

JORDAN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL  
**Environmental Interests Advisory Committee**  
**March 14, 2006 Meeting**

Attendance: Merritt Frey; Utah Rivers Council  
Ann Wechsler; Sierra Club  
Natalie Rees; Salt Lake County Water Resources Planning Program

**Background Information**—A powerpoint presentation was discussed that provided: 1) an update of the Alta Fen Pilot Project and Little Cottonwood Creek TMDL, 2) information regarding the upcoming Water Quality Stewardship Plan (WaQSP), 3) information concerning the West Bench development plan, and 4) information regarding the upcoming Jordan River Master Vision Plan. Additionally, the committee discussed projects that they are working on or are concerned about in a Round Robin.

**Comments and Concerns**

1. Merritt mentioned that the membership of the Utah Rivers Council is keenly interested in the health of the Jordan River. This group may therefore be used as a target for future outreach, volunteer, and restoration opportunities.
2. The need to have an achievable goal for the Watershed Council was mentioned. With the delay of the TMDL for the Jordan River, we may want to focus on conducting outreach in the interim.
3. A Watershed Conference was suggested for late fall. Late fall is approximately the time that the data collection phase of the Water Quality Stewardship Plan (WaQSP) will be complete. Therefore, this conference may be used to both report on available data, activity since the original Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan, and to solicit involvement in the report-writing phase.
4. It was mentioned that REI has three (3) focus areas in the Salt Lake Valley: the Jordan River, Millcreek, and the Bonneville Shoreline trail. Therefore, REI may be a good partner for both public outreach and information distribution.
5. There are stewardship grants available through REI. These grant proposals are due April 7, 2006. Eric Sprague of REI is the contact for this grant.
6. There will be a clean-up of City Creek held March 25, 2006.
7. In order to utilize the expertise found in the Environmental Interest advisory group, county personnel will meet with Merritt Frey of the Utah Rivers Council to discuss outreach opportunities.

**Next Meeting**

The Environmental Interest Advisory Group will continue to meet on a quarterly basis. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 6, 2006. Further details will be distributed prior to that date. As always, stakeholders need to get in touch with Natalie Rees [nrees@slco.org; 468-3656] if they want to discuss a specific topic at the next meeting.