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The District's purposes include planning for and facilitating the long-term conservation, development, protection, distribution, management, and stabilization of water rights and water supplies for domestic, irrigation, power, manufacturing, municipal, recreational, and other beneficial uses, including the natural stream environment, in a cost-effective way to meet the needs of the residents and growing population of Cache County.

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CACHE WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2024

The Cache Water District Board of Trustees convened for a regular meeting on August 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cache County Historic Courthouse Council Chambers, 199 North Main Street, Logan, Utah.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Clawson – At-Large Position
Jonathan Hardman – South Council District
Kirt Lindley – At-Large Position
Beth Neilson – Southeast Council District
Jeff Ostermiller - Logan #1 Council District
Max Pierce – North Council District
Brett Roper – At Large Position
Jeannie Simmonds – Logan #2 Council District
Regan Wheeler – Agricultural Representative

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD EXCUSED:

Mark Anderson – Logan #3 Council
Bret Randall – Northeast Council District

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Franson, Chris Slater, Hadia Akbar

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pierce called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ACTION: Mr. Clawson moved to approve tonight's agenda and the June 3, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Hardman seconded the motion. Motion approved (9-0).

Yea: Clawson, Hardman, Lindley, Neilson, Ostermiller, Pierce, Roper, Wheeler

Absent: Anderson, Randall, Simmonds

PUBLIC INPUT

No comments.

CALENDAR EVENTS

- Aug. 7 Water Task Force (Nate will send out info)
- Aug. 9 – Ag Water Optimization @ 9:30 a.m.
- Aug. 19 – APO @ 5:30 p.m.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Watershed Council Changes

Mr. Daugs reported that Shawn Milne (BRAG) was elected as the new Chairperson, and Chance Baxter (Bear River Water Conservancy District) is the new Vice-Chairperson.

GSL Watershed Council Update

Mr. Daugs said that in the interim, until the next session, they have appointed someone from each of the other watershed councils as a non-voting member of the GSL Advisory Council. This does not meet the current statute, as they should be voting members—there are ongoing negotiations between the local watershed councils, the GSL Council, and a couple of legislators.

September Meeting Date

Will be held Wednesday, September 4 (due to the Labor Day holiday)

Fall Social

Scheduled for Monday, September 23 @ 6:00.

Ms. Nielson needs contacts in Idaho for municipalities or other groundwater wells that could be sampled as part of the Cache Water Recharge Study. Mr. Wheeler said he could provide some help. Ms. Nielson said if anyone else had contacts, they can email her with the information.

5:45 p.m. Ms. Simmonds arrived

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Simmonds reviewed the financial statements. See [-Attachment 1-](#) There is one error on salary and benefits (Mr. Daugs' includes summer interns) – this will be corrected next month.

DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE TAX INCREASE FOR 2025

Mr. Daugs pointed out that tonight's discussion is not a public hearing. If it is determined that a tax increase is needed, it will be a public hearing on a future agenda. .00019 mill levy rate generates \$313,000 for 2024. He clarified for Ms. Simmonds that the mill levy has gone down but the amount has remained the same (this is due to growth). It was .00024 when the District began. The Board has discussed sending an informational handout if an increase is adopted. Last month, the Board discussed raising this amount to ~\$600,000. This information could be included on Cache County's tax notice and CWD's website and available for members to have. Information can include why the District was formed, what the District does, and what the increase will be used for.

Mr. Daugs said the District needs to decide what the amount will be so that it can be submitted to the County for tax noticing.

Mr. Wheeler does not like the idea of doubling the amount; he suggested increasing it to \$200,000.

Mr. Roper said the Board needs to do a better job of “telling the story” and explaining why additional funding is required so the public understands.

Ms. Nielson said most people in Cache Valley would likely be willing to pay a small amount to keep Cache County water in the Valley. Mr. Clawson agreed he does not think there will be too much pushback on this. Mr. Ostermiller agreed and said the message needs to be precise.

Chairman Pierce asked the Board how frequently an increase might be needed. Ms. Simmonds said it entirely depends on what is being done. Mr. Clawson agreed. Mr. Ostermiller clarified that this is the first increase being requested.

ACTION: Mr. Lindley motioned to approve raising the 2025 mill levy rate for a \$300,000 revenue increase. Ms. Simmonds seconded the motion. Motion approved (6-2).

Yea: Clawson, Hardman, Lindley, Neilson, Ostermiller, Simmonds

Nay: Roper, Wheeler

Absent: Anderson, Randall

LOGAN RIVER WATERSHED PL-566 UPDATE

Eric Franson and Chris Slater provided an update. See [-Attachment 2-](#)

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

-ATTACHMENT 1-

**Cache Water District
Profit & Loss Detail
June 2024**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Ordinary Income/Expense								
Income								
Restricted Income								
Invoice	06/20/2024	121	State of Utah	Reimburseme...		Accounts Rece...	29,200.00	29,200.00
Total Restricted Income							29,200.00	29,200.00
Trapper Park Study								
Invoice	06/07/2024	125	Trapper Park			Accounts Rece...	14,479.27	14,479.27
Invoice	06/07/2024	126	Trapper Park			Accounts Rece...	29,783.71	44,262.98
Total Trapper Park Study							44,262.98	44,262.98
Total Income							73,462.98	73,462.98
Gross Profit							73,462.98	73,462.98
Expense								
Operations								
Bill	06/27/2024		Altabank			Accounts Paya...	868.91	868.91
Total Insurance and Bonding							868.91	868.91
Technology								
Bill	06/27/2024		Altabank			Accounts Paya...	53.67	53.67
Total Cell Phone							53.67	53.67
Total Technology							53.67	53.67
Total Operations							922.58	922.58
Personnel								
Salary and benefits								
Bill	06/04/2024		Utah State Retirement			Accounts Paya...	1,121.14	1,121.14
Bill	06/10/2024		Health Equity			Accounts Paya...	1.80	1,122.94
Bill	06/21/2024		Public Employees H...			Accounts Paya...	2,141.81	3,264.75
Bill	06/28/2024		ADP			Accounts Paya...	2,140.23	5,404.98
Bill	06/28/2024		Nathan Daus			Accounts Paya...	7,068.65	12,473.63
Total Salary and benefits							12,473.63	12,473.63
Total Personnel							12,473.63	12,473.63

**Cache Water District
Profit & Loss Detail
June 2024**

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Project funding								
Water Studies								
Trapper Park								
Bill	06/03/2024		Franson Civil Engine...			Accounts Paya...	20,984.45	20,984.45
Bill	06/14/2024		Franson Civil Engine...			Accounts Paya...	16,123.75	37,108.20
Total Trapper Park							37,108.20	37,108.20
Total Water Studies							37,108.20	37,108.20
Total Project funding							37,108.20	37,108.20
Total Expense							50,504.41	50,504.41
Net Ordinary Income							22,958.57	22,958.57
Net Income							22,958.57	22,958.57

Cache Water District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through June 2024

	Jan - Jun 24	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Cache County	1,662.84		
Cache County Property Taxes	305,981.10	298,598.00	102.5%
Cloud Seeding	0.00	28,000.00	0.0%
PL-566 Watershed Grant NRCS	28,500.00	1,000,000.00	2.9%
Restricted Income			
Northern Utah Water Conference	2,000.00		
Restricted Income - Other	85,780.76		
Total Restricted Income	87,780.76		
Trapper Park Study	221,622.38	2,000,000.00	11.1%
Wellsville Mendon Study NRCS	46,692.65		
Total Income	692,239.73	3,326,598.00	20.8%
Gross Profit	692,239.73	3,326,598.00	20.8%
Expense			
Operations			
Insurance and Bonding	868.91	5,000.00	17.4%
Office Supplies	874.70	2,000.00	43.7%
Publications	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
Rent	1,350.00	6,000.00	22.5%
Technology			
Cell Phone	267.97	2,500.00	10.7%
Computer and printer	276.56	2,000.00	13.8%
Total Technology	544.53	4,500.00	12.1%
Vehicle			
Fuel	0.00	3,500.00	0.0%
Vehicle - Other	0.00	50,000.00	0.0%
Total Vehicle	0.00	53,500.00	0.0%
Total Operations	3,638.14	74,000.00	4.9%
Outreach			
Conservation	0.00	30,000.00	0.0%
Dues	850.00	2,500.00	34.0%
Northern Utah Water Conference	3,952.36		
Sponsorships	0.00	2,500.00	0.0%
Training	2,225.72	5,000.00	44.5%
Website	643.30	2,000.00	32.2%
Total Outreach	7,671.38	42,000.00	18.3%

	Jan - Jun 24	Budget	% of Budget
Personnel			
Administrative	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
Salary and benefits	80,380.19	190,000.00	42.3%
Travel and Mileage	4,537.58	10,000.00	45.4%
Total Personnel	84,917.77	201,500.00	42.1%
Professional Fees			
Attorney Services	0.00	15,000.00	0.0%
Audit	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
Financial Services	398.00	5,000.00	8.0%
Total Professional Fees	398.00	27,000.00	1.5%
Project funding			
Bear River Study	35,910.00	75,000.00	47.9%
Cloud Seeding	32,870.00	63,000.00	52.2%
Logan Observatory	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
Water Acquisition	0.00	20,000.00	0.0%
Water Studies			
PL566 Logan River	71,586.75		
Trapper Park	167,057.04	2,000,000.00	8.4%
Wellsville/Mendon Irrigation	187,520.60	500,000.00	37.5%
Water Studies - Other	0.00	120,000.00	0.0%
Total Water Studies	426,164.39	2,620,000.00	16.3%
Total Project funding	494,944.39	2,783,000.00	17.8%
Total Expense	591,569.68	3,127,500.00	18.9%
Net Ordinary Income	100,670.05	199,098.00	50.6%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Transfers from equity	0.00	175,902.00	0.0%
Total Other Income	0.00	175,902.00	0.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	175,902.00	0.0%
Net Income	100,670.05	375,000.00	26.8%

-ATTACHMENT 2-



Logan River Watershed Plan

Cache Water District Board

August 5, 2024



NEEDS & CHALLENGES

Logan River Watershed Plan



PROTECTION OF
WATER RIGHTS

Source: Peter Essick/Murora



LIMITED RESOURCES



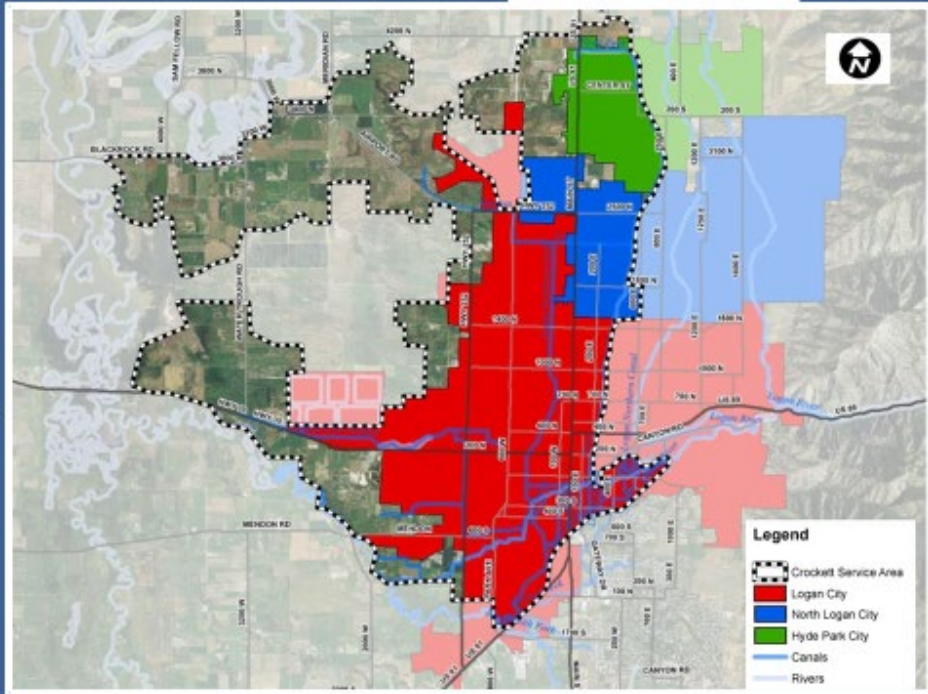
DETERIORATING
INFRASTRUCTURE



CULINARY UPGRADES

Source: www.canyonhydro.com

OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND



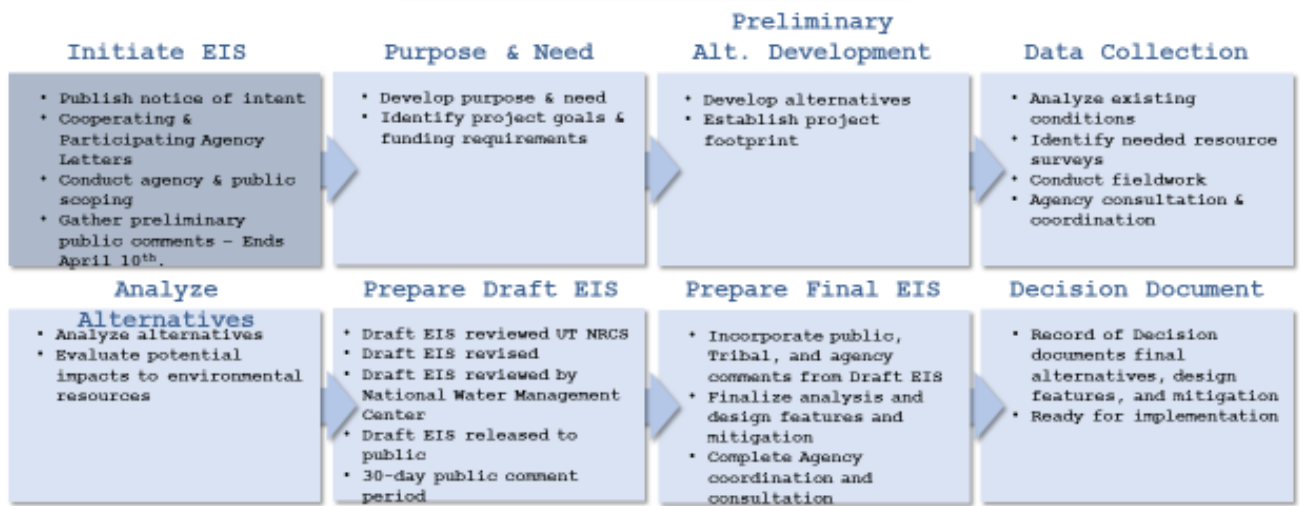
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Logan River Watershed Plan



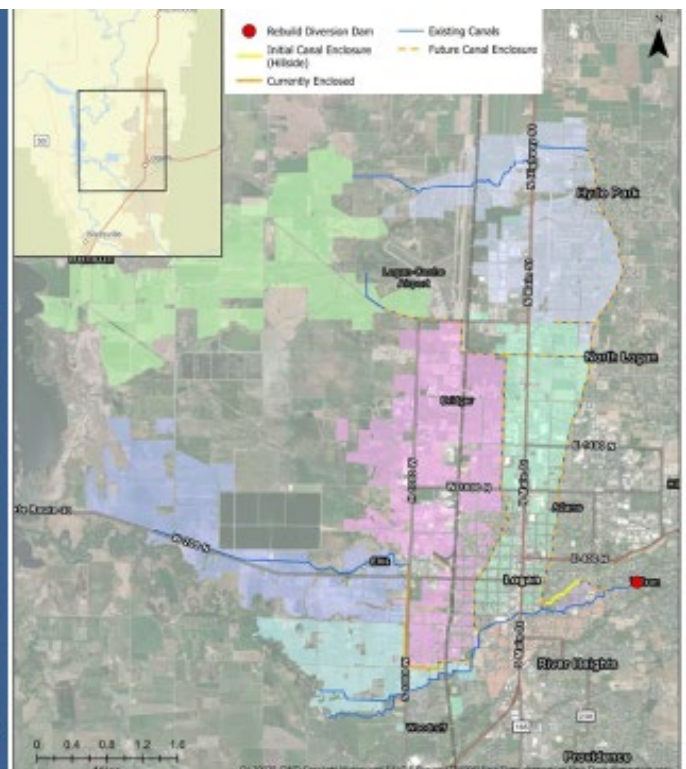
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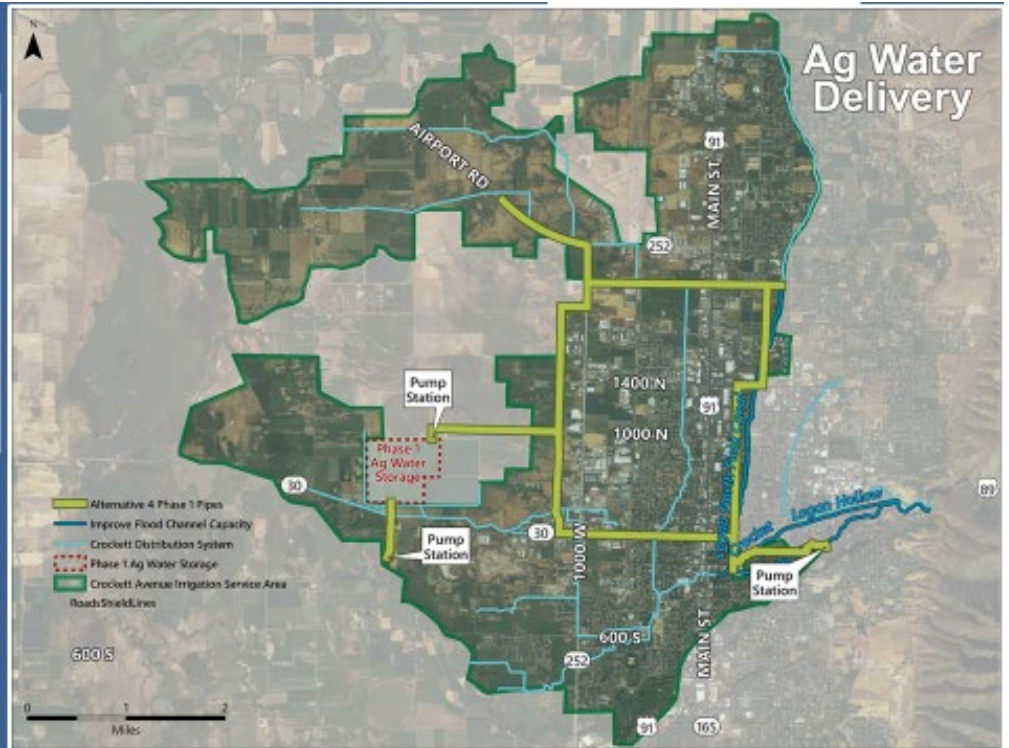


Logan River Watershed Plan Public Hearing to review Draft EIS

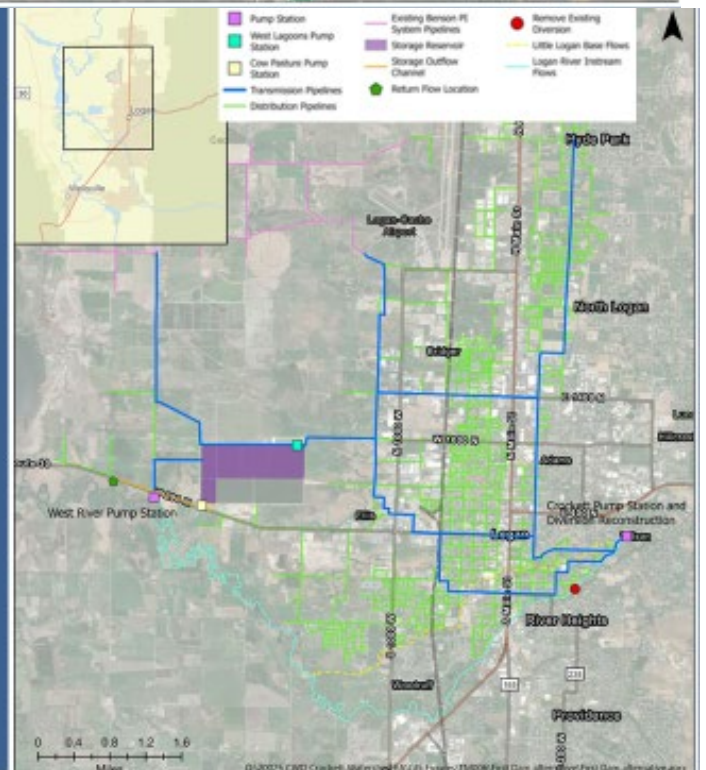
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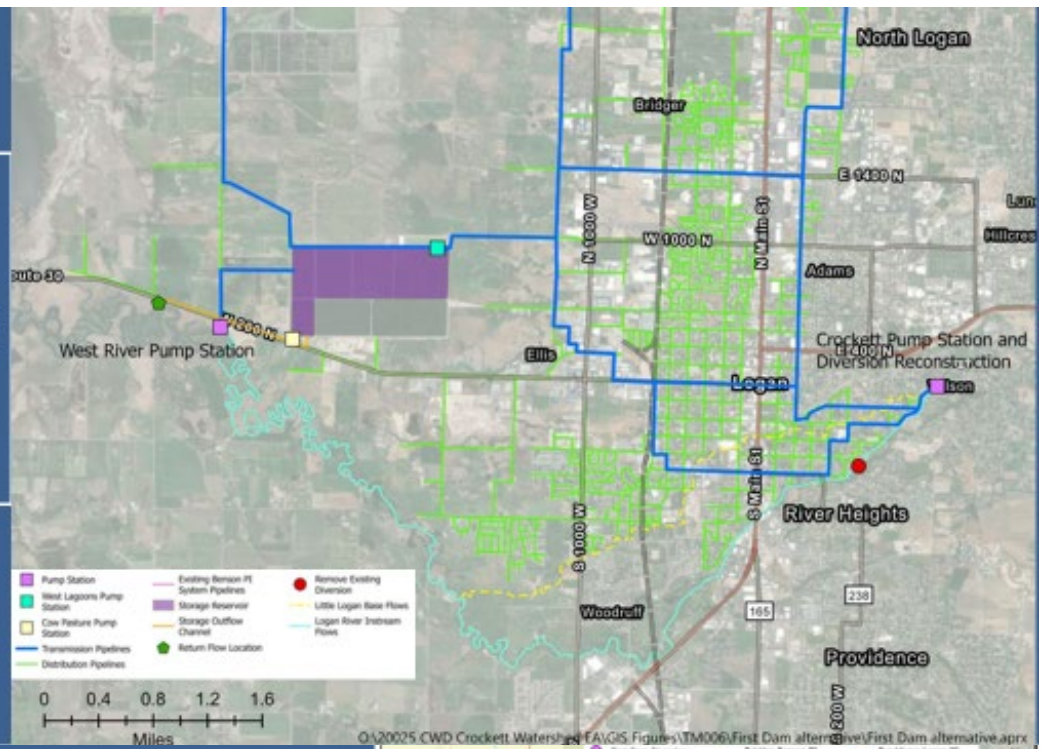
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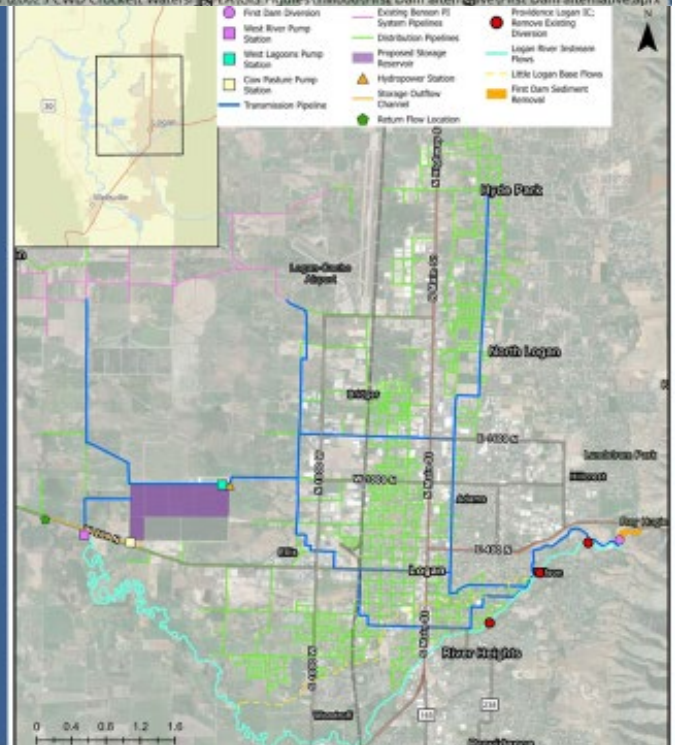
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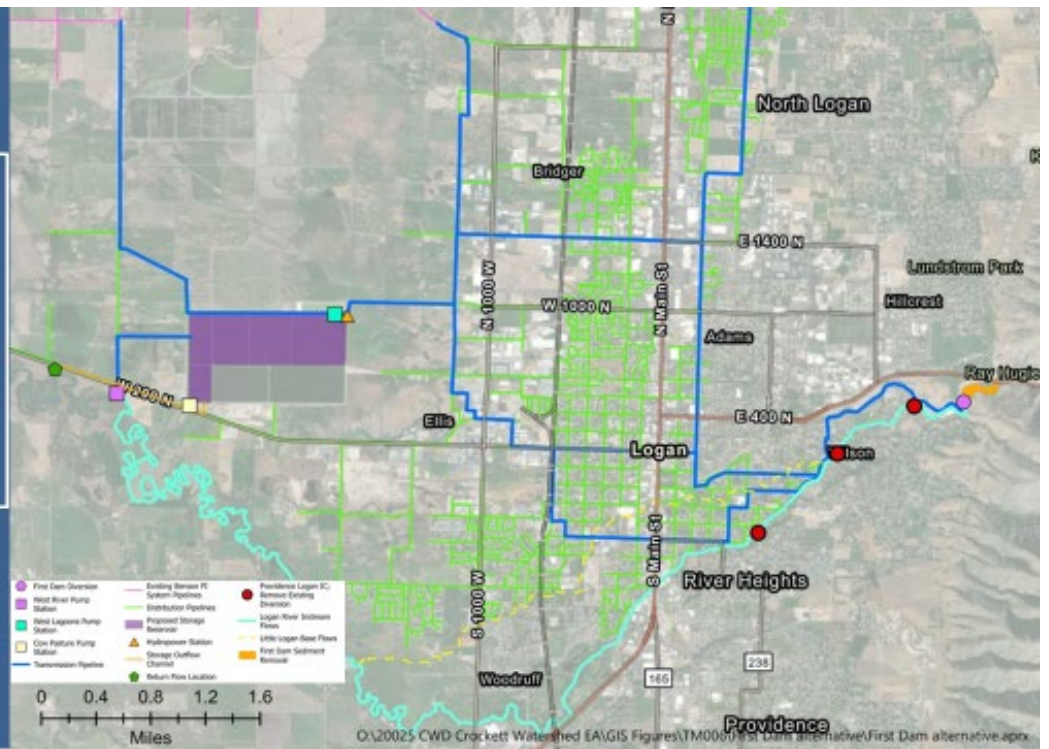
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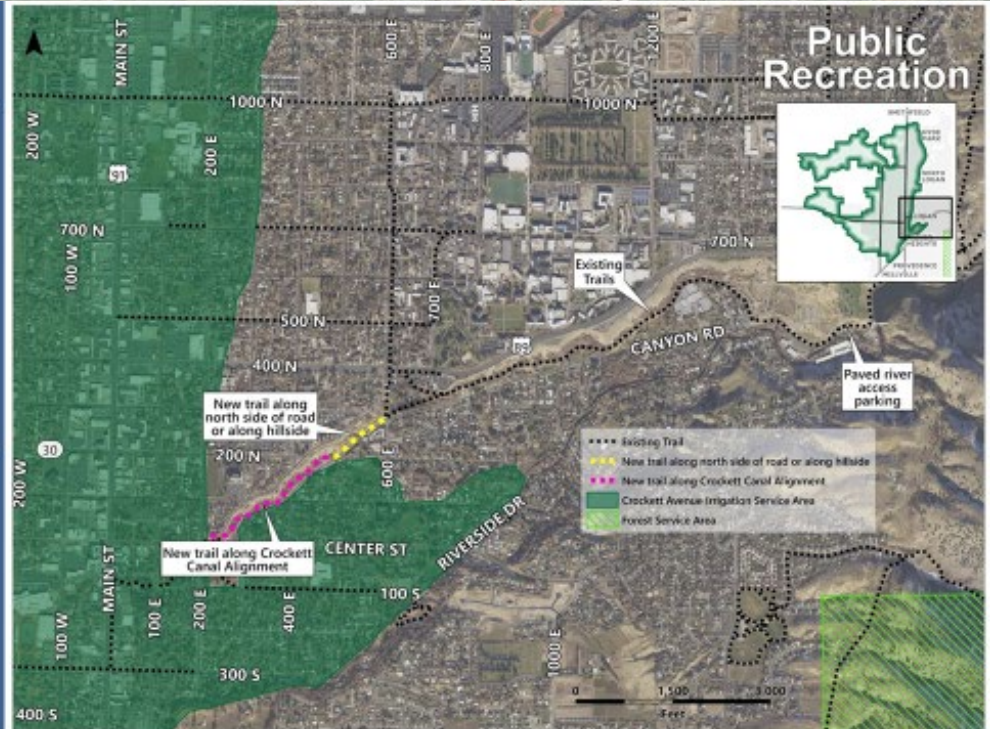
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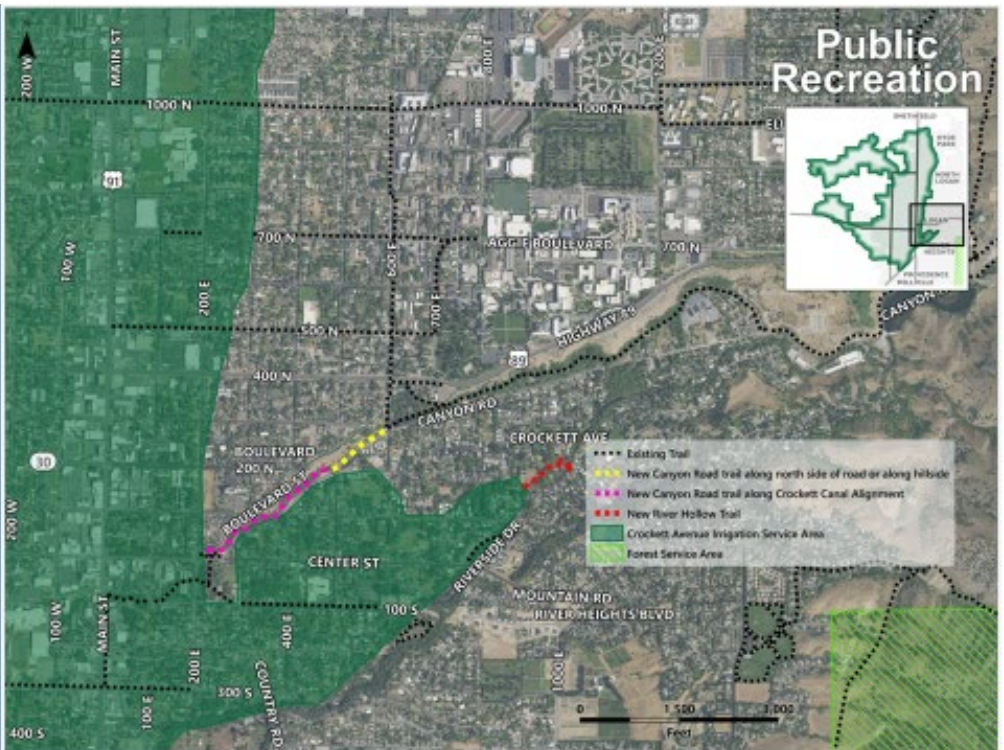
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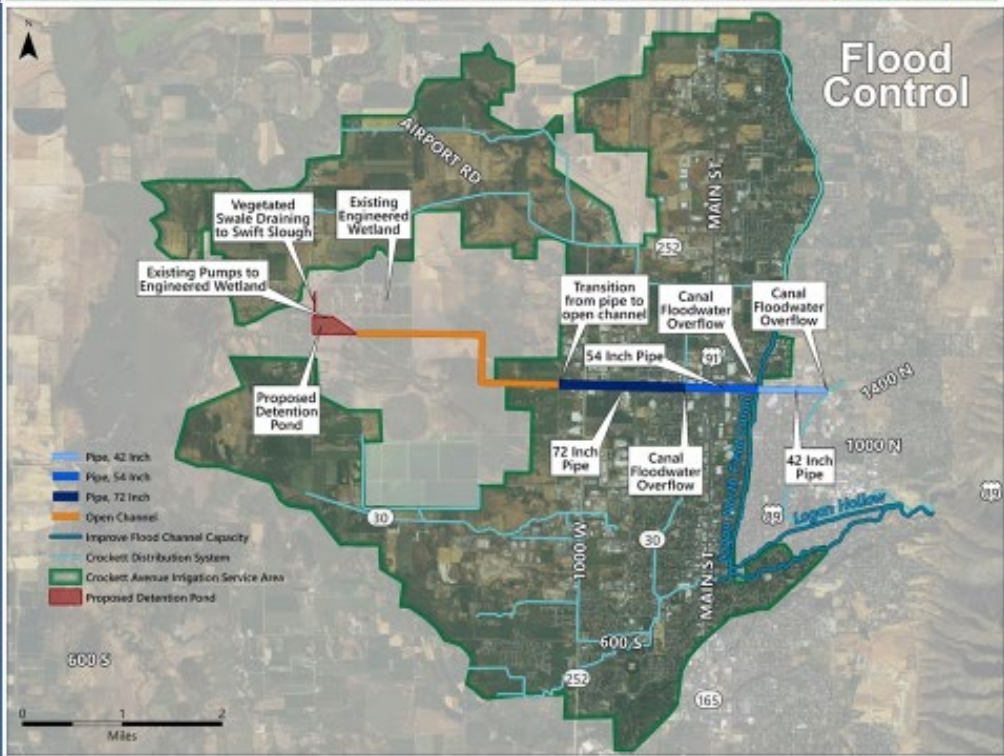
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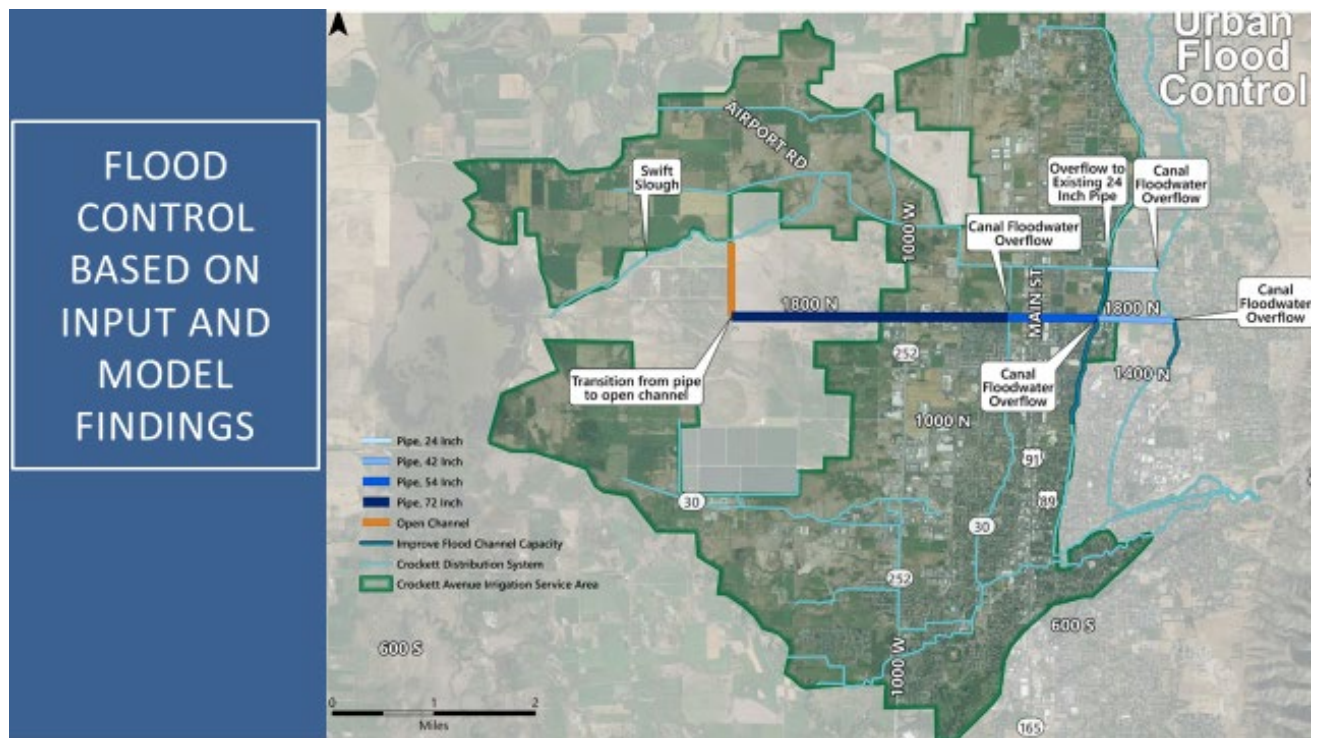


RECREATION
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FLOOD
CONTROL
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Additional descriptions of potential alternatives, and information are available on the project webpage: <https://bit.ly/LoganRiverWatershedProject>

USDA National Resources Conservation Service

Logan River Watershed Project

Project Information

- Logan River Watershed Map (1.17 MB)
- Logan River Potential Disturbance Areas Map (1 MB)
- Logan River Watershed Project Plan (1.85 MB)
- Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Logan River Watershed Project (472.04 KB)

Preliminary Proposed Action and Alternatives

The watershed-focused planning area is approximately 73,265 acres. NRCS will evaluate a minimum of two action alternatives and the no action alternative in the Draft EIS. NRCS will provide technical and financial assistance for the proposed project through the NRCS Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program, and NRCS will also design and implement a selected alternative. Possible alternatives are:

ROUGH AMBITIOUS SCHEDULE

- NRCS/SPONSOR REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT EIS
NOVEMBER 28–DECEMBER 27, 2024
- NRCS/SPONSOR RE-REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT EIS
JANUARY 27–FEBRUARY 9, 2025
- NWMC REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT EIS
MARCH 19–APRIL 17, 2025
- NATIONAL HEADQUARTER PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW
AUGUST 30–SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
- PUBLISH DRAFT EIS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
OCTOBER 29–DECEMBER 19, 2025
- FINAL EIS
MARCH 19, 2026
- RECORD OF DECISION
APRIL 2, 2026

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