

JORDAN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

November 10, 2011–2:00-3:00pm
Salt Lake County Building Room N2003

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Martina Barnes, United States Forest Service (USFS)
Lynn Berni, Salt Lake County (SLCo)
Ben Bloodworth, Utah Div. Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Gary Bowen, Emigration Canyon Community Council
Steve Burgon, Salt Lake County (SLCo)
Dan Drumiler, Salt Lake County (SLCo)
Megan Ferguson, Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD)
Dave Fields, Snowbird
Julia Geisler, Salt Lake Climbers Alliance
Shawn Gonzales, Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD)
Laura Hanson, Jordan River Commission
Marian Hubbard, Salt Lake County (SLCo)
Dan Johnson, West Valley City
Lynn Larsen, Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation (SLCo)
Ron Lund, Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD)
Eric McCulley, SWCA
Theron Miller, JRFBWQC
Karen Nichols, HDR
Marie Owens, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District (JVWCD)
Dan Potts, Salt Lake County Fish & Game Association
Alita Taylor, South Jordan City
Megan Walsh, Salt Lake County (SLCo)

I. Introductions/Housekeeping

- **6th Annual Symposium to be held September 26-27, 2012** at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center (same place as last year).
- Next JRWC Meeting: **Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 10AM**
- We have a Facebook Page (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Salt-Lake-County-Watershed-Planning-and-Restoration/107965699294432>)

II. Martina Barnes (USFS) and Dave Fields (Snowbird) Present on the Wasatch Water Legacy Partnership (WWLP) and Cottonwood Canyons Foundation

A. WWLP

- History
 - Group formed to expand historical (early 1900s) Forest Service – Salt Lake City partnership
 - Partnership expanded to include public, private, and non-governmental Groups
 - Group will pool resources, invest in common, high-priority projects (not planning!)
- Vision: “Our partnership will undertake innovative actions that conserve and sustain critical resources, create resilient ecosystems, and enrich the quality of life for Salt Lake County residents and *canyon visitors*.”
- Project Area
 - 7 Canyons in Salt Lake County from City Creek Canyon in the north to Corner Canyon in the south.

- WWLP Members
 - Town of Alta
 - Black Diamond Equipment
 - Salt Lake City Public Utilities
 - Salt Lake County
 - Salt Lake County Planning & Zoning
 - Save Our Canyons
 - Ski Areas—Alta Ski Area, Snowbird, Solitude, Brighton
 - Cottonwood Canyons Foundation
 - US Forest Service
 - UT Department of Natural Resources/UPCD
 - UT Department of Transportation
 - UT Division of Water Quality
 - Wasatch Front Regional Council
 - City of Sandy
- Question: Does the WWLP include the Oquirrh Mountains? Martina: No just the Wasatch. Question: Oquirrh Mountains a big part of the watershed. Martina: Would like more private and businesses to expand on what they are doing.
- Projects Completed
 - Little Cottonwood Canyon Trail (July 2011)
 - Trail restoration
 - Graffiti removal
 - Bridge crossing repair
 - Baer PROJECT (September 2011)
 - Sediment fences originally installed following 2008 fire
 - Fence structures disassembled and removed from site
 - Mormon Pioneer Trail in Affleck Park (September 2011)
 - 90 volunteers assisted with the trail restoration, brush removal
 - National Public Lands Day Project
- Next Steps for WWLP
 - Next meeting: Nov. 15, 2011
 - Prioritize projects for 2012
 - Finalize MOU
 - Finalize Operating Guidelines
- Contact Information

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B. Cottonwood Canyons Foundation

- Works with Private/Public Partnership
 - PETZL
 - Salt Lake City
 - 4 ski resorts
- Some point need funding model and also how to implement
- So far good response

- Question: How is this funded? USFS? Dave: Not funded at all. Martina: Just staff right now.
- Question: How did the group form? Martina: Undersecretary Sherman and Wasatch selected as a model for public/private partnership.
- Question: Is the Jordan River part of the group? Laura Hanson: Not yet but would like to be.
- Martina: Mention National Study “Forest to Faucet” and highlights threat to water Nationwide
- Dan Potts: Notice sparse on grassroots, NPO’s. Martina: Have some NPO’s and not intentional to be sparse. Trying to build new partnership at that level. Dan Potts: Wasatch Mt Club been around forever, seems like agency dominated. Dave: Carl Fischer said leveraging volunteers a number one priority. Ron Lund: (To Dan Potts) This is why they are here presenting this today.
- Question: Any presentations at City Councils? Martina: Not yet, want to get word out. Question: Worried about safety and wants city to be part of JR Commission. Dave: Cottonwood Canyons Organization a good spider organization always working with groups.

III. Member Reports

- Eric McCulley
 - SWCA is developing an IPM plan for SLC, will be out for review soon; already mapped all weeds and are developing a management plan for weeds as well
 - Alita Taylor asked that he talk with her about mosquito abatement issues
 - Apparently hoary cress attracts mosquitos (they eat the nectar)
 - working with Ben Bloodworth /FFSL as part of the South Shore CWMA, to figure out how to bridge the gap between managed restoration sites and surrounding private landowners
 - working with Tracy Aviary and DWR to expand the focus on neotropical birds (need more counts, monitoring, etc.); these birds are difficult to monitor and currently there is limited statistical survey data; would like to come up with birding checklists and interpretive signs
- Steve Burgon
 - SLCo stormwater program has installed 5 new stream gage sites on west side of valley, should be 100% complete by spring 2012
 - new Stormwater Coalition website is under development
- Laura Hanson
 - The Jordan River Commission’s recent Strategic Planning Retreat identified a number of potential priority projects including:
 - development of a model riparian ordinance and a set of minimum standards for BMP’s, these documents would be available for use by anyone, not just Commission members;
 - development of an educational and outreach campaign for the Jordan River corridor, that would include a trail map and trail signage along the river
 - development of a GIS database of all projects in the corridor including existing and potential river restoration sites, etc.
- Ben Bloodworth
 - FFSL is continuing invasive weed removal along the Jordan River
 - They recently worked with Adriaan Boogaard on a few parcels and will hopefully continue to work with Lynn Larsen of SLCo Parks to get more funding
- Dan Potts
 - Salt Lake County Fish and Game Association is considering dropping “County” from the name of the organization to prevent confusion
 - They are in the process of updating their website
- Theron Miller
 - Reported on an agreement with DWQ to create a model to determine organic matter mass balance, will need several years to develop the model, will cost upwards of \$300,000
- Lynn Larsen
 - Habitat restoration at Redwood Nature Area is ongoing, SLCo Parks continues to partner with TreeUtah
 - Working on a river restoration project, also with TreeUtah, just south of Riverbend Golf Course

- Just completed a section of JR Parkway Trail
- Dan Potts on behalf of Jeff Salt
 - Expressed concern that Jordan River Commission does not appreciate/is not aware of all the work this group has done in the river corridor over the years including ongoing work on a Water Trail Plan, clean up of 32 transient camps along the river this year, etc.