



## Central Wasatch Commission Special Advisor Membership Memo

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To: Central Wasatch Commission Board  
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Following-up on the ongoing discussion of adding representatives of each of the four system groups that were first identified during the Mountain Accord process, and now, replicated by the Stakeholders Council committee structure – environment, economy, recreation, and transportation, staff proposes amending the CWC’s Bylaws to create “Special Advisor” Central Wasatch Commission Board Members. See the proposed bylaw amendments below:

#### 2.7. *Special Advisors.*

*General. In addition to the counsel available from the Board’s Ex Officio Commissioners representing governmental entities and from the Advisory Committees comprised of Members of the Board as described in Section 4.15 of these Bylaws, the Board may appoint special advisors (“Special Advisors”) as provided in this section to act as a resource to the Board by providing specialized knowledge, assistance and input pertinent to the CWC’s goals and objectives that are within their respective areas of endeavor and expertise.*

*Special Advisors shall be appointed and may be removed at any time upon majority vote of all the Commissioners then serving on the Board. No more than four Special Advisors may serve at any time.*

*A Special Advisor need not be nor represent a governmental entity but instead may be or represent a specific industry, area of interest, or similar; provided, however, that each Special Advisor shall have specialized knowledge and expertise concerning, and shall represent the viewpoint of, one of the following four areas of particular interest to the CWC: economy, environment, recreation, and transportation.*

*Special Advisors may participate in Board discussions but shall not vote on any matter before the Board.*

*The term of service of a Special Advisor shall be the lesser of three years or as specified in the appointing resolution; provided that a Special Advisor may be freely re-appointed by Board resolution from time to time.*

Staff proposes appointing current CWC Stakeholders Council members, Amber Broadaway, Solitude Mountain Resort, and Spencer Shaver, Save Our Canyons, as Special Advisor Board Members. They would represent the economy system and the environment system, respectively.

The Central Wasatch Commission Interlocal Agreement dictates that the CWC welcome a maximum of four “non-member governmental” ex-officio members to sit on the Board. The CWC currently has two active ex-officio members – Utah Transit Authority (UTA), and Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy. Staff considered amending the Interlocal Agreement to allow for the addition of non-governmental ex-officio members to appoint Ms. Broadaway and Mr. Shaver as ex officio members, however, the CWC’s legal counsel advised the Utah Interlocal Act itself may not allow for the addition of non-governmental members to an inter-governmental entity such as the CWC. For this reason, we are proposed this amendment to the Bylaws to allow for the creation of the non-voting “Special Advisor.”

The Board may engage in a conversation around the potential for changing bylaws to create “Special Advisor” membership to ensure representation from each of the four Central Wasatch systems -- environment, economy, recreation, and transportation. Following Board discussion, these Special Advisors could be appointed to the Board through formal resolution during the December 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.