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SL County Attorney to head DEQ Legal Team

Salt Lake City, Utah – Craig Anderson, a former deputy county attorney with the Salt Lake County Attorney's Office since 1993, has been appointed Division Chief of the Environmental Division for the Utah Attorney General's Office, representing the state on environmental issues. He replaces Denise Chancellor who retired in June.

Amanda Smith, executive director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced the appointment this week.

“Craig has tremendous experience in environmental law and I'm thrilled he has accepted the appointment,” Smith said.

Anderson served as the Chief of the Environment/Public Health/Natural Resources Unit for Salt Lake County, reporting directly to the District Attorney currently held by Sim Gill. As the county's chief environmental attorney, he focused on environmental compliance and enforcement, water resources, and eminent domain.

Prior to joining the County Attorney's Office, he represented DEQ's Environmental Response and Remediation in 1990.

“I feel like I'm coming back to my roots,” Anderson said. “This is an exciting opportunity to represent DEQ at a time when the state is faced with very important and complex environmental regulations.”

Attorney General Mark Shurtleff welcomed the appointment.

“Ever since I worked for Craig in the Salt Lake County Attorney's Office in the 90s, I've known Craig to be a brilliant lawyer and dedicated public servant,” Shurtleff said. “I'm delighted he has agreed to lead our Environment Division.”

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Anderson served as the Chair of the Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Law Section of the Utah State Bar in 1996. He taught urban planning, policy and environmental law as an adjunct professor between 1993 and 2006 at the University of Utah. He received his law degree in 1977 at the University of Utah's College of Law.

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