

Joint Resolution 2016-34

SHORT TITLE

A joint resolution of the Provo City Mayor and Municipal Council outlining their concern with the recent proposed standards from the Utah Department of Environmental Quality related to the impact of the wastewater effluent on the chemistry of Utah Lake.

PASSAGE BY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

ROLL CALL

DISTRICT	NAME	MOTION	SECOND	FOR	AGAINST	OTHER
CW 1	DAVID SEWELL			✓		
CW 2	GEORGE STEWART			✓		
CD 1	GARY WINTERTON			✓		
CD 2	KIM SANTIAGO			✓		
CD 3	DAVID KNECHT	✓		✓		
CD 4	KAY VAN BUREN		✓	✓		
CD 5	DAVID HARDING				✓	
				TOTALS	6	1

This resolution was passed by the Municipal Council of Provo City, on the 2nd day of August, 2016, on a roll call vote as described above. Signed this August 3, 2016.



Chair



Mayor

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CITY RECORDER'S CERTIFICATE AND ATTEST

I hereby certify and attest that the foregoing constitutes a true and accurate record of proceedings with respect to Resolution Number 2016-34.

This resolution was signed and recorded in the office of the Provo City Recorder on the August 4, 2016

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Janeel Steen

City Recorder

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RESOLUTION 2016- 34

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE PROVO CITY MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OUTLINING THEIR CONCERN WITH RECENT PROPOSED STANDARDS FROM
THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY RELATED TO THE
IMPACT OF WASTEWATER EFFLUENT ON THE CHEMISTRY OF UTAH LAKE.
(16-091)

WHEREAS, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has recently classified Utah Lake as an impaired waterway and along with this designation it proposed implementing new standards on treatment plant discharges over the next four to nine years; and

WHEREAS, if the State of Utah implements the proposed standards it will require major changes to the City's wastewater treatment infrastructure at significant cost to Provo ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, due to Provo City's involvement in the Jordan River Farmington Bay Water Quality Council, the City has been funding scientific studies to help determine the impact of wastewater effluent on chemistry of the lake; and

WHEREAS, based on these scientific studies, the City is concerned that the millions of dollars of changes to the wastewater infrastructure required by the proposed standards will not result in any real improvement in nutrient levels in the lake; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2016, the Municipal Council held a duly noticed public meeting to ascertain the facts regarding this matter, which facts are found in the meeting record; and

WHEREAS, after considering the facts presented to the Municipal Council, the Council finds that (i) Provo City should adopt a joint resolution stating its concern with the proposed standards from the Utah DEQ, and (ii) such action reasonably furthers the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Provo City.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Provo City Municipal Council jointly with the Mayor of Provo City as follows:

PART I:

Provo City requests that the Utah DEQ delay action on regulations for water reclamation plants that discharge into Utah Lake. The proposed regulations are based on broad conclusions being drawn from the limited data presented in the Department's Integrated Report. The data collected for, and presented in, the Integrated Report is inadequate without further scientific studies and vetting by the scientific community to conclude that the quality of Utah Lake will be significantly improved by the proposed regulations. Due to these inadequacies, the significant and costly changes to reclamation plants required by the proposed regulations are not justified at this time. If the necessary additional scientific research does eventually support standards and regulations that require infrastructure changes in order to make justifiable improvements in the quality of Utah Lake, Provo requests that affected entities be allowed adequate time to appropriately budget for the required changes.

The Provo City Recorder shall transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, the Utah Lake Commission Governing Board, the Governor of Utah, the members of the Utah Senate and House of Representative who represent Utah County, and to the

51 news media of Utah.

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53 PART II:

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55 This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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57 END OF RESOLUTION.