

PUBLIC NOTICE

Prioritizing Utah's 303(d) List

The Utah Division of Water Quality (UDWQ) is notifying the public and soliciting comments on Utah's 303(d) Vision document, *Prioritizing Utah's 303(d) List*. Utah's 303 (d) Vision is a tailored strategy to implement the Division's CWA 303(d) Program responsibilities in the context of Utah's water quality goals and priorities. The Vision includes several elements that the Division is already putting into action including engagement with stakeholders and the public, integration of water quality improvement and protection efforts with other local, state, and federal agencies, and assessing the extent of healthy and impaired waters through site-specific assessments. Other key elements include:

Prioritization – Review, prioritize, and report priority impaired waters for restoration and protection;

Protection – Identify protection priorities and approaches to prevent impairments in healthy waters;

Alternatives – Incorporate adaptive management principles where such approaches are better suited to implement actions that achieve water quality goals.

This document includes a summary of feedback received from a stakeholder survey the Division conducted in April 2015, a review of priority impaired waters for TMDL development, the criteria used in prioritizing them, and impaired waters identified for alternative restoration approaches.

While the Vision provides a new framework for implementing the CWA 303(d) Program, it does not alter Utah's responsibilities or authorities under the CWA 303(d) regulations. Submit written comments to Carl Adams by **February 5, 2016**. Carl Adams (carladams@utah.gov), Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870