

Hearing Officer Statement

Public Hearing:

An opportunity to make suggestions for changing Utah's Standards of Quality for Waters of the State (R317-2) as part of the Triennial Review

Date, Time, Location:

Tuesday, July, 19, 2016 2:00-5:00 pm

DEQ Board Room at the Multi Agency State Office Building,
195 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, UT.

Hearing Officer:

Myron Bateman

Good Afternoon:

My name is Myron Bateman and I am the chair of the Utah Water Quality Board. I will be conducting the public hearing this evening. The purpose of this hearing is to receive formal comments on the findings contained in the draft 2016 Integrated Report on the condition of Utah's surface waters. This is a formal hearing conducted under the laws of the State of Utah. I welcome you and thank you for taking the time to provide feedback on the proposed assessment results contained in this report. If you have not done so, please sign the attendance sheet on the table near the door.

The Integrated Report was issued on DWQ's webpage on June 10th, 2016 for written public comment available until August 9th 2016.

We are solely receiving comments today for our consideration. There will be no attempt by us to address your concerns in this forum. No items will be voted on and no actions will be taken. We may ask for clarifications. Comments can also be submitted in writing until August 9th, 2016.

For those of you who are here to ask questions about the Utah Lake harmful algal bloom, please go to Room 1020c where the Division of Water Quality staff will address your questions.

Following this hearing, we will take all the comments received during the public comment period and at the public hearing and evaluate them. DWQ will prepare responses to all comments received and whether changes to the Integrated Report will be made as a result.

Prior to receiving comment, I would like to introduce James Harris who will provide a staff statement on behalf of the Division of Water Quality regarding the 2016 Integrated Report.

At this time, I ask that those of you who wish to make a formal statement, to please come to the table, speak into the microphone, state your name and affiliation for our records and provide your comments.

[Public Comments]

I thank you for your comments.

The public hearing is now adjourned.