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Utah Water Quality Task Force Meeting

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9:00-12:00

Utah Division of Water Quality

195 N. 1950 W.

Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Red Rock Conference Room, 3rd floor

AGENDA

- 9:00-9:15** **Welcome and Introductions** (Commissioner LuAnn Adams-*Utah Department of Agriculture and Food*)
- 9:15-9:45** **Emergency Watershed Protection Program** (Bronson Smart- *Natural Resource Conservation Service*)
The Natural Resource Conservation Service currently manages the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program. The purpose of this program is to implement watershed restoration work that will protect human life, and infrastructure from natural disasters throughout the state. This presentation will highlight what has been done in the past in the EWP program, as well as how the program will work moving forward.
- 9:45-10:00** **Monitoring Subcommittee** (Carl Adams- *Utah Division of Water Quality*)
The monitoring subcommittee of the Water Quality Task Force met on April 21st. This presentation will highlight what was discussed at this meeting.
- 10:00-10:20** **Transition of District Employees to UDAF** (Rob Hougaard or Scott Ericson- *Utah Department of Agriculture and Food*)
In accordance with a legislative audit conducted at the Department of Agriculture and Food. The Department of Agriculture and Food will be employing many of the positions that were previously being employed by the Local Conservation Districts and the Utah Association of Conservation Districts beginning FY-2016. This presentation will discuss why the change in employment was needed, as well as how this will be done.
- 10:20-10:35** **Waters of the U.S.** (Walt Baker-*Utah Division of Water Quality*)
Recently the Environmental Protection Agency has tried to better define what is classified as "The waters of the U.S." This presentation will discuss what the EPA has proposed.

- 10:35-10:50** **FY-2016 Nonpoint Source Grants** (Jim Bowcutt- *Utah Division of Water Quality*)
The grant period for the FY-2016 nonpoint source grants that are managed by the Division of Water Quality closed May 15th. This presentation will inform the Task Force what applications were received, and summarize the process that will now be used to select projects for funding.
- 10:50-11:10** **Update on the Headwater Nutrient Criteria** (Jeff Ostermiller- *Utah Division of Water Quality*)
The Utah Division of Water Quality continues to work with its partners to establish nutrient criteria for the headwaters in the State of Utah. This presentation will update the Task Force on what has been proposed, and how the State of Utah will proceed.
- 11:10-11:40** **Water Quality Task Force Charter and NPS MOU** (Jim Bowcutt- *Utah Division of Water Quality*)
The Water Quality Task Force Charter was last revised in 2010. The Task Force will discuss the need to update this charter, and what additions or changes should be made during the revision process.
- 11:40-12:00** **Other Items of Discussion**
This time is allotted to the Task Force to discuss any other water quality issues that the Water Quality Task Force should be aware of. Future agenda items should also be discussed during this period.
- 12:00 Close Meeting