

Minutes: GSL WQ Steering Committee
Date: August 31, 2004 3:00 PM Cannon Health Building

Meeting was called to order by Walt Baker, Chairman

Mr. Baker asked for introductions for those in attendance.

Mr. Baker asked that all committee members have alternates so that their organizations could be represented when the appointed committee member could not be in attendance.

Renette Anderson of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality made a presentation on facilitation and reaching consensus. The main points covered were:

- Make all communications rational and logical
- All scientific work must be based upon good science
- All activities must be in accordance with the law
- All activities must proceed in an orderly manner
- Standards must make economic sense and environmental sense
- Public aspects of the discussions and recommendations must be open.

Bob Adler made the following points:

- We should all try to think with an open mind
- A super majority vote may be a $\frac{3}{4}$ of those voting. This may be called a consensus
- How do you accommodate the minority vote?

Leland Myers indicated that the ultimate decision maker will be the Division of Water Quality. He also discussed the importance of funding and costs for this project.

Bruce Waddell indicated that we should error on the side of the environment.

Richard Bay indicated that the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District had re-examined its position and is able to wait until Dec. 2007 in order to make its final decision. He also indicated that if we cannot be close to a 100% consensus, we have failed.

Jeff Salt wrote a letter to the Committee recommending that he, as the Statewide Chairman of watershed coordinators, be a member of the Committee. He explained to the committee the functions of the various watershed coordinators around the state including outreach, grants, educational issues, the working with the TMDL efforts of DWQ. Walt Baker led a discussion dealing with the request. It was the consensus of the Committee that the request be tabled.

The discussion then moved to the area of the Science Panel. There was a discussion about expanding the panel. The Committee indicated that the 9th member of the Science Panel may be chosen by the panel itself. Five members for the Science Panel were approved by the Committee: Moellmer, Miller, Skourpa, Adams, and Whuerthele.

The Committee asked the ad-hoc nominating group to continue deliberations and come to the next meeting with firm recommendations as to the remaining three members for the Science Panel.

Walt Baker discussed the potential of funding a study through revisions to the terms of a loan recently made by the Water Quality Board to the North Davis Sewer District.

Joel Frandsen indicated he may be able to add \$100,000 to the pool of funds for the research.

Walt Baker indicated a desire that members of the Committee have the opportunity to fly over the Great Salt Lake as a Committee to get a first hand view of the lake and associated wetlands. It was suggested that a Saturday might be the best day.

The next meeting was scheduled on September 21, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. in the Cannon Health Building.

Assignments:

- Renette Anderson – Obtain comments on gaining consensus from Committee members and be available to discuss them at the next meeting.
- Re-visit the request from Jeff Salt on being a member of the Steering Committee
- A report from the Nominating Committee on the proposed makeup of the Science Panel
- Moellmer/Wuerthele - A discussion of site specific water quality standards and how they are derived.
- A continued discussion of funding sources
- Moellmer – Determine the feasibility of utilizing the State plan for a site visit.