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I attended the Washington County Solid Waste Administrative Board meeting at the new facility at the landfill. Newly appointed municipal members were introduced. Springdale was recognized as one of the first municipalities to implement the battery recycling program - Way to Go Springdale!!

Called into the LPC updates each week during January. Here is a link to each House Bill for those interested in learning more about the discussions: [ULCT Bill Tracker](#). The general session will last 6-weeks and track a record 603 bills.

I attended the Public Officials Training in Virgin. Excellent presentations, always offering something new or serving as a good reminder.

Messaging Initiative Meeting: Kudos to Kyla, Jennifer, Kendal and others who have worked on this initiative. I was impressed with all three options presented for messaging that brands, informs and sets visitor/resident expectations.

ZRC Winter Workshop: The workshop included stakeholder updates and project/committee updates for the Zion Scenic Byway CMP, Zion Region Trails Collaborative and Zion Transportation Subcommittee. Noteworthy project updates included:

- Ribbon cutting for Virgin Park and Ride April 2
- Oversize vehicle restrictions in the Zion NP long tunnel go into effect June 7
- Park and town shuttle service begins March 7
- BLM campground improvements for designated and dispersed camping on SR9

Conservation Manager Doug Bennett from the Washington Water Conservancy District gave a really good presentation. He highlighted some of the county's conservation achievements and briefly spoke about the Regional Water Conservation Plan; every municipality in the county must have a 5-year plan. Lots of good information.

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River Park: The bid opening for interested contractors for the river park expansion work is planned for March.

Trails Master Plan: Ryan is working on the RFP for community outreach services for the Trails Master Plan. The RFP will go live in March. Good job Ryan!!

Volunteers wanted: Residents have an opportunity to help clear Russian thistle at the River Park on the 21st. Bring your gloves; tools will be provided. [Flyer Link](#)