



UTAH DEPARTMENT of  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
**WATER  
QUALITY**

# *MEETING MINUTES*

## *Water Quality Task Force*

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
9:30-11:30  
195 North 1950 West,  
Red Rocks Conference Room

**PRESENT:**

Jim Bowcutt	DEQ/DWQ
Troy Forrest	UDAF
Carl Adams	DEQ/DWQ
Robert Hougaard	UDAF
Paul Dremann	TU
Jay Olsen	UDAF
Jon Hilbert	JVWCD
Ben Radcliff	USBR
Rhonda Miller	USU Extension
Nancy Mesner	USU Extension
Ryan Williams	WBWCD
Bill Zannotti	UDFFSL
Melissa Noble	UDDW
Marian Rice	SLC
Chris Kane	UACD

## **I. DISCUSSION**

### ***Troy Forrest (Utah Department of Agriculture and Food)- GIP Annual Report(see presentation)***

- *The GIP program is divided into 6 regions, with a regional coordinator assigned in each region*
- *Each year GIP receives \$2,000,000 for projects. 10% of this is used to fund monitoring, and no staff is funded with these funds.*
- *By the 15<sup>th</sup> of July they will know if the NEPA for the Three Creeks project will go through. This project will allow pastures to be rested, and no pastures will be grazed more than 20 consecutive days. 2 full time Riders will move the livestock around*
- *Monitoring includes fishery and avian surveys, collars on sage grouse, elk and cattle, MIMs, chemical data, and flow measurements.*
- *Prescribed burns and mechanical treatments continue to be implemented on Monroe Mountain. This will improve aspen stands. They are also installing troughs and fencing to help rest the aspen stands. They also manage elk by increasing hunting permits if needed.*
- *GIP staff are helping local permittees address grazing permit issues on the La Sal Mountains. They are implementing rotational grazing schedules that will increase the numbers of pastures and decrease the number of allotments.*

### ***Nancy Mesner (Utah State University Extension) Statewide Information and Education Campaign.***

- *A subcommittee of the Water Quality Task Force has been meeting to discuss the Statewide I&E campaign. They have decided to focus on two main areas. These include small farms and human waste management associated with outdoor recreational activities. A draft survey has been drafted and will be sent out to the Task Force for review prior to conducting any research. USU has received a \$30,000 grant USU to help with this effort. The human waste survey is still a work in progress, and we are trying to find similar work that has been done in this arena before we put too many resources towards it.*

### ***Jim Bowcutt (Utah Division of Water Quality) NPS Program Annual Report. (See presentation)***

- *In 2018 \$970,494 in 319 funding was awarded to 4 projects. The targeted basin was the Weber River Watershed. These projects included: Lower Weber River Restoration, Chalk Creek Watershed Restoration Project, Volunteer Monitoring I&E and the Local Watershed Coordinators.*

- *\$1,000,000 was awarded, with the majority of the funding going to river restoration projects.*
- *Over \$6,000,000 in matching funds were generated. For every \$1 spent \$4 in match was obtained.*
- *The 2018 NPS Management Plan has been drafted and approved internally by DEQ, as well as the Task Force. It is currently being reviewed by the AG's office. It will then go out for public comment, and then the Governor's office will submit it to EPA for approval.*
- *In 2019 56 NPS projects were received, totaling more than \$5.6 million. 31 of those proposals were selected for funding. The Uintah Basin was the targeted basin, and the bulk of the 319 funding is dedicated towards implementation work on Pelican Lake and Matt Warner Reservoir.*
- *There were many requests for AFO projects throughout the state. DEQ will be working with UDAF to propose a subsidized interest rate loan for these projects. This proposal will be presented to the WQ Board in August.*

## ***II. ADDITIONAL ITEMS***

- Next Meeting September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 here at DEQ.
- Tyler Thompson will be invited to present on WRI.
- Other possible topics: Water Quality and Quantity
- Executive Water Task Force-Tim Hawkes
- Project Summaries by Watershed Coordinators
- Summary of Utah Lake