Utah Inland Port Authority Board 2023

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Utah Inland Port Authority Board Meeting Minutes
Monday August 21, 2023
2:00 pm
USU Brigham City Campus, Auditorium
989 South Main Street, Brigham City, UT 84032

Board Members Present: Miles Hansen, Mike Schultz, Jerry Stevenson
Non-Voting Board Members Present: Victoria Petro
Board Members Absent: Ryan Starks, Abby Osborne

UIPA Staff: Ben Hart, Benn Buys, Larry Shepherd, Lynne Mayer, Stephen Smith, Diana Gardner, Allen Evans, Carol Watson, Amy Brown Coffin, Max Ivory, Mona Smith, Dain Maher, Scott Wolford

Others in Attendance: Darin Bushman, Jenna Draper, Brent Boswell, Stan Summers, Paul Larsen, Valerie Claussen, Chris Pieper, Brook McCarrick, Cindy Maughan, Leopoldo Garcia, Thomas Whitney, Bob Buckles, Isis Buckles, Brian Baker, Eldene Jeppson, Jeffrey Jeppson, Jack Ray, Lyle Holmgren, Briton Black, Erold Jeppson, Shauna Hart, Dean Lester, Heather Dove, Courtney Henley, Mary Turner, Dee Stump, Travis Pate, Monica Hilding, Carmen V, Isabel Quilantan, Tena Rohr, Violet Barrett, Travis Kyhl, Eric Mayer, Rob Menasco, Jade Starly, Kirk Mendenhall, Ann Floor, Brooke, Larsen, Katie Pappas, Denise D, Alex Veilleux, Haley Ashton, Fiona Ashton-Knochel, Bailey Hatcher, Lionel Trepanier, Gina D, Colleen Ashton, Miguel Knochel, Gary Hanneman, Julia Dalesandro, Andy Hulka, Melissa Early, Lara Gale, Rachel Buck-Cockayne, Joan Gregory, Tammy Pearson, Steve Carlsen, Tyler Burrows, Brice Wallace, Jen Wakeland, Sarah Witney, Neil Kochenour, Sheri Dearden, Riley Nelson, Tussy King, Brandon Yardley, Deeda Seed, Connor Comeau, Sandy Mitchell, Ben Abbott, Colleen Stephens, Noemi Molina, Steve Van Maren, Junette Madsen, Shayla Nelson, Rosemary Sage, Jen Hart, Pat Bowers, Taylor Timmerman, Mark Allen, Thomas Witney, Sean P, Marc Christensen, Leia Larsen

1. **Welcome**
   UIPA Board Chair, Miles Hansen, welcomed the board members, staff and public to this Utah Inland Port Authority Board Meeting.

2. **Executive Director Report**
   UIPA Executive Director Ben Hart provided a brief executive director report, speaking to proposed changes in UIPA board meeting policy and practice to prioritize in-person comments at the meeting's anchor location.

3. **Presentation: UIPA/GOEO/EDCU Memorandum of Understanding**
   Ben Hart presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the Utah Inland Port Authority, the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, and the Economic Development Corporation of Utah in the areas of collaboration,

transparency, support, trust, promotion and outcomes. Under the agreement a shared employee will coordinate economic development activity and strategy between the entities and represent UIPA project areas as potential investment destinations to corporate recruitment project clients. The cost to UIPA for the first year of the partnership is $87,500.

4. **Policy Presentations**
UIPA Chief Compliance Officer Amy Brown Coffin presented two UIPA policies for board consideration:

BP-01 - Open & Public Meetings Policy
Policy to ensure compliance with the Open and Public Meeting statute.
BP-03 - Media Policy
Policy to provide positive, consistent and valuable messaging across the organization.

5. **Presentation: Aviation Fuel Incentive Base Year**
Benn Buys, UIPA Deputy Director, CFO, and Treasurer, presented information on the Aviation Fuel Incentive, and asked the board to consider designating fiscal year 2024 as the base production year for the aviation fuel incentive account.

6. **Golden Spike Project Area Incentive Consideration**
Benn Buys introduced and presented a business recruitment incentive for Lakeshore Learning Materials, a company in the educational materials and classroom furniture industry. Lakeshore is looking to invest $219 million in capital expenditures for a manufacturing and distribution facility in Garland City, while creating over 500 new jobs. The proposed annual Project Area Incentive/Property Tax Differential Rebate is equivalent to 60% of the assessed property tax, post completion of the development. This rebate will be provided yearly for no more than 25 years, provided continued operation within the Project Area during that time and is subject to completion of contract agreement and conditions in the Project Area Plan & Budget.

7. **Presentation: Draft Project Area Plan for Juab County**
Scott Wolford, UIPA vice president of project area development was joined by Stephen Smith, associate vice president for regional project area development, and Lynne Mayer, manager of business development and project areas, in presenting the draft project area plan for Juab County – what is being called the Six County Agri-Park Inland Port Project Area.
The project area plan was published publicly 10 days prior to this meeting. The Juab County Commission passed a resolution requesting the creation of the port project area on May 8, 2023.
The project area plan includes detailed information on the logistical, environmental, and economic considerations of the area.This project area will include multiple areas in Juab County, UT.
Piute County Commissioner Darin Bushman spoke to the regional need to support agricultural business, especially the family farmer.
Lynne Mayer provided an overview of the benefits of an inland port project area to the region with a focus on the logistics infrastructure in the region.
Jenna Draper, economic development director for the Six County Association of Governments, spoke of the support of the six-county region for this project.
Stephen Smith provided information on the key components and considerations in the recruitment strategy for the region.
Brent Boswell, economic development director for Juab County and Nephi City, thanked UIPA for assisting the region in its efforts to address its economic growth needs.

8. **Presentation: Resolution 2023-06 adopting the Spanish Fork Project Area**
Scott Wolford, UIPA vice president of project area development was joined by Stephen Smith, associate vice president for regional project area development, and Lynne Mayer, manager of business development and project areas, to present the draft Golden Spike Inland Port project area plan.
This draft project area plan was initially presented during the July 17, 2023 UIPA board meeting.
Resolutions requesting the creation of the project area were passed by Brigham City, Tremonton, and Garland as well as Box Elder County in May and early June of 2023.
Commissioner Stan Summers discussed the public purpose and economic benefit of the port project area.
Lynne Mayer spoke of the logistics opportunities at the convergence of rail, air, and freeway transportation

routes.
Paul Larsen, economic development director for Brigham City, spoke of the need to provide well-paying jobs to local residents, many of whom leave the county daily to work in other areas.
Stephen Smith spoke to industry-specific recruitment within the project area and the focussed recruitment strategies within each individual community.
Valerie Claussen, city planner for Garland, discussed the incentive to Lakeshore Learning Materials and opportunities in the years ahead.

9. **Public Comment**
Chair Miles Hansen opened up the public comment period and invited those in the room to submit comment cards for an opportunity to speak. He reminded all that the port welcomes written public comment anytime via the UIPA website at https://inlandportauthority.utah.gov/contact/. Comments made include concern over lighting installed in the area near homes, truck parking, noise, traffic, wildlife protection, bird habitat protection and mitigation of unavoidable effects of economic activity in port areas.

10. **Approval of Minutes, July 17, 2023 Board Meeting**
Board member Stevenson moved to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2023 board meeting. Board member Schultz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. **Approval of UIPA/GOEO/EDCU MOU**
Board member Schultz moved to approve the memorandum of understanding on business recruitment between the Utah Inland Port Authority, the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, and the Economic Development Corporation of Utah as presented. Board member Schultz seconded the motion.

Vote:
Mike Schultz – yes
Jerry Stevenson – yes
Miles Hansen – yes

12. **Approval of Policies**
Board member Stevenson moved to approve the BP-01 and BP-03 policies as presented. Board member Schultz seconded the motion.

Vote:
Mike Schultz – yes
Jerry Stevenson – yes
Miles Hansen – yes

13. **Approval of Aviation Fuel Incentive Base Year**
Board member Stevenson moved to approve the Aviation Fuel Incentive Base Year as presented. Board member Schultz seconded the motion.

Vote:
Mike Schultz – yes
Jerry Stevenson – yes
Miles Hansen – yes

14. **Approval of Resolution 2023-07, Adopting the Golden Spike Inland Port Project Area**
Board member Schultz moved to approve Resolution 2023-07 adopting the Golden Spike Inland Port Project Area. Board member Stevenson seconded the motion.

Vote:
Mike Schultz – yes
Jerry Stevenson – yes
Miles Hansen – yes

15. **Approval of Golden Spike Project Area Incentive**
Board member Schultz moved to approve the Golden Spike Project Area incentive for Lakeshore Learning Materials as presented. Board member Stevenson seconded the motion.

Vote:
Mike Schultz – yes
Jerry Stevenson – yes
Miles Hansen – yes

16. **Comments by Simona Smith, UIPA Environmental & Sustainability Manager**
At the invitation of the chair, Mona Smith summarized the process used to complete an environmental review for new project areas.

17. **Open and Public Meetings Act Training**
Chris Pieper, assistant attorney general, provided the required annual training for the board on Utah's Open and Public Meetings Act.

18. **Public Comment**
Chair Miles Hansen opened up the remaining meeting time for public comment. Mayor Holmgren of Lyle Tremonton City spoke of the historical economic fluctuation in his community and his support for the port and the stability it can help to provide. Other comments made include the importance of caring for the land, looking for alternative traffic routing, height of buildings, lighting, ordinances restricting the dropping of trailers and truck parking.

19. **Adjourn**
Board Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting.

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Board Chair, Miles Hansen

Written Public Comments submitted during and after the meeting:

8/19/2023 Margo Becker
Please protect the earth and wildlife. Stop the inland port.

8/19/2023 Cigy Cyriac
As a resident of Utah, I do not support your plans to incentivize industrial development next to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

Given the drying of the Great Salt Lake Basin and diversion of water, Great Salt Lake and its wetlands, and the entire ecosystem have never been more vulnerable. This is not a time to use public money to subsidize industrial development that will pave over these areas, and create massive amounts of pollution. At risk currently due to Port Authority activity are wetlands and uplands adjacent to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, the Great Salt Lake in Weber and Tooele County, Salt Lake City and wetlands in Spanish Fork close to Utah Lake.

Please do not move forward with plans for industrial development next to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

8/19/2023 Shelia Gelman
Bird Refuge
With the Salt Lake drying up with arsenic dust this not the time to incentivize the Inland port or any development. We need to save the refuge.

8/19/2023 George and Frances Alderson
Please consider this message as our comment for the public meeting in Brigham City on Aug. 21. I (George Alderson) was a student at USU for two years and I came to appreciate the wildlife habitat of the Great Salt Lake and its tributaries. We believe it would be a mistake to use public funds to subsidize industrial development at this particular site. Great Salt Lake and its wetlands need protection for the outstanding wildlife habitat, especially in these years of drought. Please reject the proposal.

8/19/2023 Benjamin Bayat
Protect Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.
I'm emailing to express my support for efforts to protect Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. I have built my career on developing large and transformative businesses, I am encouraged by recent efforts to address sustainability efforts with the Great Salt Lake. As a community member that wants to continue to have generations of my family in the region and as a business leader that invests in future innovative companies, I request that the Port Authority consider the long term implications that a myopic decision around destroying the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge would have on the external business worlds view of Utah.

8/19/2023 Renee Athay
Inland Port
I believe it is cavalier to ignore the impacts humans have on the plight of our world including the Great Salt Lake and all species who share our planet. There is no reason this human impact needs to take place here other than greed and ignorance--to which we are all subject but I am going ask us to recognize the stupidity and harm caused if the proposed Inland Port project is approved.

I am a minister and chaplain and speak with all being in mind--our human arrogance is not serving us very well if you haven't noticed. Please be systems thinkers and look ahead at the immense costs of this ignorant plan.

8/19/2023 Bridgette Meinhold
Protect the Bear River Migratory Refuge
Please include my comments that I do not support plans to incentivize industrial development next to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. Given the drying of the Great Salt Lake Basin and diversion of water, Great Salt Lake and its wetlands, and the entire ecosystem have never been more vulnerable.

This is not a time to use public money to subsidize industrial development that will pave over these areas, and create massive amounts of pollution. Please help protect the GSL by not allowing more development along this corridor.

8/19/2023 Karin Kirchhoff
BRMBR
Do not place industrial development near the reserve. It is already threatened by low water levels. Spillage, less water, other threats will harm such an important bird area.

8/19/2023 Jamie Ellison
Inland Port is Habitat Destruction
I do not support your plans to incentivize industrial development next to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. I do not support any support from taxpayers for this project at all. Development in Utah is out of control and this project will harm migratory birds who have used this land for thousands of years.

8/19/2023 Robert Waters
Objection to Inland Port Authority proposals
I do not support Port Authority activity which is currently or will in future threaten wetlands and uplands adjacent to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, the Great Salt Lake in Weber and Tooele County, Salt Lake City and wetlands in Spanish Fork close to Utah Lake.Given the drying of the Great Salt Lake Basin and diversion of water, Great Salt Lake and its wetlands, and the entire ecosystem have never been more vulnerable.

8/19/2023 Bryan Gibson
proposed inland port near bear river
I am writing to say that I am strongly opposed to creating an inland port near the bear river migratory bird refuge. This would further worsen the air and water quality in the region and would adversely affect the wildlife that use the bird refuge. As the population and economy of Utah grow we need to be much more thoughtful about the development we allow otherwise this beautiful place we call home will be ruined.

8/19/2023 Lori McDonald
I Oppose the inland port
Hello, I am a Utah native and business owner. I oppose the Inland Port. The Inland Port will cause worse air quality, congestion, and pollution. The development would impact wetlands and is too close to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. That you include "Sustainability" as a link on your website is an insult. There is nothing about this project that is sustainable except for promoting commerce and the interested parties to become more wealthy. The Salt Lake Valley is already getting overdeveloped. What does the average Salt Lake resident have to gain from this push for more growth and pollution? Thousands of us do not want this project to proceed.
Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Lori McDonald

8/19/2023 Lori Morris
And lease do not put the proposed port authority building next to the. Bird sanctuary. This is a bad idea! Please listen!

8/19/2023 Janice Reed-Campbell
Bear River Bird Refuge
Why must everything in nature be sacrificed to greed and profit? Leave the Bear River Bird Refuge alone!

8/19/2023 James Viney
proposed inland port
I am greatly concerned about the negative impacts of an inland port near the current migratory bird refuge area of the great salt lake. The ecosystem of the salt lake ois already under great stress from a shrinking lake bed. 10's of thousands of migratory birds depend upon this area, it doesn't need another stressor in the form of a large industrial area located near it.

8/19/2023 Pat Annoni
I don’t support plans to incentivize new industrial developments next to the Bea
At risk are wetlands and uplands adjacent to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, the Great Salt Lake in Weber and Tooele County, Salt Lake City and wetlands in Spanish Fork close to Utah Lake. Given the drying of the Great Salt Lake Basin and diversion of water, Great Salt Lake and its wetlands, and the entire ecosystem have never been more vulnerable.This is not a time to use public money to subsidize industrial development that will pave over these areas, and create massive amounts of pollution.

8/19/2023 Sarah Inwood
Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
I take pride in the fact that Utah can move quickly to implement solutions to our problems. In the case of siting our inland ports, let's not put them directly next to sensitive habit. C'mon! Our Great Salt Lake and its adjacent wetlands are so severely stressed and obliterated; let's give them a break. Let's sit inland ports elsewhere than right next to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. Enough is enough. Let's make decisions that are in our best long term interests. Instead of in the intereste of some short term money making scheme that benefits a handful of people who, possibly, are already making enough money in their lives. Thank you.

8/19/2023 Jamie Clyde
No Inland Port
The Great Salt Lake and its ecosystem is being disregarded with this project. I am disappointed by the project and the folks pushing it forward. Our namesake needs protection, not more industry. Progress at the sake of habitat and a struggling system is not progress, it’s hubris, stupidity and greed. Please stop this project before more damage is done.

8/19/2023 Ciara Baber
Protect the Great Salt Lake Wetlands
Our entire ecosystem in the Great Salt Lake Basin has never been more at risk. Our lake is drying up and now our wetlands are under attack. When is this state going to wake up and realize we are nothing without a healthy environment for all. We should be doing all we can to protect the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. We should not be paving previous land and incentivizing industrial development.

8/19/2023 Joel Long
No Inland Port
It is unconscionable to build a new Inland port anywhere near the lake and certainly not near the Bear River Migratory Refuge. The birds and animal need undisturbed space; we need undisturbed space. Stop this greed.

8/19/2023 Mary Johnson
Expansion northward of Inland Port
I respectfully request that any or all expansion of Inland Port activities be placed on hold. The 100 yr old Bear River Bird Refuge as well as the Great Salt Lake itself would be vulnerable to grave damage by expanded rail or trucking activities as well as by the surface runoff from increased roads built for the proposed Inland Port extension. I remind the UIPA that it is not a publically supported body chosen by citizens of Utah. The presumption that the Inland Port will benefit Utahns is a mistake make by Legislators with dollar signs blinding their vision.

8/19/2023 Sherri Evershed
Bear River Migratory

It makes no sense at all to put an inland port anywhere! Period! In the greater Salt Lake area. It goes against water conservation in our desert, and in efforts to mitigate air pollution. It is a self-destructive idea to our beautiful city and state. What on earth can people who propose this be thinking? It flies in the face of reason and yes, sound business sense for out state. I am adamantly opposed to this idea.

8/19/2023 Leslie Miller
Port Authority, I don't support your Plans!
Port Authority,
Your proposal to install an industrial development near a bird REFUGE is nuts, unnecessary and a waste of my tax dollars. I don not support your plans to incentivize industrial development next to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

8/19/2023 Jonathan Jensen
Stop the Inland Port - Save the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
I'm writing to express my profound opposition to any and all industrial "inland port" development near or around the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, the Great Salt Lake in Weber and Tooele County, Salt Lake City and wetlands in Spanish Fork close to Utah Lake. Our lake and its wetland ecosystems are in dire conditions, and developments such as those being pushed by you, the Inland Port Authority, would simply hasten the demise of these precious, irreplaceable ecosystems. Stop this madness!

8/19/2023 Pam Littig
No to Inland Port Anywhere in Utah!!
Please do NOT ALLOW the Inland Port Near the Bear River. The industrial activity will be disruptive to the migratory birds. PLEASE... just say NO!! Thank you.

8/20/2023 Susan Furca
Port
We are not the only species on Earth, yet we seem to be hell-bent on ruining it for all. Please consider future generations and other life forms when you make your decisions!

8/20/2023 Joyce Marder
Bear River Development
As someone whose mental health is greatly dependent upon the ability to visit migrating birds and wetland habitat on a weekly basis, I submit my plea that all lakes and wetlands that support migratory birds be preserved and protected from industrial development.

8/20/2023 LeRoy Anderson
Dear Sirs:
I would like to let you know I support efforts to preserve the Great Salt Lake and Bear River Migratory Bird refuge by not subsidizing or encouraging development near these areas. We need a healthy Great Salt Lake ecosystem for sustained air quality in our area, which is at great risk at present. Additionally, migratory bird populations are plummeting in North America, and do not need further destruction of their habitats. Please do not encourage industrialization or development near the Bear River Migratory Bird refuge.
Respectfully,
LeRoy Anderson, M.D. and Dianne Anderson

8/20/2023 Bob Speiser
Bear River wetlands
Given the drying of the Great Salt Lake Basin and diversion of water, Great Salt Lake and its wetlands, have become extremely vulnerable.

At risk currently, due to Port Authority activity, are wetlands and uplands adjacent to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, the Great Salt Lake in Weber and Tooele County, Salt Lake City, in addition to wetlands in Spanish Fork near Utah Lake.

This is not a time to use public money to subsidize industrial development that will pave over these areas and create massive pollution.

I believe, as many do, that wetlands are critical to our physical and ecological survival. As we move toward a cleaner energy future, it's critical that the needed infrastructure does not endanger the values we intend to preserve and protect, but instead contributes to their benefit.

Please recognize your larger responsibility to all of us, and rethink your long-term building plans so that they benefit, not harm, important values that we share. Our lives, and the lives of future generations, depend on what you choose to do.

8/20/2023 Daniel Darger
Great Salt Lake
It is absolutely critical for the state of Utah and the city of Salt Lake at the great Salt Lake be returned to its Greatness.

8/20/2023 Jennifer Mars
The Port Authority has been a bad idea from the beginning! I do not support the development of the industrial area so close to the migratory bird sanctuary or anywhere on the Great Salt LAke.

8/20/2023 Trevor Jeffrey Little
I do not support the creation of an inland port hub near the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge near Brigham City due to the negative impacts on our fragile and important ecosystem.

8/20/2023 Peter Wood
I don’t support your plans to incentivize industrial development next to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.
Your plan puts at risk wetlands and uplands adjacent to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, the Great Salt Lake in Weber and Tooele County, Salt Lake City and wetlands in Spanish Fork close to Utah Lake.
This is not a time to use public money to subsidize industrial development that will pave over these areas, and create massive amounts of pollution.

8/20/2023 John Becker
wetland harm
All use of public funds for Port Authority harm to wetlands and uplands adjacent to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge should be immediately stopped. You have already caused great harm to the Great Salt Lake. Don't do more.

8/20/2023 Savanna Woods

protect the birds!!!! no port no port

8/20/2023 Catherine Walton Green
Stop the Inland Port Authority from moving forward to endanger the environment and wetlands

8/20/2023 Anne Bicker Caarten
proposed industrial development
Please take a minute to look to the future--for you, your children, your grandchildren. We now know that the greater Salt Lake City area cannot survive without a healthy Great Salt Lake. If you approve incentives for industrial development at the wetlands and uplands adjacent to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, the Great Salt Lake in Weber and Tooele County, Salt Lake City and wetlands in Spanish Fork close to Utah Lake. If you don't approve these incentives, you are helping to assure that the Salt Lake City area thrives--because we can all breathe.

8/20/2023 Kylie Shiba
Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Hello! I am unable to attend the meeting on the 21st but I wanted it to be known that as a citizen of Utah I do not support the plans to insentivize industrial development next to the Bear River Bird Refuge.

Given the drying of the Great Salt Lake Basin and diversion of water, Great Salt Lake and its wetlands, and the entire ecosystem have never been more vulnerable.

This is not a time to use public money to subsidize industrial development that will pave over these areas, and create massive amounts of pollution.

I hope that my concerns will be heard. Our state needs more thought put into saving our ecosystems!

8/20/2023 Maria Goller
Save Bear River Refuge
As an ornithologist, environmentalist, and ecologist, I am writing this message in support of protecting Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge and wetlands, which are crucial stopover sites to millions of birds migrating each year.

8/20/2023 Linda Zeveloff
Given the drying of the Great Salt Lake Basin and diversion of water, Great Salt Lake and its wetlands, and the entire ecosystem have never been more vulnerable.

This is not a time to use public money to subsidize industrial development that will pave over these areas, and create massive amounts of pollution. Let the Port Authority and your legislators know you don’t support this.

At risk currently due to Port Authority activity are wetlands and uplands adjacent to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, the Great Salt Lake in Weber and Tooele County, Salt Lake City and wetlands in Spanish Fork close to Utah Lake.

I am a frequent visitor to the BearRiver Bird Refuge and have seen the birds there and the environment in good water years and bad over the past 37 years. We must do everything to save this important ecosystem for the birds who live and migrate through it.

It would be a travesty to damage this area for short term profit.

8/20/2023 Richard Spotts
Please protect the GSL and its wetlands
Please protect the Great Salt Lake and its wetlands. Please do not approve any proposed commercial or industrial land uses that would jeopardize the future ecological health of these areas. The climate and extinction crises are already serious and rapidly getting worse.
Status quo management is no longer appropriate or sustainable.
Bold and innovative changes are urgently needed. Please have the courage to do what is right in the public interest.
Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

8/20/2023 Paul Zuckerman
Bear River Migratory Refuge
IPA Authority,
It is obvious that the authority and the legislature see Great Salt Lake and Bear River Refuge as just another resource to be exploited using my tax dollars for he benefit of private corporations. This lets me know that these resources, important to the entire nation as one of four vital stopovers for birds along the Pacific Flyway, are not safe from your ambitions.
If the lake dries up, birds will die, my property value will drop and the health of my family, friends and neighbors will be compromised. I insist that you rescind future plans for building out the inland port. It was a poorly thought out idea to begin with and you have realized since that it no longer is needed to supply the limited demands for the shipment of products to the inter-mountain west.
Instead, use my tax dollars to increase the flow of water to Great Salt Lake.
Paul Zuckerman
Taxpayer and voter

8/20/2023 Pinar Bayrak-Toydemir
Given the drying of the Great Salt Lake Basin and diversion of water, Great Salt Lake and its wetlands, and the entire ecosystem have never been more vulnerable.

This is not a time to use public money to subsidize industrial development that will pave over these areas, and create massive amounts of pollution.
Please consider public health
I don’t support Port Authority activity

We need to save the Great Salt Lake ecosystem and create a sustainable future for Utah.

8/20/2023 Jan Ellen K Burton
Golden Spike Inland Port
I am writing in opposition to the proposed building of the Golden Spike Inland Port. I am opposed to an inland port anywhere near the Bear river Bird Refuge. UIPA has already spent significant monies on projects which have not been successful. Specifically, the millions of dollars committed over 40 years to pay rent on land which will never be used. Many massive warehouses already built have no tenants. There may never be tenants in some if Professor Robert Leachman (UC Berkeley) is correct in his assessment the business model is fatally flawed. Despite ongoing declarations that these warehouses are "green" and "sustainable, there is little green or sustainable in their construction. Guidelines for these "green" warehouses are not developed. Ben hart has said UIPA doesn't have the

authority to require wetland protection. If this is true (and there is no reason to presume it is not true), there will be no "green" warehouses.

The proposed Bear River projects will significantly impact the largest flyway in the Western Hemisphere, endangering bird populations across many countries. In return, tax subsidies will be given to an agricultural exporter of hay, which uses huge quantities of water. This appears to be both fiscally and ecologically irresponsible. Bear River water needs to flow to the Great Salt Lake.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

8/20/2023 Briton Black
My name is Briton Black and my home is in Ogden, UT. I've spent the last 10 1/2 months in aggressive treatment for breast cancer. Two things I've taken away from the experience are that when bodies are weak and unwell you make every effort to take exquisite care of that body, and secondly, you never take it for granted. I believe this applies to all bodies. Human bodies, river and lake bodies too. All of our fates are tightly woven with the other than human beings in our ecosystem. All suffering is mutual. I ask you to prioritize health over wealth and repeal the port. All flourishing is mutual. Now is the time to be taking exquisite care of our irreplaceable lands and wetlands, as if our very lives depended on it. As if they were our own refuge.

8/20/2023 Rebecca Burrage
Golden Spike Port
Hello,
I am very confused and concerned about the trend of UIPA to build so close to wetlands. Is there no other option you might consider, especially in this instance? The birds are depending on us to sometimes make decisions for reasons other than those that result in financial gain.

8/21/2023 Julie Sobchack
Bird Refuge
Birds are already in peril, refuges for them no less so. The continuing nonsense of making that area host to some ridiculous/outmoded/outdated "inland port" shows the world just how money-hungry this state's governing board really is. It's always the bottom line, and the rest of the species are on their own. That bloated port is poorly planned, will run over budget and exceed the portrayed boundaries. Like the birds piping in the wind, their voices growing fewer and fainter, my single cry for reason will be blown away.

8/21/2023 Nick Burns
Inland port funding
Hello - more and more "inland ports" are a wrong direction for Utah's future when it comes to public money.
My tax dollars should be used NOT for corporate/industrial subsidies, but used for preserving our water, migratory bird routes, our community health, our flora and fauna.
When will you all stop giving public money toward corporate profit?
Please make it now-
8/21/2023 Christine Barker
It is counterproductive to place a industrial development next to bird and wildlife refuges at the same time we are trying to protect the Great Salt Lake and preserve it's ecological integrity.

8/21/2023 Mary Beth Whittaker

Brigham City “ports”
Canary in the coal mine. It warns us about what will happen to us. White Pelicans can't raise their chicks anymore on Great Salt Lake because their island is high and dry. Great Salt Lake is on the verge of ecological collapse and yet your group continues to propose to build warehouses on the periphery of the lake without any environmental impact assessment. You seem to be rushing your projects through before any environmental assessment can happen. The citizens of Utah and Brigham City should stop your short-sighted plans and wait for the newly-appointed commissioner to develop a collaborative plan to save and protect Great Salt Lake. A viable lake has more economic and social benefits than your distribution centers can ever have.

8/21/2023 Marc Christensen
Inland Port-Bird Refuge
As a community we need to shift our focus away from the here and now, from immediate commerce and profits, to a long range view of the environment we want to leave for our future generations. I do not think the inland port concept is a positive move in this direction, and the adjacent bird refuge should be a priority over commerce.

8/21/2023 Kaye Nelson
Bear River Bird Refuge
I am so dismayed that the UIPA is proposing to put the port near the Bear River Bird Refuge! Of all the space in Box Elder County, why would you choose to put a port in that area? Having a huge manufacturing, transportation hub that close to the Refuge will surely negatively affect the millions of migratory birds that use that area. And the visual of having it out in that beautiful nature area just doesn't make sense. It would be devastating to those who love and use that area for peaceful visits. Please, please find another place to put the port - out by or on the road to ATK/Thiokol is a more appropriate place.

8/21/2023 Miguel Knochel
oppose inland port near Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Dear Port Authority,
I am a hospital pediatrician and a concerned father in Utah. The current plans for building an inland port next to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, the Great Salt Lake, and the surrounding wetlands are gravely alarming.
Here's why:
Impact on Ecosystem & Wildlife:
The wetlands adjacent to the bird refuge play a vital role in supporting unique flora and fauna, including migratory birds.
The inland port would endanger this ecosystem, risking extinction for some species and disrupting the balance of life in our region.
Health Concerns:
Industrial pollution associated with the port would directly impact air and water quality.
As a pediatrician, I am acutely aware that children are especially vulnerable to these pollutants, leading to a range of health problems including asthma, developmental delays, and increases in preterm birth and neonatal death.
Misuse of Public Funds:
This is not the time to divert public money into a project that threatens our environment, and worsens health and traffic.
Our resources must be channeled into preserving and nurturing what remains of the Great Salt Lake, rather than subsidizing a development that exacerbates the problem.
Alternative Sustainable Solutions:

We have an opportunity to work together on alternatives that respect both economic growth and environmental stewardship.
By promoting sustainable practices, we can ensure a thriving ecosystem that will serve as a legacy for our children and grandchildren.
As a father, I envision a future for my children where they can appreciate the natural beauty of Utah without the looming shadow of environmental degradation and poisonous dusty air. As a pediatrician, I recognize the profound connection between a healthy environment and the well-being of our children. I strongly urge you and the Port Authority to reconsider the current plans, engage with the community, and find a path that aligns with our shared values.

Working together, we can save the Great Salt Lake ecosystem and lay the foundation for a sustainable and prosperous future for all Utah's residents.

Sincerely,
Miguel L Knochel MD
Board Certified in General Pediatrics and Pediatric Hospital Medicine

8/21/2023 Susan Corth
Golden Spike Port
Inland Port development along the shores and wetlands against the Great Salt Lake will hasten and continue the degradation of the Great Salt lake. The lights, noise, traffic, air pollution will damage the lake and wetlands and the animals and organisms that depend on a healthy environment.Please stop creating inland port project areas in Great Salt Lake Basin wetlands. Taxpayer money should not be used to benefit a few developers at the expense of public health and the health of Great Salt Lake.

8/21/2023 Joan H Entwistle
Oppose Golden Spike Inland Port
Dear UIPA Board:
I am a Utah resident who would like development to be sustainable for all - maintains or improves the environment for our future survival. This means preserving the small amount of wetlands that remain for the benefit of wildlife, 80% of which depend on wetlands during some time in their lifecycle. This means maintaining wetlands that provide resilience to storms and other extreme weather events that occur due to climate change. This proposed port is half mile from the Bear River National Wildlife Refuge. The huge alterations (roads, parking, warehouses) of the port so close to the refuge will impact water flows, potentially killing vegetation needed by the wildlife.
The financing of the port is structured to give large cash benefits to the agribusiness that is using water that is desperately needed to prevent ecological disaster at the Great Salt Lake. All at great cost to taxpayers and other businesses that depend on the Great Salt Lake. What will be the point when the farms can no longer operate in an increasingly dry climate without drying out the lake?
Please deny this project, as it is not in the public interest.
Sincerely,
Joan Entwistle
8231 Meadowview Ct Apt. K23
Park City, UT 84098

8/21/2023 Janice Sugiyama
No to BRMBR port

Hello, my name is Janice Sugiyama, and I am a passionate bird watcher and avid outdoors woman. The first time I saw the Great Salt Lake up-close was magical: the huge flocks of birds flying overhead, people floating and boating in the saline lake, all made it different and special.

The Great Salt Lake is now in a catastrophic state and Utah politicians have recently earmarked $1 billion dollars to help. That's great, but the Utah Inland Port Authority (UIPA) is now proposing a hub less than a half mile from the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, an area of extreme importance to migratory birds.

UIPA says that they "plan" to "persuade developers to preserve wetlands on their properties". That is the most ridiculous statement. Do they really think that the people believe that? Gov. Cox apparently does, because he thinks "This is going to be the most environmentally friendly inland port anywhere in the country".

We should be making thoughtful decisions about development, not following the lead of developers or decisions that were made 150 years ago. Aren't we better and smarter than that?

If we do not protect critical wetlands from being paved over, the environment and future generations have been failed for thoughtlessness and short-term greed.

8/21/2023 Deedee Obrien
Please don't pave over our wetlands essential to migratory birds.

8/21/2023 Angelika Pfutzner
stop the inland port
STOP the inland port and any subsidies to this dangerous and destructive project that will benefit just a few decision makers.

8/21/2023 Heather Dove
Brigham City port project
The Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge is one of the oldest refuges in the nation, having been established by Congress in 1928. It is one of the first refuges to join a system of lands now encompassing over 560 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The Bear River Refuge is a keystone component of the intricate web of wetlands, mudflats, playas and open water that make up the GSL Ecosystem. GSL hosts 12 million migrating birds every year, many of them finding shelter and forage at the Bear River Refuge as they either stage or nest and breed at this important location. They come to GSL and the Bear River Refuge because it is a huge water and wetland system located in a vast and very arid part of the Western Hemisphere that is situated along the Pacific Flyway. For millennia, this fragile ecosystem has provided a tremendous abundance and diversity of food sources for these avian travelers -- Sources that include various plants and tubers, fish, aquatic insects, flies and beetles, and protein-dense invertebrates found in the mudflats. Because this area is so biologically rich, the Refuge and its associated Bear River Bay have been recognized as a Global IBA – that is a Globally Important Bird Area by BirdLife International and its U.S. partner, the National Audubon Society.

Since the refuge's inception, Brigham City has considered itself the proud home of the Bear River Refuge. Indeed a prominently placed banner on Main St announces "Welcome to Brigham – Gateway to the World's Greatest Wild Bird Refuge". Every year in spring, posters depicting various bird species are hung from lamp posts in town and an

art contest for the school children of Brigham City is held every May, with the winners of the best renderings of that year's highlighted species being announced at the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival.

Yet most unfortunately, we have discovered that for most of the last year, UIPA and the usual line up of big Utah developers have quietly been courting the politicians of this proud city and have convinced them that establishing a inland port project area within less than a half mile of this incredible biological treasure is a good thing. We wonder what the citizens of Brigham City will think once they realize what is in store for their town and their revered claim to fame as the Gateway to the World's Greatest Bird Refuge.

Less than a half mile is far too close for the millions of birds that utilize this area and it puts them in grave danger. Wild birds do not tolerate disturbance, be it the visual exposure to human activity that would come with an inland port, nor the noise and light pollution that it would generate. This port project will have a very negative impact on the birds, at a time when they are increasingly endangered from the continued wittling away of their traditional Great Salt Lake wetlands by urban and industrial sprawl, not to mention the very devastating effect the 20 year drought in this region has wrought on Great Salt Lake and its wetlands.

We call on UIPA and Brigham City to reconsider their plans for developing this project area so close to the Bear River Refuge which indeed is a local treasure, a regional treasure, a state treasure and it is officially a national treasure. UIPA and the policy makers of Brigham City would do well to protect this biologically rich landscape rather than bringing an industrial project so close that it would put this Refuge in peril.

8/21/2023 Teri Harman
Bear River Bird Refuge
UIPA -
Given the drying of the Great Salt Lake Basin and diversion of water, Great Salt Lake and its wetlands, and the entire ecosystem have never been more vulnerable.
This is not a time to use public money to subsidize industrial development that will pave over areas adjacent to preserved lands, and create massive amounts of pollution. Too many of the port locations are located next to vulnerable and vital wetlands/uplands of our threatened watershed.
At risk currently due to Port Authority activity are wetlands and uplands adjacent to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, the Great Salt Lake in Weber and Tooele County, Salt Lake City and wetlands in Spanish Fork close to Utah Lake.
Please consider alternate locations for the ports.
Working together we can save the Great Salt Lake ecosystem, be better stewards of our water, and create a sustainable future for Utah.
Thank you,
Teri Harman

8/21/2023 Brian Moench
Brigham City inland port
The shrinking of the Great Salt Lake has brought national and international unwanted attention to Utah and the Wasatch Front. In other parts of the world, in similar situations where inlets have been broadly diverted and lakes have shrilled up, the dust bowls left behind have become notorious hazards to public health. For example, in Uzbekistan, where the Aral Sea is now down to 10% of its original size, on average, every day 200,000 tons of toxic dust and salt are blown throughout the region. The life expectancy of the surrounding population has plummeted 13 years, and infant mortality, birth defects, and diseases of major organ systems have all sky rocketed.

There is no realistic way to prevent a similar scenario from unfolding on the Wasatch Front without curtailing water consumption in Utah. Agriculture consumes 75% of Utah's fresh water supply, and the majority of that goes to alfalfa. The biggest alfalfa exporter in Utah is Bailey Farms International.

The proposed port near the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge is also next door to Bailey Farms, and actually includes some of Bailey's land. The obvious explanation is, this is no coincidence. This is very much an intentional plan to facilitate and make even more profitable, the overseas exporting of Utah's water in the form of alfalfa. This is the exact opposite of what Utah needs to save Great Salt Lake and protect a livable environment on the Wasatch Front. With this proposal UIPA is sabotaging Utah's future by subsidizing even more export of Utah's water and accelerating the disappearance of the Great Salt Lake. It is unconscionable that this is even being proposed.

Dr. Brian Moench
President, Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment

8/21/2023 Eileen Brown
Bear River
I DO NOT support your plans for development next to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. I am not able to attend the meeting in person on Aug. 21 but I want my opinion considered. The pollution and long term/permanent human impact on the very fragile ecosystem of the Bear River Bird Refuge, and the entire Great Salt Lake, would be devastating. Listen to the scientists for heaven's sake.

8/21/2023 Malin Moench
Golden Spike Inland Port Project Area
The "Golden Spike Inland Port," which really should be called the "Bear River Boondoggle," would build a warehouse complex within a few city blocks of the Bear River Wildlife Refuge. This refuge is an ecological haven of international importance for waterfowl. It is also the cornerstone of the ecological survival of the Great Salt Lake. Warehouses, asphalt, diesel trucks with their noise and foul emissions, and round-the-clock klieg lights will drive away the waterfowl that rely on it to complete their international migrations. It will also remove a protective, water-absorbing rim for the Great Salt Lake, buffering it from flood waters and filtering out pollution. This kind of wetland destruction is becoming a trade mark of the Utah Inland Port's rural projects.

The Inland Port's business plans endlessly recite how its projects are all about "sustainable" development and are therefore in the public interest, but its actual choice of project areas and the businesses they are designed to subsidize are oblivious to the sustainability goals that its public relations material touts.

Few things are as unsustainable as subsidizing the export of climate-busting coal, as the Iron Springs port is apparently intended to do. Few things are as unsustainable as subsidizing the paving over of Utah's most fertile farmland, as the Spanish Fork Inland Port will do Nothing is as unsustainable as subsidizing the export of alfalfa, which consumes two-thirds of all the water that is being diverted from, and killing, the Great Salt Lake, as the "Golden Spike Inland Port intends to do. The Inland Port seems to have concluded that minimizing the price of producing pork in China and beef in Saudi Arabia is more important than keeping the Great Salt Lake alive.

Adding insult to injury is the fact that the vast majority of the property tax revenue that has been commandeered to subsidize these rural Inland Port projects would otherwise have gone to support local school districts. In effect, the Utah Inland Port Authority is shaking the piggy banks of Utah's rural school children to find the money to

accelerate climate change, sterilize farmland, and hasten the demise of the Great Salt Lake. How sustainable can you get?

8/21/2023 Colleen Ashton
Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Please do not cause further damage to the Great Salt Lake ecosystem. Our lives and the lives of our children are at risk, We need brave and selfless individuals to put money and power aside and do the right thing.

8/21/2023 Janet Williams
Great Salt Lake Wetlands
Please protect the Great Salt Lake and the wetlands surrounding it, and the living beings who inhabit it or feed there, even if only in migration. It’s of vital importance in the grand scheme of life on earth..

8/21/2023 Ann Floor
Comment on UIPA's plan for port near Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
To the UIPA Board,
When is enough enough? Another industrial development project, this time just a half mile from wetlands and the significant Bear River MIgratory Bird Refuge? Why not agree to counter the harm you are causing by doing something positive FOR the wetlands, birds, Lake, and residents of Utah! Tit for tat. Hiking the Salt Lake City foothills, when I look to the west I used to see the Lake and the western peaks of Oquirrh, Stansbury, and Cedar mountains. Now I also see long strips of white warehouses stretching from north to south across the valley floor, and there's no question that with the increased truck traffic, our air quality problems are getting worse. It's an invasion that mars forever and degrades the natural beauty of our valley. Who is benefitting from this? What are the costs? Is it really worth it?
Disappointed.
Ann Floor

8/21/2023 James Miska
Please Stop this awful project.
As the people involved in managing this colossally awful project, you have the power to limit the negative impacts it may have upon the Bear Rover Migratory Bird Refuge, which is incredibly important to the health and biodiversity of those that live in this state. I do not support the Utah Inland Port project and demand to see it dismantled immediately. Please find something else to do with your time instead of polluting our lives and waterways even further.

8/21/2023 Bryan Dixon
Oppose inland port near BRMBR
I oppose creating an “inland port” adjacent to or near the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. This is a precious habitat that needs its wetlands. An inland port would inevitably result in bird deaths, either directly or, by consuming habitat needed by avian species, indirectly. Utah politicians have shown very poor judgment in their many policy decisions, and this is yet another example of how they are eager to destroy habitat in search of the almighty dollar.

8/21/2023 Alex Veilleux
Save Our Great Salt Lake

Save Our Great Salt Lake is a 501(c)3 environmental non profit committed to protecting Great Salt Lake from ecological crisis. We oppose the Proposed Golden Spike Inland Port due to its proximity to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. This area is already under extreme duress due to the drying of the lake, and does not need extra development pressure along its shores.

8/21/2023 Eric Ashton
Inland Port and Air Quality
I am a resident of Taylorsville. I love Utah and I love Salt Lake County. While I understand the desire to build an inland port for economic purposes, I fear it is a shortsighted pursuit. The poor air quality in the valley already causes a sharp decrease in quality of life. Sometimes I wonder if has been wise to stay in Utah my whole life despite the air quality and potential long term health consequences, but I love the people, the mountains, and my family. I hope future generations will have clean air to breathe in the valley, but the inland port will make that even harder to imagine than it already is.

8/21/2023 Tussy King
Climate change and UIPA
UIPA is moving Utah in the wrong direction. We are facing an existential threat, the climate crisis, but UIPA is using taxpayer money to create "project areas" that are not bound by any actual authority that their creation is going be "green." In fact, we should be looking at ways to combat this crisis, not add to it. In addition, if transparency and public engagement are truly important, why are you limiting public comment to in-person only. If you propose a "project" for northern UT in Spanish Fork, shouldn't you provide an online option so those in northern UT would be able to speak up. Why is Mr. Hart telling those with concerns about the ports being built in their backyards that they have been misled, they need to contact UIPA to get the right idea/info or he sees no point in talking to them? What kind of public engagement is that? Gov Cox says the UT inland ports will be the greenest but if UIPA cannot enforce green standards, the local government will? What measures is UIPA taking to look at the human health risk, wildlife habitat destruction and reality of their non-existent business plan?

8/22/2023 Alex Taft
Save Bear River Reserve
Please stop creating industrial areas near our natural area, especially one near the river providing water to the Great Salt Lake.

8/22/2023 Richard Whitson
Great Salt Lake
Let’s make the Salt Lake Great again! One way to do this is by absolutely no industrial development next to this most important area. Keep this area natural.

8/23/2023 Stephanie Higginbotham
Inland Port in Weber County
NO INLAND PORTS along the shores of the Great Salt Lake. The Lake needs protection. It’s not worth the loss of habitat!

8/23/2023 Blythe Crook
Concern about planned inland port near BRMBR
Hi, I was made aware that there is a new inland port planned that will come very close to the Bear River Migratory

Bird Refuge. As a birder and Utahn who loves visiting and seeing the birds there, I'm very concerned about the impact this is going to have on the birds and their habitat. What biologists and scientists are you consulting about the potential impact of this new port? What qualifications do they have and what has their consensus been? If you haven't consulted anyone, why not? BRMBR is an essential and important stopover point and habitat for migrating birds whose habitats are already shrinking and it needs to be protected as much as possible.

Sincerely,
A concerned citizen,
Blythe Crook

8/23/2023 Tena Rohr
Bird Refuge
Do not build a port near the bird refuge. Wildlife has been given this land and they need it to survive. Ports have pollution of the water, air, light, noise. the traffic alone will scare off the birds. You know it's wrong. Don't do it.

8/23/2023 Frederick R Alder
Bear River Inland Port
This is a truly terrible idea. The climate is heating up. The lake is drying up. Bird populations are declining. The economy is changing. Taking taxpayer money to ruin our environment with no benefit for the economy is big government at its worst. Please do not move us backward and destroy the environment.

8/23/2023 Marcia Walke
Proposed port by Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Over my dead body! You are greedy and evil and thieving water from the Bear River for an industrial program, for exporting hay!! God will not be mocked! He created the GSL and Bear River eons ago for this valley. You waste taxpayer money on worthless leases. Secret combinations like in the Book of Mormon. Stop this proposal.

8/24/2023 Dolly Garlo
Inland Port
Just a terrible idea for the community. So many reasons. Pressure on traffic, the environment, it simply puts too much pressure on the area and puts profits over the interests of people and other species.
Stop it.

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Monica Hilding's comment at Aug. 21st meeting

I can't take credit for the first couple of comments as they were made to you by Craig Wallentine in February.

1. Best predictor of future success is past performance - and the Port Authority has an incredible track record of failure. What are the Proof points? - the findings of the Legislative Audit, the constant rewriting of the authorizing Legislation(yet again this morning), the constant turnover in Port Authority leadership and Board structure along with the self-described prevalence of "sketchy" stuff. We all know that Organizational Culture does not change overnight. Organizations need direction, they need positive leadership and training and extensive practice in order to improve and to succeed. Given that the Port Authority has never conducted a Land Use/Master Plan process, or successfully implemented any programs in the past five years, there is No Reason To Believe that the proposed SAS Land Use/Master Planning process will be successful.

2. The second reason why the Land Use/Master planning process is Set Up To Fail is because the requisite Firmness of Purpose, the consistent pursuit of a "True North" is lacking. No commercial business could operate with such constant changes in direction. What are the Proof points?- Moving from railroad to railroad to railroad trying to get involved in the private operations. Declaring that Utah water conservation is essential but then working to subsidize virtual water exports in the form of alfalfa across the State. Claiming that the Port Authority will promote "high paying jobs" and then diligently working to eliminate any requirement to actually deliver on the promise of creating good jobs. And just recently, deciding that the Port Authority should take over an old landfill remediation project from the qualified State Agency that already had a satisfactory remediation plan in place. There simply is no Firmness of Purpose at the Port Authority and without that, it is almost impossible to successfully execute a successful Land Use/Master Plan.

I'd like to add to Craig's comments by mentioning the nepotism of wealthy Utah families whose properties lie within these project areas.

1. The deal signed in Jan. 2021 with real estate developers Gardner Batt and the Boyer company to pay $120,000 a month for 40 years to lease for two lots totaling 41.6 acres at 1100 South and 5600 West in Salt Lake City's northwest quadrant.

2. $150,000 in rent to SNL IOV SLC Owner LLC to use their lot as a site for long-haul truck drivers to park and rest.

3. Tooele county 140 acre port area lobbied for by developers Zenith-Bolinder LLC, registered in Delaware last year where companies pay no income taxes if they don't do business there. Charles Akerlow, a partner of Zenith-Bolinder, former Utah Republican Chair, was convicted of tax evasion in 1995. Garry Bolinder and Bruce Bolinder, are the father and uncle to Utah representative Bridger Bolinder.

4. Boyer also appears to owns 2 lots in the Spanish Fork port project area. Gardner owns several parcels totaling 109.9 acres within Spanish Fork.

5. Boyer also appears to own at least one 66 acre lot in the port project proposed for Box Elder county.

Remember that Kem C. Gardner was once the president of the Boyer Company. Of course, Kem C. Gardner is a known philanthropist. He serves on the National Advisory Committee for the University of Utah. He was chairman of the Board of Regents and currently chairs the board of trustees for Intermountain Health Care. He serves on the executive committee for the United Way of Salt Lake. He has served as chairman of the Salt Lake Chamber. The Kem C Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah's David Eccles School of Business develops and shares economic, demographic and public policy data and research. A new building on the Logan campus of Utah State University, to be named the Kem and Carolyn Gardner Learning and Leadership Building will house much of the experiential learning programs of the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business. His close ties to these institutions may influence how they would portray his generous endowments.

6. $60 million in state infrastructure bank funds to issue loans. BZI's transloading funds for Iron Springs is the only loan that has materialized so far. Apparently it is unusual for these bank funds to be used to support a private industry.

And now we have the Golden Spike Project Area next to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. If this document seems thrown together, it is. I can not take the time to present a beautiful multi-paged colorful document because, unlike UIPA, I am not getting paid any kind of salary. So ...

"If [only] I could go back 150 years ago and change things," Hart said. "[Back then], someone decided to build all the rail in the state along the wetlands. I think their intuition was no one is ever going to want, no one is gong to need [them]. So it seems every project area we run into this issue."
When communities invite UIPA in to create port projects, its staffers conduct an environmental review which includes identifying wetlands, Hart said. The quasi-governmental agency plans to persuade developers to preserve wetlands on their properties.
But, Hart acknowledged, UIPA doesn't have the authority to require wetland protection. It provides incentives.

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Well my worry living so close to 2600 west is how much traffic will use said road. What will the speed's be? I have 12 grandkids that visit through out the day and play around the house will I have to do something different. How will most of the new Traffic get to and from new Inland Port? I have Lived at this Address since 1994.

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During a Fox interview, Ben said if we don't build this port, we will have failed the future generation - but in regards to doing our best to save the lake, if we build the port, or continue developing it I guess, won't we be failing all future generations of humans and animals in a much more significant way? I know comments have been made that the port won't affect the wildlife, water, etc. but thats supported by hand-wavey

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Is there a study to show ecological impact now and in the next, say, 20 years on this area?

Are the companies / is the UIPA taking into consideration the ecologics / suggestions of the HEALT Utah (Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah?

New jobs will bring more people, which will need housing; traffic will increase - will the current grid sustain that? How will this affect air pollution?

Why did the board not invited environmental related organizations to this meeting for comment, like Audubon, HEALT Utah

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Water is #1 most strategic resource in the world according to the World Bank. More than oil, gold, silver or any other material. Industrial Scale anything on Great Salt Lake threatens half the bird population of the entire Western hemisphere. It threatens the biological diversity which will kill the organisms that allow us to live here. If we kill them, it will kill the "greatest snow on earth." No. snow if no lake effect. The satellite ports: Every large scale drug busts came through Containers! These satellites aren't equipt for public safety or to manage that scale. Human Traffic moves through the ports every day. Who will ensure and be responsible for this? What materials will move on these light rails? Who ensures they stay light? Who ensures only sustainable or renewable high performing agricultural products will be used for the improvements + infrastructure? We need many answers please? Thank you.

Every thing needs a seat at the table - The earth, the water, the animals + humans.