

Great Salt Lake Advisory Council Meeting

May 4, 2016

Great Salt Lake Advisory Council Members present

Don Leonard, Chair
Leland Myers
Julie Peck-Dabbling
Dan Tuttle
Jeffery Scott
Chris Montague
Jeff Richards
Todd Bingham

Great Salt Lake Brine Shrimp Coop.
Central Davis Sewer District
Salt Lake County
Tooele County
Box Elder County
The Nature Conservancy
Migratory Bird Protection Areas
Utah Manufacturers Association

Others present

Laura Ault
Jake Vander Laan
Steve Cheney
Karen Nichols
Ivan Djambov
Ryan Doherty
Tom Ward
Myron Bateman
Tom Tripp
Joe Havasi
Deb Drain
Steve Erickson
Ryan MacPherson
Jamie Barnes

DNR, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
DEQ, Division of Water Quality
Union Pacific Railroad
HDR Engineering
State of Utah, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Cargill Inc.
Salt Lake City Corp.
Tooele County
US Magnesium
Compass Minerals
Great Salt Lake Audubon
Utah Audubon
Morton Salt
DNR, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

Minutes

Meeting welcome

Don Leonard

Previous meeting minute corrections

March 2, 2016 meeting minutes corrected to include Chris Montague as attending.

Union Pacific Railroad causeway construction update and presentation

Steve Cheney (Union Pacific Railroad), Karen Nichols (HDR Engineering)

Projected completion: October 2016

Refer to recording for full presentation and discussion

Council member terms and appointments update

Three nominations submitted by Governor to Senate (Jeff Richards, Todd Bingham, and Dave Livermore)
Nomination for Weber County submitted to Governor's office (Kerry Gibson)
Nominees from municipal governments requested

Formal council actions

Don Leonard motioned for an expression of gratitude to Leland Myers for his service as chair of the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council. Seconded by Chris Montague. Unanimously approved by council.
Don Leonard motioned for an expression of gratitude to Julie Peck-Dabling for her service as a Great Salt Lake Advisory Council member. Seconded by Leland Myers. Unanimously approved by council.

DNR and DWQ Staff Reports

Laura Ault (Forestry Fire and State Lands) provided a report on legislative outcomes, funding requests and results.

Laura Ault (Forestry Fire and State Lands) provided an update on the GSL tech team grant awards.

Jake Vander Laan (Division of Water Quality) provided an update on the 2016 Integrated Report on beneficial use support in Utah's waterbodies.

Public comment period (recording 01:14:00)

Steve Erickson (Utah Audubon)
Ryan MacPherson (Morton Salt)

Discussion of GSLAC past accomplishments and future priorities (recording 01:16:40)

Significant past efforts:

- Report on Economic Significance of GSL to State of Utah
- Definition and Assessment of GSL Health
- Integrated Water Resources Management model
- GSL Research Topic Database and Priorities
- Phragmites eradication research and funding
- Six Annual Reports to the Legislature
- Multiple GSL tours and site visits
- Numerous other GSL issues and efforts

Possible future GSLAC issues or priorities were suggested by both council members and the public including: Water conservation and development impacts on Great Salt Lake; Upstream water diversions; Impacts of water level on Great Salt Lake ecosystem; Public education and community outreach; Phragmites removal and mitigation; GSLAC role in advising Governor, Legislature, and state agencies; GSL lakebed impacts on dust and air quality; GSL salinity balance; Causeway bridge adaptive management; Sovereign Lands restricted account; Options to enhance lake elevation; Update on lake-related projects; FFSL budget priorities for GSL; Phragmites eradication funding; etc.

Refer to recording for full discussion and all topics (01:16:40)