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Water Projects Sought

Red Butte Creek Water Settlement Finalized

Salt Lake City, Utah – After extensive review, the Utah Division of Water Quality (DWQ) has finalized a settlement agreement with Chevron Pipeline Co. that now paves the way for selecting projects to enhance Red Butte Creek and related waters in response to last year's crude oil spills.

Under the terms of the agreement, Chevron will pay \$3 million for projects to restore and improve the affected waters. DWQ, in cooperation with Salt Lake City and other partners, is now soliciting project proposals to enhance and protect waterways affected by the two Chevron-related oil spills.

The final settlement agreement is the product of a detailed review and response to public comments submitted to DWQ on the draft agreement (details on DWQ's Red Butte web page). Project proposals must include a description of the project, including a map of its location, a detailed budget, plans and specifications for implementation, anticipated positive impacts on affected waterways, a timeline including interim milestones, and a final report of project results.

“This is an exciting opportunity to get involved with making improvements to our treasured Red Butte Creek,” said Walt Baker, director of DWQ. “I encourage those qualified to be part of improving a great watershed.”

A two-phase process will be used to evaluate proposals and select projects for funding. The first phase will evaluate proposals submitted through accessing a form at: www.deq.utah.gov/Issues/redbuttespill, which also includes more details on project criteria.

Applicants chosen in the first phase will then be notified to submit more detailed project plans in the second phase. Upon approval of a detailed plan of implementing the project, funding will be authorized by the Executive Secretary of the Utah Division of Water Quality.

Completed proposals must be submitted in hard copy or emailed electronically (preferred) by **December 13, 2011** to DWQ to the attention of: Hilary Arens, Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, UT 84114. hilaryarens@utah.gov.

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