

Provo River Watershed Council Meeting
Draft Minutes of June 11, 2009, 9:30 am
Jordanelle State Park

1. **Introductions and Approval of the Minutes from the February Meeting** - The Minutes from the February 2009 meetings were approved as distributed

2. **Wallsburg/Main Creek Watershed Planning Update , Val Warnick UACD** - Val discussed the status of the watershed planning effort. He said that there had been a good series of meetings with the stakeholder group and had been collecting a lot of good information. He said that the next meeting July 17 is focused on water quality. He noted that in early August, UACD and NRCS staff and others will be conducting a SVAP or Stream Visual Assessment Protocol to develop some detailed information on stream conditions on Main Creek, Little Hobble Creek, and Spring Creek. Val said that the NRCS had developed an earmark to obtain significant funding for a detailed watershed plan.

Al Mickelson asked if the issue of a sewer system had been discussed, Val said that while he thought it was eventually inevitable, he said that the lack of a sewer also serves to deter growth. Al asked if septic systems were thought to be a problem in the area. Val said that he was not sure about the impact. Larry Hartley noted that there was only one monitoring station at the bottom of the watershed. He suggested that it might be good to add stations on Little Hobble Creek and the main spring area. Additional stations would help narrow down sources.

3. **PRWC Public Outreach Program Update, Alane Boyd, Desert Rose Environmental** - Alane updated the Council on several community outreach activities planned and conducted. She said that the strategy was to work with existing groups to get our message out. She said that they would be participating in the Provo River Water Fair again this year and continuing the partnership with the Soldier Hollow Charter School. Alane gave a presentation on some materials she and Sarah Rushforth had prepared for the school including a booklet titled "Life in the Provo River Watershed". She said that they would make the materials available to other area schools. Alane said that she also met with the Wasatch County Interlocal Committee and gave a presentation on regional stormwater planning.

4. **Jordanelle Special Service District Wastewater Treatment Plant Update; Steve Jackson** - Steve said that the wastewater treatment plant is nearing completion. The structure is done, and the mechanical plant will be finished in July. He said that they are planning to have the membranes placed by the end of August. At that time they may begin taking some flow to start getting the plant operational. He discussed the District's plan to discharge their highly treated effluent to the Wasatch and Timpanogos Canals. Val Warnick said that the new plant is could take some of the pressure off of Heber Valley Special Service District's lagoons with the growth they are seeing such as UVU's Wasatch Campus.

5. Wasatch County Water Efficiency Project (WCWEP) - JSSD Recycled Water Project NEPA Update; Sarah Sutherland, CUWCD - Sarah briefed the Council on the NEPA environmental review process associated with placing recycled water in the Wasatch and Timpanogos Canals. She said that initially, CUWCD did not envision the proposed action requiring a full environmental assessment (EA). However, when they held a public scoping meeting in April, approximately 60 people showed up and voiced a lot of concern. Approximately 150 comments were received. Most of the concern centered on pollutants of emerging concern such as endocrine disruptors, pharmaceuticals, potential odors and e-coli/bacteria. As a result, The District made the decision to move forward with an EA process. She said that the District will be working with an environmental assessment team from the Bureau of Reclamation. The EA will focus on public safety and health, along with hydrology and water rights. She said that they anticipate having a draft EA ready by the end of September, to be followed by a 30-day public comment period. Steve Jackson said that in relation to the concerns regarding pharmaceuticals, JSSD plans on starting proactive monitoring of the canal and Provo River to establish background levels. JSSD anticipated working cooperatively with PRWC members to accomplish this sampling.

6. Next Meeting - The next meeting of PRWC was scheduled for September 10, 2009 at Jordanelle State Park (the meeting was subsequently rescheduled for October 1, 2009). Members expressed interest in touring the JSSD wastewater plant following the meeting.

7. Meeting Adjourned

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