

**Meeting Summary**  
**Utah Water Quality Standards Workgroup**  
**October 16, 2017**

**New Proposed Standards Provisions.**

Aquatic life uses for Grove and Battle Creeks: Chris Bittner reviewed the proposed change from the default of Class 3D to Class 3A. The workgroup did not identify any concerns with this change. George Parrish noted that retention of the existing default Class 2B recreation use needs to be explained or a Use Attainability Analysis may be necessary to justify not classifying as Class 2A.

Variance and Compliance Schedule Provisions: Chris Bittner explained that the compliance schedule provision was primarily for transparency because the permitting rules in R317-8 authorize compliance schedules. Mr. Meyer's does not think a compliance schedule provision in the standards is necessary. The variance provision was discussed and concerns were identified that the proposed standards variance provision may be inconsistent with the variance provisions in the UPDES rules in R317-8-2.8. After discussion, Chris Bittner agreed to further discussions with the DWQ permitting group and will return to the workgroup with proposed revisions. DWQ does not intend to propose these changes at the December 2017 Water Quality Board meeting but will notify the workgroup if this changes.

**Proposed Standards Revisions.** Chris Bittner reviewed the standards tracking workbook (spreadsheet) that was updated as part of the Triennial Review. The workgroup discussed the proposed antidegradation class change to Category 2 from Category 3 for the Provo River. Chris Bittner reiterated that DWQ is neutral on the proposal. The Provo River has a Section 208 watershed plan intended to protect the water quality and the need for increasing the level of protection is unclear. Leland Meyers offered to assist Paul Dremann in preparing a proposal to support the proposed change.

Leland Meyers requested that the evaluation of Farmington Bay recreational uses be added back to the list. Based on the currently available information, DWQ believes that the current designation of infrequent primary and secondary contact recreation is appropriate and any downgrade would not likely be approvable by USEPA. Farmington Bay has no numeric criteria assigned to protect the recreation use, so it is unclear what a downgrade in the recreation use would accomplish. Chris Bittner agreed to add this evaluation to the tracking workbook and Leland Meyers will prepare the justification.

The tracking workbook was updated and distributed to workgroup members (Stds TrackingWorkbook10182017.xlsx).

**Ammonia Criteria Implementation.** Chris Bittner reminded the workgroup that the report documenting the historical records search for mussels and snails was available for comment. The *Utah Implementation Guidance for the 2013 USEPA Ammonia Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life* was distributed to the workgroup with the agenda.

**Next Meeting:** January 22, 2018 1:00-4:00