

Summary of the Willard Spur Steering Committee Meeting January 20, 2011

Refer to meeting recording at:

<http://www.willardspur.utah.gov/committee/meetings.htm>

Committee Members Present

Name	Representing
Walt Baker	Div. of Water Quality
Karen Hamilton	U.S. EPA
Bob Barrett	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Thomas Bosteels (Alternate)	GSL Brine Shrimp Cooperative
Rob Dubuc	FRIENDS of Great Salt Lake
Pam Kramer	Div. of Wildlife Resources
Hal Lee	Great Salt Lake Minerals
Ryan Nesbitt	Div. of Forestry, Fire & State Land
Mayor Jerry Nelson	Perry & Willard Cities
Commissioner Ryan Tingey	Great Salt Lake Advisory Council
Dal Wayment	South Davis Sewer District
Dick West	Duck Clubs
Chris Montague	The Nature Conservancy

Others Present

Name	Representing
Lareina Guenzel	U.S. EPA
Jeff DenBleyker	CH2M HILL
Leah Ann Lamb	Div. of Water Quality
Bruce R Howard	Perry/ Willard
Howard W Browers	USFWS
Stan F. Pettingill	Perry/Willard
Theron Miller	JR/FBWAC
Lynn de Freitas	Friends of Great Salt Lake
R. Jefre Hicks	Friends of Great Salt Lake
Bruce Waddell	Duck Clubs
Joan Degiorgio	The Nature Conservancy
John Isanhart	USFWS
Jay Agular	Willard City
Kimber Hall	Div. of Water Quality
Jodi Gardberg	Div. of Water Quality

1. Roll Call, Committee Introductions, Audience Introductions:

Walt Baker of the DEQ Division of Water Quality and the Steering Committee Chairman welcomed all in attendance. Introductions of the Steering Committee and the Audience followed.

2. Review Agenda and Meeting Objectives: (Refer to recording at time 7:15)

3. Review Project Background: (Refer to recording at time 10:48)

Walt Baker presented the project background.

See map reference at:

http://www.willardspur.utah.gov/documents/SCHandouts1_20_11.pdf

4. Review Proposed Approach and Schedule:

(Refer to recording at time 19:33)

Jeff DenBleyker reviewed the proposed approach and schedule at:

http://www.willardspur.utah.gov/documents/SC012011/Approach&Schedule_ppt.pdf

Questions/Comments (Refer to recording at time 44:56):

- Concern was raised that DEQ's proposal in front of the WQ Board to move the Willard Spur study to a 4 year process and release funds for monitoring was circumventing the Steering Committee process.
- Concern was also raised with the prospect of DEQ contracting with USGS for flow gages. The pros and cons of using USGS were discussed as well as contracting limitations and cost share benefits.

5. Draft Steering Committee Charter: (Refer to recording at time 53:09)

See the presentation by Jeff DenBleyker at:

http://www.willardspur.utah.gov/documents/SC012011/SteeringCommitteeCharter_ppt.pdf

Questions/Comments (Refer to recording at time 113:56):

- A suggestion was made that we need to have better definitions, up-front, on words such as “protective” and ”sustain” and other key words. A

discussion of science and policy followed. Better clarity of the final goal was urged.

- An alternate Steering Committee member expressed concern with having time to consult with the Primary Steering Committee member before voting. It was indicated that there are usually not surprises and that committee members have materials before every meeting so there should be ample time to consult with the alternate prior to any voting.

6. Draft Science Panel Charter: (Refer to recording at time 116:50)

See the presentation by Jeff DenBleyker at:

http://www.willardspur.utah.gov/documents/SC012011/SciencePanelCharter_pt.pdf

7. Science Panel Nominations and Membership:

(Refer to recording at time 122:24)

Discussion was led by Jeff Ostermiller.

- It was suggested and agreed that the disciplines considered when seating the Science Panel include an avian ecologist, toxicologist and/or wildlife biologist.
- EPA has a scientist in mind but needed assurances that the time commitment would be no longer than 200 hrs./yr and that we could pay for travel and per diem.

8. Next Meeting Schedule and Topics:

(Refer to recording at time 148:24)

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2011 and will be held at DEQ, (room to be determined) from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.
- **Homework for SC members:**
 - Science panel nominations by January 31 to Jeff D to include a write-up of why nominated along with a resume or CV.
 - Review of SC and SP charters with comments to Jeff D before next meeting