

**Water Quality Standards Workgroup
Draft Meeting Summary, April 18, 2011**

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Jeff Ostermiller of the Division of Water Quality summarized the meeting agenda and asked for any additions or comments. Without further comment the Workgroup looked over the last meeting summary (February 14, 2011) and agreed acceptable.

Refer to the meeting agenda at:

http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/WQS/workgroup/2011/WQS_Workgroup_Agenda_April2011.pdf

2. **Priority List for 2011 Triennial Review:** (Refer to recording at time 3:19) The Discussion was lead by Jeff Ostermiller. The Workgroup reviewed the revised Priority List. It was established that prioritizing the list is done by Water Quality Staff. To add an item to the list or to make an argument regarding the prioritization, contact Chris Bittner of the Division of Water Quality.

Mr. Salt requested that a standard specific for trash be considered. The practical difficulties of drafting and enforcing a trash standard were discussed. No action will be taken because the Narrative Standard addresses trash.

3. **Recreational Beneficial Use Classes; Should all waters be 2A?:** (Refer to recording at time 28:43) Ariel Calmes of the Environmental Law Clinic/ Western Resource Advocates made a presentation regarding recreational beneficial use classes proposing that all waters should be classified 2A. Refer to supporting Materials at:

<http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/WQS/workgroup/2011/meeting04-18/PrimaryContactRecreation.pdf>

The workgroup will consider these recommendations when recreational use changes to the Standards are discussed. The impact of changing all or most waters to 2A is unknown at this time because DWQ is still evaluating the results from the increased e. coli. sampling. Great Salt Lake was discussed but DWQ has not developed a standard for assessing pathogens in salt water.

4. **Antidegradation:** (Refer to recording at time 1:00:52) Thad Garlick and Lauralee Gillespie of the ELC/WRA proposed to eliminate

temporary and limited degradation of water quality from activities that not considered to result in degradation or additional degradation and to implement review requirements to activities that may degrade the water quality, and to change the guidance to include less ambiguous language. Refer to supporting materials at:

http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/WQS/workgroup/2011/meeting04-18/Anti-Deg_Level_II_ADR_Examples.pdf

http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/WQS/workgroup/2011/meeting04-18/Anti-Deg_Temporary_and_Limited_Uses.pdf

The antidegradation subworkgroup will address the temporary and limited exemption at their next meeting.

5. **Narrative Standard:** (Refer to recording at time 1:36:29) Emily Haedl (sp?) of the Environmental Law Clinic/Western Resource Advocates proposed to eliminate the unenforceability language in the biocriteria standard proposed by the Division of Water Quality contained in R317-2. Refer to supporting materials at:

<http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/WQS/workgroup/2011/meeting04-18/BiocriteriaStandard.pdf>

The workgroup will discuss the proposed changes to the Narrative Standard at the May meeting.

6. **Proposal: Category 2 Designation for Middle Provo and 208 Plan:** (Refer to Recording at time 1:58:41) Paul Dremann from Trout Unlimited and George Summers of Blue River Fisheries proposed that the Provo River be changed to a Category 2 for future protections and economic benefit. Dave Wham will conduct outreach to other stakeholders and report back to the workgroup.

7. **Resolving USEPA Disapproval for Antidegradation Rule and Implementation Guidance:** (Refer to recording at time 2:56:00) The Workgroup agreed to drop D and reconvene the group to rework the guidance at the next subworkgroup meeting.

8. **Summary and Follow-up:**(Refer to recording at time 3:04:06) Jeff Ostermiller reviewed the meeting action items to the Workgroup. The Workgroup will advise Chris Bittner of missing items on the Priority List for 2011;consider the Proposals by Environmental Law

Clinic/Western Resource Advocates and respond; analyze the Price River proposal and data and give to the Provo River Watershed Quality Council; drop the ADR disapproved example (d) for now and reconvene the Antidegradation subworkgroup.

9. **Conclusion:** The meeting recording and summary will be available for review prior to the next meeting. The next meeting will be held May 16, 2011 at the Division of Water Quality.

**Utah Water Quality Standards Workgroup
Attendance April 18, 2011**

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| Lauralee Gillespie | ELC/Western Resource Advocates |
| Nick | ELC/Western Resource Advocates |
| Ariel Calmes | ELC/Western Resource Advocates |
| Emily Haedl (sp?) | ELC/Western Resource Advocates |
| Thad Garlick | ELC/Western Resource Advocates |
| Sandra Knudsen | ELC/Western Resource Advocates |
| Jeff Ostermiller | DWQ |
| Dave Wham | DWQ |
| Chris Bittner (phone) | DWQ |
| Kimber Hall | DWQ |
| John Isanhart | US Fish and Wildlife Service |
| Nick Von Stackelberg | DWQ |
| Jeff Salt | Great Salt Lake Keeper |
| Paul Dremann | Trout Unlimited |
| George Summers | Blue Ribbon Fisheries |
| Mike Rau | Central Utah Water |
| Reed Oberndorfer | Central Utah Water |
| Leland Myers | Central Davis Sewer |
| Merritt Frey | River Network |
| Leah Ann Lamb | DWQ |
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