Plan shows funding sources for current NPS projects
  - Tributaries would be included for funding
    - EPA is encouraging protection/prevention of waterbodies not yet listed
  - Dan Potts asked why odors are not usually addressed
    - Carl Adams said odors are somewhat qualitative, could have it included in the assessment criteria
      - Perhaps include a section in the online WQ database where people could submit complaints
  - Jordan River Basin year is 2014
    - 3 years to spend the money
    - Prior to 2013 we must have watershed plans and projects submitted
      - There has been a lot of interest in the Provo/Deer Creek area
    - Now is the time to start planning
  - Only about \$1 million is available in funding
    - Given the limited funding Jim Bowcutt suggested that targeting the subbasins could be the best use of the money
  - A subcommittee of the NPS task force will review plans and prioritize
  - Tom Holstrom asked who is working on funding mechanisms for the Jordan River basin.
    - Maybe include voluntary fundraising on monthly bills to residents, water bills could raise \$\$

**JRWC Survey Update:** Megan Walsh reviewed the preliminary results of an online survey that was sent out to the JRWC listserv members on November 8, 2012.

- This was part one of a two-part survey designed to gauge Council member opinions about how the Council is being facilitated, and how it is meeting the goals outlined in the Council's Mission & Vision statement
- Mostly positive feedback, but some constructive criticism as well.

- Will continue to collect Part One results until end of December 2012
- Part Two will follow shortly thereafter

### **Watershed-Wide Updates:**

- (Megan Walsh, SLCo) The Salt Lake County Watershed Planning and Restoration Program and partners (Center for Documentary Expression and Art, Jordan River Commission) was chosen to receive Urban Water Small Grants funding for their project titled "Restoring Jordan River Water Quality Through Community Education, Engagement, Empowerment, and Technology "
- Lynn Berni (SLCo) reported on several other Watershed Planning & Restoration projects:
  - a recap of the 2012 Watershed Symposium (210 attendees, excellent comments and feedback were received from attendees during the event);
  - "Salt Lake County Stream Care Guide: A Handbook for Streamside Residents" booklet to be published in Mar/Apr 2013 (will ask for comments and feedback from JRWC members once there is a draft)
  - Red Butte Riparian Restoration project update (will be working with Utah Conservation Corps for the revegetation installation in Spring 2013)
- Carl Adams (Utah DWQ) mentioned that there was a Red Butte/Chevron Oil Spill open house concerning the Red Butte Creek Oil Spill Final Closure document. Information can be found at <http://www.deq.utah.gov/locations/redbutte/index.htm>
- Theron Miller-Sediment fluxes of ammonia, will look at fate transport and ultimate repository for nutrients next year
  - Carl Adams asked about continuous monitoring stations for new probes
    - Theron said they will have 7 stations, money is from huge NSF grant
- Dan Potts-Will be coat-tailing with Salt Lake City "9-Line" project 900 South Oxbow, will look at upland and streambank restoration. June Sucker Removal is working on a new recovery plan for Utah Lake. Dan Potts would also like to present to the Council on the fishes of the Jordan River at a meeting in the near future.