

JORDAN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL
Community Council Advisory Committee
June 1, 2006 Meeting

Attendance: Nate Laver; East Mill Creek Community Council
Kevin Werner; East Liberty Park Community Council
Gary Bowen; Emigration Canyon Community Council
Margaret Brady; East Liberty Park Community Council
Deanna Anderson; Salt Lake Community Council
Ken Fultz; Westpointe Community Council
Natalie Rees; Water Resources Planning Program

Update of the request to amend the Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan

1. Craig White (South Valley Sewer District General Manager) mentioned that there was a court hearing on March 11, 2006 in the 3rd District Court in West Jordan in regard to the conditional use permit that was revoked by the Riverton City Board of Adjustments last winter. The judge has not issued a final decision on this matter yet; however, all members of the Jordan River Watershed Council will be notified when a decision is made.
2. Once a decision has been made, SVSD anticipates filing a facilities plan with the State and submitting the county approved Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan amendment.
3. After approval of the facilities plan, SVSD anticipates construction of a new wastewater treatment facility at their Riverton site. However, an appeal to a higher court may occur.

Water Quality Stewardship Plan (WaQSP)

1. It was noted that in the process of re-visiting the 1978 Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan for the proposed South Valley Sewer District amendment, it became apparent that numerous factors such as land-use, population projections, jurisdictional boundaries, water quality requirements/impairments, water supply/use, and wastewater treatment processes have changed significantly since 1978.
2. As a result, the Salt Lake County Council allocated \$240,000 into the 2006 budget to initiate the development of a Water Quality Stewardship Plan (WaQSP), which will update the existing Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan. This plan will contain all of the essential elements found in the original Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan and will incorporate guidance from the recently published Handbook for Developing Watershed Plans to Restore and Protect Our Waters (EPA, 2006).
3. Salt Lake County has recently selected Stantec Inc. to be the project manager for the WaQSP. Please find attached a list of individuals involved in this project.

4. It was noted that the WaQSP development will take approximately three (3) years and will be divided into three (3) phases. The first phase is data compilation and collection will occur during the first year of this project and has already begun at the County level. The second phase is comprised primarily of writing the plan, and the final phase will be focused on stakeholder buy-in and approval.
5. It was noted that stakeholder participation is essential throughout the development of the WaQSP.

How can community councils be involved in the development of the WaQSP?

1. A discussion of how best to involve the public in the development of the WaQSP incurred which resulted in the following suggestions:
 - a. County representatives could give presentations at active community council meetings explaining watershed basics and current concerns.
 - b. Publish articles in neighborhood newspapers.
 - c. Distribute brochures at local schools and libraries.
 - d. Distribute information at local fairs.
2. It was emphasized that discussions with community councils should target areas where their feedback is most valuable.
3. Gary Bowen of Emigration Canyon Community Council made the comment that public outreach should be focused on community councils since these organizations are comprised of community leaders and active citizens.

Discussion of desired meeting frequency and schedule

It was determined that the Community Council Advisory Group will meet on a quarterly basis. The next meeting has been scheduled for September 21, 2006. A notice will be sent out closer to that time; however, if there are topics that the group would like to discuss, please let me know and we'll be sure to put it on the agenda.