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## **Bear River/Cutler Reservoir Advisory Chair Honored**

Salt Lake City, Utah – Ann Peralta who chaired the Bear River/Cutler Reservoir Advisory Committee is the recipient of this year's Calvin K. Sudweeks Water Quality Award for her tireless volunteer work overseeing the Advisory Committee.

The award will be presented at the Utah Water Quality Board meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at the Ogden City Municipal Building, 2549 Washington Boulevard.

Peralta lived in Logan while serving as the chair of the Advisory Committee from its inception in 2004 through 2008 and was a key player in the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plan to improve the water quality in the Cutler Reservoir Basin. The 19-member committee met once a month and was comprised of stakeholders in the Basin that included: municipalities, industry, agriculture, water users, developers, environmental groups, wildlife, recreation and irrigation companies.

“Over the years Ann directed a diverse group of people which was able to lead the development of a complex and important restoration plan for Cutler Reservoir,” said Walt Baker, director of the Division of Water Quality. “We appreciated and applaud her leadership.”

Every year the Water Quality Board recognizes an individual who has shown outstanding leadership in the field of water quality. The award is named for a former state water quality director who was instrumental in leading Utah through dramatic changes in water quality, including improved means of wastewater treatment and the development of protective standards.

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