Did you know by letting the water run while brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing dishes you can waste 3 gallons a minute? That adds up to about 20,000 wasted gallons a year in your home!

Water Saving Tips

- Repair leaking pipes and faucets
- Only run the dishwasher when its full
- Set the washing machine for the appropriate level
- Don’t run the water while brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing your hands
- Store a pitcher of water in the refrigerator for drinking so you won’t have to let the faucet run to get cold water
- Don’t use the toilet as a trash can

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Ecosystem Enhancement
• Build 12-16 month scale ecosystem restoration project on the Jordan River between 6400 and 9900 South
• 9900 South - ecosystem restoration project
• 8900 South - develop design drawings to construct an overland flow stormwater treatment facility to remove sediment and nutrients
• Dry Creek (between 700 and 1300 East) - large scale stream restoration project

Land Use Ordinances
• Develop sensitive areas overlay zone ordinance template for use on the west side of unincorporated Salt Lake County.

2009 TASKS

Syposium Participants Invited to Mayor Corroon’s Opening Remarks
Thank you to everyone who participated in and joined the conversation at the 2nd Salt Lake Countywide Water Quality Symposium this past fall! We had approximately 300 participants from a variety of backgrounds. Participants chose from 24 presentations and three field trips, all featuring conversations about water quality issues in Salt Lake County. We received many positive comments and it was the consensus that the Salt Lake Countywide Symposium is worthwhile and would like to see it grow. Thanks to your support, we are excited to announce the County will host the 3rd Salt Lake Countywide Symposium this year!
Thank you and with your continuing support, we hope to make the Salt Lake Countywide Symposium an annual event.

Public Involvement
Publish biannual Waterwatch newsletter
Organize and facilitate annual Waterwatch Symposium
Continue to facilitate meetings with the Jordan River Watershed Council

PROCEEDING WITH THE HATCH ACT

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**City Creek: Unique Local Measure (Continued)**

City Creek will be highlighted during the 2009 Utah State Legislative session. Several bills that are in front of the legislature could significantly affect water quality and watershed function in Salt Lake County. Below are summaries of a few bills of interest:

**Legislative Roundup**

**Rainwater Harvesting**

S.B. 128-Sponsor Representative Jenkins, S.

This bill provides for the collection and use of rainwater without obtaining a water right under certain circumstances. It stipulates that if a bill, person may directly capture and use rainwater for precipitation in a storage container with a maximum capacity of 2,500 gallons, and place the water captured and stored to beneficial use.

**Safe Drinking Water Act Amendment**

S.B. 29 - Sponsor Senator Howell, B.

Municipalities may not have fluorine added or removed from public water systems without approval from the majority of the voters in the affected election area.

**State Owned Land Amendments**

S.B. 179 - Sponsor Representative Gilbert, G.

This bill will allow a portion of the open space of 122 acres within the Jordan River to be exchanged for another piece of land so the current open space can be used as a commuter rail station and related development.

**Development Exactions**

H.B. 68 - Sponsor Representative Papanicolaou, P.

The State Development Exactions Commission has recommended this Bill. An exaction is a provision in the development approval process that requires a developer to give or provide something to a local government. This bill places limits on assessments on a county or municipality’s imposition of an exaction for a water interest. It also requires culinary water authorities to provide the bill for its calculations of projected water right requirements.

**HB 40 Update**

In order to secure a safe drinking water supply for Utah’s residents, the State Legislature passed HB 40 last year (2008). This bill, which deals with water quality, requires all counties to adopt a land use ordinance that institutionalizes procedures to prevent contamination of public water. The deadline for adoption of such a bill is May 3, 2009.

In order to develop an ordinance, the Salt Lake County Public Works Department, and Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD), formed a committee with representatives from Planning and Development Services, Flood Control and Engineering Division, and the Environmental Health section of the SLVHD. The committee has met on a weekly basis for much of the last six months. Additionally, meetings have been held with Public Water Systems, the District Attorney’s Office, and County leadership.

However, the Water Source Protection Amendments Bill (HB 205), which amends HB 40, has been introduced to this year’s State Legislature. If passed, the amendments would require the mayor-adopted ordinance to a water source protection ordinance to municipalities located within a county of the first or second class and also limit the authorization of a municipality to adopt a water source protection ordinance to municipalities located within a county of the first or second class.

Although this and several legal issues remain, the bill requires all counties to adopt a land use ordinance that institutionalizes procedures to prevent contamination of public water. The deadline for adoption of such a bill is May 3, 2009.