

Great Salt Lake Advisory Council Meeting – January 10th, 2024

Location: Eccles Wildlife Education Center

(Video Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xO7f4jRaYk0&t=638s>)

Great Salt Lake Advisory Council Members present

Don Leonard, Chair	Aquaculture
Leland Meyers	POTWs
Ryan Doherty	Tooele County
Joe Havasi	Extractive Industry
Ann Neville	Conservation
Randy Elliott	Davis County
Tom Ward	Municipalities (Sandy City)
Jeff Richards	Migratory Bird Protection

Great Salt Lake Advisory Council Staff present

Marisa Weinberg	DNR, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
James Harris	DEQ, Division of Water Quality

Others present

Adel Abdallah	DWRe
Annie Putnum	USGS
Becka Downard	Utah Geological Survey
Ben Holcomb	DWQ
Ben Stireman	Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Bonnie Baxter	Westminster University
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Brian Steed	GSL Commissioner
Brook Larson	
Candice Hasenyager	Division of Water Resources
Carly Biedul	GSL Institute
Chandler Rosenberg	Save our GSL
Christine Rumsey	USGS
Craig Miller	Division of Water Resources
Dan Strauch	UT Audubon Council
Dave Epstein	Jacobs Engineering
David Parrot	Westminster University
Deeda Seed	Center for Biological Diversity
Emily Hamel	National Audubon Society
Erica Gaddis	SWCA Env. Consultants
Hannah McIlwain	USGS
Heather Dove	SLC Audubon
Heidi Hoven	Audubon
Holly Simonson	Friends of GSL
Jack Ray	Utah Waterfowl Association

Jaimi Butler	Westminster College
Jamie Barnes	Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Jan Striefel	League of Women Voters
Jeff DenBleyker	Jacobs Engineering
Katie Balakir	
Katie Newburn	Friends of GSL
Laura Vernon	Division of Water Resources
Leila Ahmadi	Division of Water Resources
Manjot Masson	Central Davis Sewer
Marcelle Schoop	National Audubon Society
Maria Archibald	Sierra Club
Matt Berry	
Molly Blakowski	USGS
Nathan Daus	Cache Water District
Patrick Belmont	USU
R. Jefre Hicks	UT Airboat Assn.
Randy Zollinger	
Rob Dubuc	FOGSL
Sadie Braddock	
Sam Schratz	US FWS
Scott Morrison	Jacobs Engineering
Shaela Adams	Audubon
Stephanie Graham	SWCA Env. Consultants
Steve Erickson	Great Basin Water Network
Steve Jones	HAL
Tim Davis	GSL Commissioner's Office
Tim Hawkes	Brine Shrimp Coop.
Todd Stonely	Division of Water Resources
Tom Demars	Waters of the West
Trevor Nielson	Bear River Canal Company
Willie Lanier	DHHS

Notes

Welcome and Introductions (00:00:00)

Review of Agenda and Notes (00:02:20)

Revised January 10th, 2024 meeting agenda and November 8th, 2023 meeting notes approved.

Great Salt Lake Enhancement Projects - Final Report (00:03:20)

Lily Wetterlin, SWCA, reported on a collaborative project with DFFSL and DWRe to develop a database of potential projects to leverage future funding to increase water supply and improve and conserve GSL habitat, among other benefits. A general discussion which focused on the need for project prioritization followed.

Great Salt Lake Legislative Update (00:26:00)

Tim Hawkes, Great Salt Lake Brine Shrimp Cooperative, provided a overview of 2024 legislation related to GSL, including SB18 Water Modification (agricultural water optimization), GSL Commissioner Reporting Requirements, GSL Mineral Extraction Amendments, Water Efficient Landscaping and Water Usage Amendments (shoulder season watering) and a number of indirectly related bills and initial appropriation requests.

Report: Great Salt Lake Strike Team November 2023 Report and Great Salt Lake Commissioner's Office Strategic Plan (00:41:30)

Brian Steed, GSL Commissioner, provided a summary of the Great Salt Lake Strategic Plan which identifies near term, mid-term, and long-term components including improving federal and intra- and inter-state coordination, promoting the best available science, increasing water to GSL and protecting air and water quality.

Public Comments (01:14:40)

None.

Other Member Discussion, Recommendations & Actions (01:14:50)

Don Leonard provided some history of his involvement with the Brine Shrimp Cooperative and the GSLAC and his plans to pass on these responsibilities to Tim Hawkes and his official retirement when Tim is confirmed by the Senate.

Proposed Meeting Schedule (01:18:45)

March 13; (no May meeting); July 10

Adjourn (01:19:12)