

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

April 2, 2015

2 pm

Salt Lake County Government Center

Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Kyle LaMalfa and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Freeman made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Eyre, to approve the minutes of March 5, 2015 as written. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There was none.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—Mayor Cullimore, Chairman

Jordan Valley Water Conservancy and the Metropolitan Water Districts

Richard Bay from the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District and Wayne Winsor from the Metropolitan Water District gave a [power point presentation](#)¹ on the current status of water availability, future outlook and major upcoming projects for the Salt Lake Valley.

Mr. Bay noted that the current drought is severe and the Provo River drainage that provides water for the two Districts is at 34% of normal snowpack. This is the worst snow year on record. The Districts will not be calling for water restrictions this year because of water storage in Deer Creek and Jordanelle Reservoirs. Nevertheless, conservation is needed. Also, if there is another poor water year, water restrictions are likely in 2016. Additional groundwater withdrawals are not an option because we are at maximum use already.

The water agencies from across the State have teamed up to create a water infrastructure plan called Prepare 60. The plan assumes a doubling of the State's population by 2060 and makes provision for the water needs at that time. The plan calls for proactive maintenance of the current system, a 25% reduction in per capita use through conservation and the development of an additional 371,000 acre feet of water for municipal use. Most of that new water resource will come from the Bear River.

¹ Note: This is an updated version of the presentation given at COG. It shows the snowpack level now at 23% of normal.

The projected cost for Prepare 60 includes \$18 billion in operations and maintenance and \$15 billion in new infrastructure. Most of these costs will be paid by rate payers because there is little in the way of outside sources of money available including the federal government.

Wayne Winsor, Engineering and Maintenance Manager for the Metropolitan Water District, detailed the reconstruction of the Terminal Reservoir that was originally built in 1951. The total cost will be \$42 million and the project will be completed in 2017.

The allocation of 1.4 million acre feet from the Colorado River to Utah is in normal years. In the last few years, Utah's allocation based on the Shortage Sharing Agreement has been around 1.1 million acre feet.

Mayor Eyre asked what specific project(s) would be built on the Bear River to divert water to the Wasatch Front. Mr. Bay responded that that issue is currently under study and would probably result in the construction of three dams on the River. These projects would be funded by Utah State bonds and be repaid by the water users. The Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District and the Weber Basin Water District have jointly purchased a site for a future water treatment plant for this water.

Mayor Eyre asked if the Federal Government has relinquished control along with the lessening of available federal funding. Answer: The federal government still owns the water and has paid for the capital facilities so they still exercise considerable control.

Councilman LaMalfa asked how the projects will be paid for. Answer: Probably a mix of $\frac{3}{4}$ water fees and $\frac{1}{4}$ property tax.

2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program—Ben Wuthrich, WFRC

Mr. Wuthrich presented the draft 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program recommendations for the Surface Transportation, Congestion Mitigation-Air Quality, and the Transportation Alternatives Programs. Those recommendations are available [here](#). There were 56 requests for funding totaling \$172 million for which there will be \$36 million available.

Corridor Preservation Applications—Sam Klemm

Mr. Klemm announced that three applications for Salt Lake County local corridor preservation funds were received totaling \$1.9 million. There is \$1.4 million available so the Public Works Committee of the COG will meet to prioritize the applications.

Requests for Future Topics of Discussion

Councilman LaMalfa expressed a concern that feral raccoons are becoming a problem now that the Federal Government no longer funds a trapping program. He requested that this be a topic of discussion for a future COG meeting.

Councilman Jensen noted that the County Council will be deciding whether or not to put the House Bill 362 sale tax question on the ballot. He suggested the cities send letters to their respective County Council members requesting their support on this issue.

Your Utah, Your Future—Ari Bruning—Envision Utah

Mr. Bruning presented Envision Utah’s Your Utah, Your Future campaign. This massive visioning effort will attempt to survey 50,000 Utahns as to what they would like to see Utah look like in 2050 and the best way to achieve the desired quality of life. Topics covered included the future of education, water use and availability, air quality and the environment, transportation, and economic development. Further information is available [here](#).

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Legislative Issues

It was announced that ‘what’s next’ discussions on House Bill 362 (local sales tax for transportation) and Senate Bill 199 (metro townships) will take place in the May COG meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Computer Aided Dispatch Consolidation

Councilman Mike Jensen gave a brief update on the CAD consolidation process and noted that the request for proposals from potential vendors is out and they are awaiting the responses.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

COG MEMBERS PRESENT

Bluffdale	Mayor Timothy	Sandy	Mayor Dolan
West Jordan	Councilmember Haaga	Murray	Mayor Eyre
Herriman	Mayor Freeman	S. L. County	Councilmember Wilson
Cottonwood Hgts.	Mayor Cullimore	S.L. County	Councilmember Jensen
Holladay	Mayor Dahle	West Valley	Councilmember Rushton
West Jordan	Mayor Rolfe	Midvale	Mayor Seghini
Midvale	Mayor Seghini	Bluffdale	Mayor Timothy
Riverton	Mayor Applegarth	South Jordan	Mayor Alvord
Salt Lake City	Councilmember LaMalfa	Staff	Sam Klemm

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Andrew Gruber	WFRC	Ben Wuthrich	WFRC
Rita Lund	County Council Staff	Heather Mastakas	County Council Staff
John Park	Cottonwood Heights	Carlton Christensen	County Mayor's Office
Jan Wells	Murray City	Kristy Kuhn	West Jordan City
John Guldner	Alta City	Ari Bruning	Envision Utah
Jackie Maas	JVWCD	Richard Bay	JVWCD
Lynn Pace	Salt Lake City	Gary Whatcott	South Jordan City
Scott Brown	SLCC	Greg Schultz	Salt Lake County