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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE TO ISSUE A §401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this public notice is to declare the State of Utah's intention to issue a §401 Water Quality Certification with Conditions under the authority of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341), and consistent is with the Utah Water Quality Act, Title 19, Chapter 5, Utah Code Ann. 1953, as amended and Utah Administrative Code R317-15.

PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME: Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

MAILING ADDRESS: 777 SR 319 Box 7, Heber City, UT 84032 PROJECT LOCATION: Latitude: 40.23567°, Longitude: -111.13700°

DWO CERTIFICATION NO.: DWO-2020-06002

WATERCOURSES: Strawberry Reservoir and Chicken Creek East

BACKGROUND

The applicant is proposing to build a new parking lot with a boat ramp near Chicken Creek East (CCE). The boat ramp will allow anglers with medium sized and smaller boats to access Jake's Bay and the rest of Strawberry Reservoir. The parking lot/boat ramp will have a 1.8 acre footprint. Along with the parking lot, a restroom will be constructed. The applicant plans to improve the gravel access road and plan to pave it in the future, to allow year round access to the parking area. The new CCE site will likely be managed under the Recreation Enhancement Act (REA). Chicken Creek East (stream) in a small perennial stream with approximately 1 CFS baseflow. The stream has been channelized in the past and the culvert under the access road has failed resulting in the stream flowing along the road until it reaches the reservoir. To increase stream function and allow for adfluvial spawning by reservoir fishes this stream will be restored to return flood plain connectivity, add meanders, and re-vegetate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on September 9, 2020. Written public comments can be submitted to: Leanna Littler, UPDES Surface Water Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: lnlittler@utah.gov. After considering public comment the Utah Division of Water Quality may execute the Certification issuance, revise it or abandon it. The permit is available for public review under https://deq.utah.gov/water-quality/water-quality-public-notices. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Leanna Littler at 801-536-4397.

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