



JORDAN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

Thursday May 30th, 2013 –9:30am to 11:00am
Salt Lake County Building Room N2003

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Larry Alserda, Salt Lake City Public Utilities
Hilary Arens, Utah Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) /Div. of Water Quality
Liliana Benavidez, Salt Lake County
Lynn Berni, Salt Lake County Watershed Planning and Restoration
Gene Drake, Salt Lake Conservation District
Dan Drumiler, Salt Lake County
Shawn Gonzales, Salt Lake Valley Health Department
Laura Hanson, Jordan River Commission
Julie Howe, Stantec
Lynn Larsen, Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation
Sadie Magnifico, Salt Lake County Watershed Planning and Restoration
Tyler Murdock, Jordan River Commission
Karen Nichols, HDR Engineer
Marie Owens, Jordan Valley Water Conservation District
Dan Potts, Salt Lake County Fish and Game Association
Sam Taylor, Salt Lake County Watershed Planning and Restoration
Bob Thompson, Salt Lake County Watershed Planning and Restoration
Megan Walsh, Salt Lake County Watershed Planning and Restoration
Scott Zeidler, DNR-Forestry, Fire & state Lands

Welcome

Housekeeping

- Next JRWC will be determined shortly. We are looking for municipalities or other Council members to “host” a meeting, just provide a location. The County will develop agenda and advertise meeting.
- Call for abstracts for the Watershed Symposium “Bridging the Divide: Collaboration across Watershed Boundaries”: 7th Annual Salt Lake County Watershed Symposium will take place on October 23rd-25th at Utah Cultural Celebration Center. Call for Abstracts: Abstracts due August 1st, send to lberni@slco.org

JRWC Survey

- Reviewed Survey Results. Surveys will be posted on JRWC website
- Some suggestions for future meetings included:
 - List attendees and absentees
 - Joint brainstorming btwn the JRWC and the Jordan River Commission to more clearly define roles

- JRWC could shift focus back to tasks from the Salt Lake Water Quality Stewardship Plan
- JRWC is a great way to find out what's happening in the watershed and to meet people
- Have a JRWC meeting at the Watershed Symposium like previous years

Roundtable

- Dan Drumiler (Salt Lake County): 7th Annual Water Quality Fair at the Hogle Zoo was a success, in stream sampling, working with DWQ on TMDL, waiting for new permit to be issued by the State.
- Lynn Larsen (Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation): Park bond passed in November of 2012, gave them funding to complete gaps in the Jordan River Trail.
 - 2nd South & N. Temple
 - 83rd & 90th South
 - 144th & 150th
 - 159th to 165th
 - North of 133rd South
- Dan Potts (Salt Lake County Fish and Game Association): Working on the June Sucker Recovery Program. The SLFGA will be at the Utah Lake Festival June 1st. Also continuing with the Carp Removal effort, which was pushed back due to the Utah Lake TMDL. 10,000-60,000 pounds per haul of Carp. There is a proposal for a fish meal plant.
- Larry Alserda (Salt Lake City Public Utilities): Fiber optics project.
- Scott Ziedler (Forestry, Fire, and State Lands): Ben Bloodworth is leaving for a position with the Tamarisk Coalition in Colorado. Coastal Cleanup at Sandy Beach on Utah Lake Saturday, June 1st. Playing around with spring applications to phragmites to help reduce biomass and seed bank. Commented on value of having staff work the land over time so they can gain a real understanding of invaders, change, success, etc. instead of hiring consultants. Lone Peak Conservation Center are wildland firefighters who are not in the field, great workers with weed knowledge.
- Marie Owens (Jordan Valley Water Conservation District): Reverse osmosis plant delayed due to pipeline failure. UPDES discharge permit out for public comment. Needs to coordinate with SLCo Parks and Recreation in regards to the Jordan River Trail.
- Gene Drake (Salt Lake Conservation District): Mission: To protect soil, water, and other resources. Work with SLCo weeks on 7th annual Purge your Spurge event. Working with canal companies to provide better water projects to farmers, golf courses, etc. to better conserve water. Annual event at Butterfield Farms brings 2000 3rd and 4th graders to the farms and educates them on food sources.
- Hilary Arens (Utah DWQ): Working on a study with SLC & River Network looking at flow alterations and Dissolved Oxygen. Working with Jordan River Farmington Bay Water Quality Council on 9 continuous monitoring points that will be installed. Reviewing 50 proposals for 319 funding.
- Laura Hanson (Jordan River Commission): The JRC is going to start organizing 2 volunteer projects a month, including weed and trash removal. Will start giving presentations and printing soon, newspaper insert/public education push, will start the "Our River, Our Future" campaign. Also, the JRC has been working on the Urban Waters Grant with Salt Lake County and the Center for Documentary Arts and Education.
- Bob Thompson (Salt Lake County Watershed Planning and Restoration Program): Murray Taylorsville project on the Jordan River-streambank stabilization project. Weeds (tamarisk, phragmites, Russian Olive) will be biggest obstacle to success. Lower Emigration Bioengineering Project scheduled to start in June, pending on permits.

Working with the US Forrest Service on the Mill Creek Reintroduction project which will re-introduce Bonneville Cutthroat, whitefish, mountain sucker, sculpin, etc.

- Lynn Berni (Salt Lake County Watershed Planning and Restoration) Recap on Red Butte Riparian Restoration project where installation of bioengineering techniques took place this past March. Approximately 42 sites and approximately 775 linear feet of streambank were treated. Utah Conservation Corps Crews were used for the Installation.