

# JORDAN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

## Core Council

August 27, 2009

### Attendance:

Reed N. Fisher, Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility  
Tom Holstrom, Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility  
Florence Reynolds, Salt Lake City  
Hilary Arens, UDWQ  
Mike Reichert, UDWQ  
Dennis Pay, City of South Salt Lake  
Jerry Chaney, UDOT  
Julie Peck Dabling, Salt Lake County Open Space  
Jenni Oman, Salt Lake County Flood Control  
Dan Drumiler, Salt Lake County Flood Control  
Marian Hubbard, Salt Lake County Flood Control  
Kathlyn Collins, Salt Lake County Flood Control  
Bob Thompson, Salt Lake County Flood Control  
Lynn Berni, Salt Lake County Flood Control  
Karen Nichols, Stantec  
Eric McCulley, SWCA  
Christina Smithers, Independent

### Jordan River Watershed Council (JRWC) Background

- Marian Hubbard presented a brief review of:
  - Council history
  - How the council functions today
  - Council structure & meeting schedule
  - Council activities and how to be involved

### Water Quality Stewardship Plan (WaQSP)

- Marian Hubbard presented an overview of WaQSP including:
  - History
  - Stream Function Index update
  - Plan recommendations
  - Implementation; current projects include:
    - Grant coordination & facilitation for water quality improvements
    - Installation of 5 new flow & water quality monitoring stations
    - Development of a computer based water quality model that will assist future watershed planning and implementation efforts throughout the County
    - Sampling instream water quality during storm events
    - Jordan River Ecosystem Restoration Projects
    - Dry Creek stream restoration at Dimple Dell Park (implemented through SLCo Parks & Rec)
    - Macroinvertebrate sampling (collaboration with DWQ), to begin September 2009
    - Continued emphasis on public involvement & outreach

### **Jordan River TMDL Study**

- Hilary Arens presented an update on the current status of the Jordan River TMDL water quality study
  - Ongoing sampling of benthic communities, pelagic communities, shading data, temperature, sediment oxygen demand, and synoptic sampling was reviewed.
- Next steps
  - sampling for temp. & TDS, then DO
  - creation of a Jordan River Advisory Committee
  - TMDL drafts and public presentations planned for 2010; completion in 2011
- See Hilary's powerpoint presentation for details, available online at <http://www.waterresources.slco.org/html/events/WatershedSymposium09.html>

### **Round Robin**

- Discussion of QUAL2K model calibration
  - Reed Fisher mentioned that the model is currently being used by the state, not sure why since it is not yet calibrated
  - Karen Nichols mentioned the differences between the TMDL Model and the Permitting Model
- Discussion of Mayors Panel
  - Kathlyn Collins mentioned SFI city reports are almost ready for distribution, which will aid local municipalities in decision making
  - Julie Peck Dabbling mentioned a disconnect between staff who attend implementation meetings and the mayors themselves
    - She said we need a top-down buy-in, as millions of dollars will be needed to fund projects
    - She will be presenting to the Council of Governments
    - Julie mentioned a committee model vs. district model for a potential future decision making body
- Discussion of the progress of South Valley funded projects
  - Dan Drumiler mentioned that things are moving forward, although SLCo operations staff are very busy and may need to purchase equipment
- Discussion of Dimple Dell restoration project
  - Marian Hubbard mentioned that the project is out to bid
  - Jenni Oman said that SLCo is still working on right-of-way issue
- Other
  - Reed Fisher suggested the use of a standard bridge for the Jordan River Parkway Trail, so the trail can cross, as necessary, to bypass lands where rights cannot be acquired
  - Eric McCulley reminded everyone not to cut down all their Russian olive along the Jordan and that removal should be a phased plan