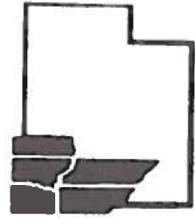


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## **\*\* M E M O R A N D U M \*\***

**TO: ALL STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES**

**FROM: MAYOR CONNIE ROBINSON, VICE-CHAIR**

**DATE: JANUARY 12, 2011**

**SUBJECT: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, JANUARY 19, 2011**

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011, AT THE FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICE, CONFERENCE ROOM, LOCATED AT 1070 WEST 1600 SOUTH, BUILDING B, ST. GEORGE, UTAH.

THE ATTACHED MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED TO ASSIST YOU IN PREPARING FOR OUR MEETING. PLEASE REVIEW ALL MATERIALS AND ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS TO THE AOG STAFF, C/O KENNETH L. SIZEMORE. THIS WOULD ALLOW STAFF TIME TO RESEARCH YOUR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PRIOR TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING.

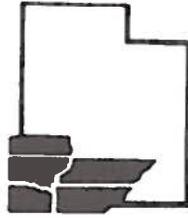
WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU IN ST. GEORGE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011.

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ATTACHMENTS

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### **STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 19, 2011 FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM 1070 WEST 1600 SOUTH, BUILDING B ST. GEORGE, UT - 1:00 P.M.**

- I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- II. MINUTES NOVEMBER 17, 2010 - REVIEW AND APPROVE**
- III. UTAH ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**
- IV. IVINS CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AREA FUND ADMINISTRATION**
- V. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**
  - A. CONSOLIDATED PLAN UPDATE AND PUBLIC HEARING**
  - B. COUNTY PROJECT PRIORITIES**
- VI. APPROVAL OF FIVE COUNTY AOG HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL OFFICERS**
- VII. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE UPDATE**
- VIII. DIXIE STATE COLLEGE UPDATE**
- IX. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY REGIONAL SERVICES UPDATE**
- X. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES**
- XI. LOCAL AFFAIRS**
  - A. CORRESPONDENCE**
  - B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL**
  - C. PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD APPLICATIONS**
  - D. PLANNING ASSISTANCE**
  - E. OTHER BUSINESS**
- XII. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during this meeting should notify KENNETH SIZEMORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, at 1070 West 1600 South, Building B, St. George, Utah, (435) 673-3548 at least three working days prior to the meeting.

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# MINUTES

## STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

November 17, 2010

St. George, Utah

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Lois Bulloch, Chair  
Alan Adams  
Mayor Mark Yardley  
Carolyn White  
Commissioner Maloy Dodds  
Gladys LeFevre  
Mayor Nina Laycook  
Commissioner Denny Drake  
Kaden DeMille for Mayor Tom Hirschi  
LuAnne Forrest  
Brian Cottam for Wes Curtis  
Frank Lojko

### REPRESENTING

Iron County Commissioner Representative  
Iron County Schools Representative  
Beaver County Mayor Representative  
Beaver County Schools Representative  
Garfield County Commissioner Representative  
Garfield County Schools Representative  
Kane County Mayor Representative  
Washington Co. Commissioner Representative  
Washington Co. Mayor Representative  
Washington Co. Schools Representative  
Southern Utah University  
Dixie State College of Utah

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Marreen Casper  
Mike Empey  
Dell Smith  
Wade Garrett  
Commissioner Clare Ramsay  
Ken Sizemore  
Carol Hollowell  
Diane Lamoreaux

Senator Hatch's Office  
Congressman Matheson's Office  
Congressman Chaffetz's Office  
Congressman Chaffetz's Office  
Garfield County Commission  
Five County Association of Governments  
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### MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Chad Johnson, Excused  
Mayor Jerry Taylor  
Mayor Connie Robinson  
Commissioner Douglas Heaton, Excused  
Wendy Allan

Beaver County Commissioner Representative  
Garfield County Mayor Representative  
Iron County Mayor Representative  
Kane County Commissioner Representative  
Kane County Schools Representative

Commissioner Lois Bulloch, Chair, welcomed everyone in attendance. Those asking to be excused include Commissioner Chad Johnson, Beaver County Commission Representative and Commissioner Douglas Heaton, Kane County Commission Representative. It was also noted that Kaden DeMille was representing Mayor Tom Hirschi, Washington County Mayor Representative.

## I. MINUTES OCTOBER 13, 2010 - REVIEW & APPROVE

Commissioner Lois Bulloch presented minutes of the October 13, 2010 meeting for Board discussion and consideration.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE, SECONDED BY MS. GLADYS LEFEVRE, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **II. FY 2010 AUDIT REPORT**

Steve Quinn, Hafen Buckner, Everett and Graff, reported that Chad Michaeli was unable to attend today's meeting because of conflicting commitments. He provided a quick overview of the audit report and noted that the Association of Governments is involved with a lot of different programs. Correspondence on pages 1-2 provides the Independent Auditors' Report opinion that financial statements for the fiscal year ended in conformity with accounting principles. Page three begins the Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Five County AOG financial performance during the year ending June 30, 2010. This summarizes all of the financial statements and policies of the Association of Governments. Financial statements begin on page 9 with a Statement of Net Assets including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accrued revenue receivable, inventory and capital assets. The Statement of Activities on page 10 outlines government activities, general revenues and change in net assets. Page 11 contains the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds and page 12 contains the Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Assets. Page 13 contains the Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for all government fund types for the year ended June 30, 2010. Page 15 contains the Combined Balance Sheet for All Fiduciary Fund Types and notes receivable in the RLF program. Page 16 outlines information for the Non-expendable Trust Funds for the Year Ended June 30, 2010 for the Revolving Loan Fund. The Combined Statement of Cash Flows - Non-expendable Trust Funds is contained on page 17.

Ms. Carolyn White questioned the large dollar amount (\$2.9 million) listed in expenditures under "other" and wondered what this includes. Mr. Sizemore indicated that he would need to review the FY 2010 budget to break out these expenditures. Mr. Quinn referred to notes of the financial statements on page 23, note 6 which applies to the Revolving Loan Fund. These financial notes provide an explanation and more detail for a lot of items listed in the financial statements. Commissioner Lois Bulloch mentioned that Board members want to make sure that management is not spending dollars that do not exist in contracts. Mr. Sizemore explained that the budgets were corrected in June to make sure that this does not occur.

Mr. Quinn mentioned that notes to the financial statements begin on page 18 to summarize policies and definitions. It was pointed out that as of June 30, 2010, the bank balances were \$1,260,630. Of that balance, \$329,660 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance and \$930,970 was uninsured and uncollateralized. He noted that state law does not require that deposits are collateralized. This is something that management should evaluate and discuss with the bank. Combining and individual fund financial statements are contained on page 29. Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance depicting budget to actual for each cost center are contained on pages 33-66. The single audit compliance section begins on page 67 with a Schedule of Expenditures of All Federal Awards. Additional time was spent in testing these major programs as per single audit requirements and because funds were received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Page 69 contains the "Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters based on an Audit of Financial Statements in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards". No significant deficiencies were noted. Page 71 depicts compliance requirements in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133. The last paragraph on this page provides an opinion that the Five County Association of Governments complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal

programs for the year ended June 30, 2010. This letter indicates that there were no deficiencies in internal control over compliance or material weaknesses identified.

Mr. Quinn concluded that there were no findings related to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards and there were no findings or questioned costs for federal awards. This is a clean audit report with no findings or instances of non-compliance. Mayor Laycook congratulated AOG staff on the clean audit report and efforts to assure financial compliance.

Mr. Sizemore presented the Audit Report for year ended June 30, 2010 for Board acceptance.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, SECONDED BY MR. ALAN ADAMS, TO ACCEPT THE FY 2010 AUDIT REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **III. 2011 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE - TENTATIVE**

Ms. Diane Lamoreaux referenced a tentative Steering Committee meeting schedule on page 12 of the packet for calendar year 2011. Meetings that shift from the second Wednesday to the third Wednesday are highlighted. The January meeting is scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup> because of conflict with the Washington County Economic Summit. Other meetings shifted to the third Wednesday in April and September avoid conflict with Utah League of Cities and Towns. The November meeting shifts to the third Wednesday to avoid conflict with Utah Association of Counties conferences. It was also pointed out that meetings will be scheduled in the Beaver County School District Office for the upcoming year rather than the Beaver County Administration Building. Some of the cities and counties have yet to begin calendar scheduling for 2011. A final meeting schedule will be included in the January 2011 Steering Committee packet.

### **IV. REVOLVING LOAN FUND PLAN FINALIZATION**

Mr. Sizemore reported that Darren Janes is out of town attending economic development training. As per instructions given at the October Steering Committee meeting, revisions to the RLF plan have been made in accordance with previous recommendations. The major change is the addition of two new board members. He presented the plan for Board consideration.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE, SECONDED BY MAYOR NINA LAYCOOK, TO APPROVE THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND PLAN AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **V. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Ken Sizemore reported over the last two years there have been dramatic changes in the composition of the Steering Committee. Last year several new mayors were nominated to serve on the Board, and this upcoming year there will be several new commission representatives. He presented plaques of recognition to outgoing Board members Commissioner Maloy Dodds, Garfield County Commission for service from 1995 to present and Commissioner Lois Bulloch, Chair and Iron County Commission Representative for

service beginning in 2007 to present. He also presented a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Gladys LeFevre, Garfield County School Board Representative, for one year of service. He expressed appreciation to each representative for their dedicated service and commitment to serve on the Steering Committee as well as many other boards and committees. He reminded Board members that there is no scheduled meeting in December and asked that each member convey the importance of assigning a new representative to attend the January 19, 2011 Steering Committee meeting. The meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday in order to avoid conflict with the Washington County Economic Summit. The Chair and Vice-Chair will rotate in February to Beaver County. Commissioner Chad Johnson has indicated that he is willing to serve in this capacity provided that the other Beaver County commissioners agree. Mayor Connie Robinson has agreed to chair the January 2011 meeting. Both Commissioner Lois Bulloch and Commissioner Maloy Dodds conveyed their pleasure and honor of serving on the Steering Committee and various other boards.

## **VI. DIXIE STATE COLLEGE UPDATE**

Mr. Frank Lojko, Dixie State College, reported that the college is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. He announced that the Mormon Tabernacle Choir will be performing on February 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Burns Arena. Tickets are on sale and range from \$30-\$40 depending on the seating area. On February 1, 2011, Dixie State College students will be performing at the Capitol Theater in Salt Lake City. There is no cost for this performance. Groundbreaking for the Jeffery R. Holland Building will be held in January 2011 with anticipated construction completion slated for the fall of 2012. This facility will house student services, the library, tutoring, engineering, technical services and business. As growth dictates, this facility will entirely house the library and other functions will be moved to new locations. The college is finishing up on the Pavilion building that features three volleyball sand courts, a dance area and other amenities. The facility is located south of the Udvar/Hazy building. Dixie State College will also be constructing new residence hall facilities to include a paradigm of separate buildings providing private apartments, private bedrooms, and various other options. This facility will include several buildings and eventually an Olympic swimming pool in the middle of the complex. There will also be a mall constructed all the way through the campus. Other plans include demolition of the financial and testing center to provide additional space for these functions. Dixie State College will be hiring a number of new teachers to accommodate increased enrollment. The college experienced a 13% enrollment increase in full-time students this year with a total enrollment of 8,700 students. Mr. Lojko noted that all of the new construction on the campus is estimated to cost \$45,000,000 which will bring economic benefit to the area. He provided Dixie State College automobile air fresheners to Board members.

## **VII. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY (SUU)**

Mr. Brian Cottam, Southern Utah University Government Relations and Regional Services, reported that Mr. Wes Curtis was unable to attend today's meeting. He acknowledged that space is also tight on the Southern Utah University Campus and programs are often shifted to alternate office space to accommodate current needs. He announced that the SUU athletic program have been invited to join the Big Sky Conference. It is anticipated that this will be very beneficial for not only the athletic department but also on the academic side for the University. The SUU football team won the conference championship which was very exciting. Student enrollment numbers at the University total 8,024 with full time equivalent

at 6,241 students. The growth rate slowed last year to approximately 1.6% which is the targeted expectation. An overall tuition increase will be phased in over a number of years. This was approved last year on campus with input from students who are completely supportive of the increase.

He reported that the Government Relations and Regional Services office has undertaken a new project in conjunction with the Utah State University Landscape, Architectural and Environmental Planning (LAEP) program. This program is connected with the USU Extension Services to assist rural communities with planning. Brian has been working with this program to conduct their annual Charrette where they bring in dozens of students involved in the program into the community to assist with planning and visioning. The end product is a visual representation of things you might want to do in your community, i.e., main street development, gateway, freeway exit, etc. The Regional Services office has been coordinating development of the LAEP Charrette for Cedar City.

Brian highlighted a program offered through their office titled "The Intergovernmental Internship Cooperative". He provided an article outlining the development of the program and opportunities provided for SUU students, typically with state and federal public lands management agencies. Support for this program has been phenomenal with over 120 students placed into internships over the past year.

#### **VIII. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE UPDATE**

No representative in attendance.

#### **IX. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES**

Marreen Casper, Senator Hatch's Office, reported that Congress is back in session and has a healthy agenda in terms of passing an appropriations bill or continuing resolution. Senators are also anxious to work on extending tax cuts which are scheduled to expire in January 2011. Senator Hatch has issued a press release outlining support of a moratorium being placed on earmarks. However, this must be across the board for all states. A major priority for the Senator is working with the Republican Caucus for a balanced budget. The Senator is continuing to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to address their expanding jurisdiction utilizing rules from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in terms of dry washes. The Corps has determined that every dry wash would at some time contain water from a flood and some of the water would flow into Lake Mead in Nevada. Therefore the Corps has determined that they have jurisdiction over these washes. Senator Hatch has met with Army Corps officials in Sacramento and they have stated that this is under advisement. Ms. Casper announced that Senator Hatch is now a ranking member of the Finance Committee and will assume the position of chair in January. This committee oversees Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid programs. Senator Hatch has hired a new Chief of Staff, Michael Kennedy, who is a very bright young man. Jace Johnson moved into the private sector and is now working for the Adobe Software Company. The upcoming legislative session will be interesting as Democrats will not be able to freely push their agenda.

Mike Empey, Congressman Matheson's Office, reported that the Washington County Commission did an excellent job in correspondence to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in explaining the issues in terms of the Corps developing regulations and expanding their authority over dry washes in the county. Congressman Matheson wrote a letter to the Army

Corps of Engineers citing the Washington County Commission letter and asking for action in this regard. It is anticipated that Congress will pass a continuing resolution rather than an Omnibus bill. Congressman Matheson supports extension of all of the Bush tax cuts. Speaker Nancy Pelosi was elected as the House Democrat Leader today with a vote of 150 to 43. However, Congressman Matheson voted against her in light of the recent message sent by voters in November. Another concern of Congressman Matheson is changes in regulations for the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate the ozone level. He has sent correspondence to their attention in this regard. This could have major impacts on Washington County specifically, as well as the entire Five County area.

Mr. Dell Smith, Congressman Chaffetz's Office, reported that the Congressman has been and remains very vocal in terms of new federal employees making upwards of \$100,000. He is proposing that these employees take a 10% pay cut and is sponsoring legislation in the House of Representatives to address what he considers a big problem. Another concern is the number of employees on Capitol Hill that do not pay federal taxes. Rural communities have expressed concerns about rural post offices and the possibility of losing some of these facilities. Congressman Chaffetz is very concerned about the deficit of the postal service which recorded an \$8.3 billion loss last year. It was pointed out that in some of the urban areas there are post offices very close in proximity, specifically in Provo. Many things in the postal service need to be changed because the federal government cannot continue to subsidize such large deficits. Steering Committee members mentioned that all local mail is sent to Provo for sorting and then returned back to the local area post offices. This mail used to remain in the local area and that needs to happen again.

Wade Garrett, Congressman Chaffetz's Office, mentioned that the Congressman is opposed to getting rid of the death tax because of the big impact this will have on agriculture. This is also part of the Bush tax cuts and will increase to 55% next year if the tax cuts expire. He reported that in checking on the Prairie Dog issue, previous discussion is correct that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not counting dogs on private land. Staff is aggressively pursuing this issue and trying to obtain answers as to why this is occurring. This is also having the same type impact with sage grouse and other endangered species.

## **X. LOCAL AFFAIRS**

### **A. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

### **B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL**

None.

### **C. PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (PCIFB) APPLICATIONS**

None.

### **D. PLANNING ASSISTANCE**

None.

**E. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Sizemore introduced Carol Hollowell who replaced Linda Sappington as the Director of Volunteer Services. He reported that Carol comes from Oregon state where she owned and operated a chain of hair salons. Ms. Hollowell commented that she is very excited about the new assignment and encouraged Board members to contact her at 435-674-5757. Efforts are underway to ramp up volunteer services in Iron County with several new volunteer stations and an additional 50 volunteers.

Mr. Sizemore outlined figures taken from the FY 2010 budget to answer questions previously pointed out during discussion of the audit report. Following is a breakout of those funds: **1) Home Rehabilitation-- \$293,000; 2) Alternatives Contracts with Providers-- \$340,000; 3) Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Provider Subcontracts-- \$300,000; 4) ARRA Contracts to Community Partners for CSBG and SSBG-- \$420,000; 5) Nutrition Supplies-- \$80,000; 6) Nutrition Supervisors-- \$102,000; 7) Meals-- \$900,000; and 8) Transportation Consultants in the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization-- \$150,000.** This accounts for \$2.7 of the \$2.9 million. He explained that a lot of funding is passed through to other agencies and it would require further research to determine other items. During the upcoming year staff will again solicit proposals from firms to provide future audit services.

Mr. Sizemore mentioned that because the Steering Committee does not meet during the month of December, an Executive Committee meeting may be scheduled. This will provide an opportunity for outgoing commissioners to provide an evaluation of the Association of Governments.

**XI. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS**

No reviews received for consideration.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2011 in St. George at the Five County Association of Governments office.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM # III.**

**UTAH ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

*Commissioner Maloy Dodds was serving a two-year term on the Utah Association of Counties Board representing the Five County region. That term expires on December 31, 2011. UAC staff has requested that the Steering Committee appoint another county commissioner to fill the remaining year of that term. The UAC Board meets quarterly in January, April, September and November. Meetings last 3 to 5 hours.*

## **AGENDA ITEM # IV.**

### **IVINS CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AREA “GOOD SAMARITAN” FUND ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL**

Ivins City has aggressively pursued the improvement of public infrastructure in its oldest neighborhood, where storm drainage, sidewalks and street surfaces were woefully deficient. A Special Assessment Area (SAA) was established and approved during 2009-10. Approximately 360 parcels are included in the SAA.

A 3.5 million dollar improvement project has been designed and bid. Work is scheduled to begin in January 2011. Property owners expect to see their first assessment notices in July 2011. Assessments will total approximately \$4,600 per acre, which can be paid in a lump sum or in monthly installments over the 20 year life of the project bond.

A significant number of property owners in the SAA are on fixed incomes and have expressed great concern regarding their ability to pay the assessments. The city has established a “Good Samaritan” fund to assist households in need. Voluntary contributions will be solicited in utility bills beginning in February 2011.

Mayor Hart has approached Five County AOG staff with a request to administer the “Good Samaritan” qualification process. He has asked that Five County staff establish recommended income qualification criteria, create an intake form/instrument, and perform the intake/qualification process. Preliminary analysis shows that about 30 to 45 households may qualify. No funds will flow through the AOG. Qualified households will be reported to the city, where funds will be transferred from the “Good Samaritan” fund to the SAA fund.

Home Energy Assistance Target (HEAT) intake workers have the capacity to process Ivins City applications during the slower summer season. Ivins City will reimburse the AOG for administrative costs incurred.

Mayor Hart sees this program as an opportunity to educate very low income households in the SAA regarding not only the “Good Samaritan” fund, but other programs such as HEAT, Weatherization, and Home Rehabilitation.

Administration of the program would be governed by a written agreement, similar to the agreement now in place with St. George City for its down payment assistance program. AOG staff requests authorization from the Steering Committee to enter into an agreement with Ivins City to administer the program.

## **AGENDA ITEM # V-A.**

### **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### **CONSOLIDATED PLAN UPDATE**

The Five County Association of Governments (FCAOG) has completed a draft update of the Five County Consolidated Plan. A thirty-day public comment period commences on January 1, 2011 and will end January 31, 2011. The Consolidated Plan pertains to housing, community and economic development issues for counties and municipalities within Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties.

Anyone desiring to review the updated plan may do so at the FCAOG office located at 1070 W. 1600 S., Bldg. B., St. George, UT, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or on the web at: [www.five-county.utah.gov](http://www.five-county.utah.gov)

A public hearing on the document will be held in conjunction with the FCAOG Steering Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at the FCAOG office (above address).

Further information may be obtained by contacting Diane Lamoreaux at 435-673-3548.

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**AGENDA ITEM # V-A. (Continued)**  
**Consolidated Plan for Southwestern Utah**

**Five County Association of Governments**  
**Consolidated Plan - 2011**

**NEW UPDATE FOR 2011 PROGRAM YEAR!!!**



The Five County Association of Governments Consolidated Plan documents the housing, homelessness, community development, economic development, and other special needs in southwestern Utah. The Consolidated Plan is a document required to be developed and adopted in order to remain eligible for federal funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Staff from the Community & Economic Development program as well as the Human Services program at the Five County Association of Governments work diligently to prepare

the annual update to the Consolidated Plan as well as the Plan rewrite every five years. The draft updated plan is then presented to the Steering Committee of the Association for their acceptance. The documents presented below are the final product from this process for this program year.

The Five County Consolidated Plan, as amended, covers all HUD Non-Entitlement (municipalities with less than 50,000 persons and counties less than 200,000 persons) in Southwest Utah.

HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is available to eligible areas of the five southwestern Utah counties: Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington. This area receives CDBG funding from HUD through the Utah Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program.

Information on the Utah Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program in southwestern Utah is available on this site. Here is a direct link:

<http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/programs/community/cdbg.php>

Questions, concerns or comments on the "Five County Association of Governments Consolidated Plan - 2011", may be submitted between to Diane Lamoreaux, CDBG Program Specialist, Phone: (435) 673-3548 ext 105; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1550, St. George, Utah 84771-1550. Alternatively you may send her an e-mail to the following address:

[dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov](mailto:dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov)

The Five County AOG has utilized the Adobe PDF format to distribute the Plan document since this is a standard document distribution format. If you do not have the reader plug-in, visit ADOBE, Inc to download the version of Adobe Acrobat Reader for your particular operating system.

## ***AGENDA ITEM # V-A. (Continued)***

The Consolidated Plan has been divided up into separate chapters to make downloading more convenient, especially for those who are on slower speed dial-up connections.

### **2011 Action Plan (One-year Plan)**

Click on the links below to view and/or print the final 2010 Action Plan (1 Year Plan) Documents:

[2011 Action Plan \(One-year Plan\)](#)

[Appendix C CIP Lists 1-yr](#)

[Appendix D Jurisdiction Self-Assessments](#)

[Appendix E Newsletter Public Notice](#)

### **Mid-range Plan (2-5 Year Plan)**

Click on the links below to view and/or print the 2011 Mid-range Plan (2-5 Year Plan) Documents (Text Portion was rewritten in 2010, the Excel file updated for 2011):

[Five County AOG Consolidated Plan Tool \(2-5 year Plan\)](#)

[Appendix A CIP 5-yr](#)

[Appendix B Community Assessments](#)

[Appendix E Newsletter & Notice](#)

<http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/programs/community/consolidated.php>

1/10/2011

## **CHAPTER I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **A. EVALUATION OF CURRENT NEEDS**

Local elected officials in southwestern Utah continue to foster a cooperative allocation of federal, state, and local funds to address regional priorities. This cooperative spirit has been the norm for more than 50 years. Community development and human services staff at the Association of Governments have worked diligently to document 2011 priorities, as reflected in the Consolidated Plan template. The complete document is available on the Five County AOG website at:

<http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/dep/community/consolidated.php>

#### Housing

- For several years officials in the more urbanized areas of our region have focused on workforce housing issues, while in the more rural areas the focus is on programs and funding for traditional low income housing programs.
- Southwestern Utah leaders have invested in efforts to end chronic homelessness, but this effort must compete with other priorities. The Housing First concept is being implemented in the region.
- Visioning processes such as the recent Vision Dixie (Washington County) and Iron Destiny (Iron County) focused on means by which communities can help reduce housing costs by improving permitting processing and re-evaluating impact fee structures. One option that could be considered would be implementation of design standards for higher density housing models. Current economic conditions brought about by the housing downturn and economic recession have had the effect of lowering housing costs, but also had the effect of severely tightening available credit. 2011 will continue to challenge potential home buyers in obtaining credit in a changed financial market. There will continue to be a need to educate and prepare home buyers, especially first-time home buyers.
- The Five County Association of Governments is prepared to continue to administer the St. George City and regional Down Payment Assistance Programs.

#### Community Development

- Community infrastructure remains a key focus of regional investment of funding. This is a combination of aging systems needing upgrading and expansion necessitated by growth demands. Culinary water and emergency services are high priorities. With the exception of housing, our region's priorities revolve around providing for infrastructure needs.
- A three-fold evaluation process was utilized to identify focus communities in the region. The Housing Condition Windshield Survey completed in 2009 was

## **AGENDA ITEM # V-A. (Continued)**

compared with a voluntary community self-assessment and community development program staff knowledge and expertise. The Focus communities identified continue to be a regional priority. Those communities include:

- Town of Alton (Housing Conditions)
- Big Water (Housing Conditions & Community Assessment)
- Enoch City (Community Assessment)
- Town of Hatch (Housing Conditions and Community Assessment)
- Ivins City (Community Assessment)
- LaVerkin City (Community Assessment)
- Leeds (Community Assessment)

### Economic Development

- Many local jurisdictions in southwestern Utah continue to invest in county/city economic development programs for active business development; however, the current economic recession has resulted in diminishing municipal budgets and subsequent reductions in staffing. As such, Five County AOG continuation of a regional priority which focuses on the Revolving Loan Fund and technical assistance will become vitally important.
- Projects in 2010-11 include preparation of the Zion Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan; continued involvement in efforts to establish on-site electrical power to Ticaboo/Bullfrog; support of the regional Business Resource Centers; completion and adoption by local jurisdictions of the Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan update; participation in the Neighborhood Stabilization Program; and workforce housing program development and implementation.

## **B. EVALUATION OF PAST PERFORMANCE**

The following projects were accomplished during the past year:

**Five County AOG - Region:** 1) Five County staff provided regional planning including updating the region's Consolidated Plan; community planning for housing, community and economic development; assistance through attendance at various meetings and review and development of codes and ordinances; 2) Revolving Loan Fund program delivery was provided throughout the region to expand economic development opportunities, primarily to low and moderate income individuals and businesses by retaining existing jobs and/or creating additional employment. The number of persons benefitting in 2010 through job retention/creation was 40 and 24 were LMI individuals; and 3) Housing program delivery to foster decent and affordable housing throughout the region. This includes opportunities for LMI persons through the down payment/closing cost assistance program, HOME Rehabilitation Program and Emergency HOME program. The number of households benefitting in FY 2010 was 48, all of which qualified as LMI.

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### **Beaver County: 1) Beaver City on behalf of the Beaver City Housing**

**Authority--** The Beaver City Housing Authority is in the process of acquiring a 10-15 unit complex to rehabilitate for low-income housing. Proposed beneficiaries total 15 low-income households. This project will provide decent, safe and affordable housing to residents in the community.

**Garfield County: 1) Escalante City--** Escalante City constructed a new fire station utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), USDA Rural Development, county and Permanent Community Impact Board funding. The station was completed in May, 2010 and is fully functional. The total number of beneficiaries is 825, of which 568 are low-moderate income (68.9%), as per income community-wide LMI survey completed in 2003; **2) Cannonville Town--** This projects consists of curb and gutter to address drainage issues throughout the community. The project is currently under construction with completion anticipated prior to the end of 2010. The project improves livability and sustainability in the community by addressing drainage issues. The number of beneficiaries is 148 with 83 (56%, pre-approved list) LMI persons benefitting; **3) Hatch Town--** Construction of a new community center is nearing completion. This public facility primarily benefits low-moderate income citizens to enhance health and safety, as well as improve livability and sustainability in the community through provisions of a place to gather for home delivered meals and various other community functions. The total number of beneficiaries is 121 with 75 (61.9%, 2008 survey) low to moderate income beneficiaries.

### **Iron County: 1) Cedar City on behalf of the Cedar City Housing Authority--**

The Housing Authority has acquired a piece of property located adjacent to their current facility. This project will provide an additional 18 units of LMI housing for elderly and handicapped individuals. All of the newly constructed units will be rented to low/moderate income individuals. The project is currently under review of USDA Rural Development, demolition of the single family residence currently located at the site is underway, and it is anticipated that the project will be under construction in the near future. The projected number of households benefitting from this project is 18, with all low/moderate income beneficiaries; and **2) Cedar City on behalf of Iron County Care & Share--** A total allocation of \$174,781 in CDBG funding was awarded to the Iron County Care & Share for phased construction of a new homeless shelter. The initial phase of the project will provide emergency housing for approximately 18 men, 12 women, and one family unit. Other funds for this project include cash donations, grants and funding from various foundations. The bid has been awarded and the facility is currently under construction with anticipated completion in the spring of 2011. This project improves livability and sustainability for clients utilizing this facility as well as providing affordable and decent housing for those housed at the shelter.

### **Washington County: 1) Washington City on behalf of Color Country**

**Community Housing, Inc.--** Funding in the amount of \$150,000 (2010) was awarded to this multi-year project which will also receive \$150,000 in 2011. The project consists of complete rehabilitation of the Ridge View Apartment complex to provide affordable housing for low-moderate income individuals. The project will target victims of domestic violence but is also available for other income eligible families. The apartment complex consists of 24 housing units. Because this is a multi-year project, rehabilitation efforts will be ongoing over a two year period of time. The project will improve livability and sustainability, while providing decent affordable housing for low-income individuals and will also enhance availability and sustainability in the community. The total

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number of beneficiaries will be approximately 60 (2.5 average household size) and all will be low/moderate income households.

### **C. FUNDING PRIORITY DECISION MAKING PROCESS**

The Five County Association of Governments utilizes a comprehensive rating & ranking matrix to determine the priority for funding of all applications for CDBG. The criteria is approved by the local elected officials functioning as the Rating & Ranking Committee (RRC). The projects in 2010 were evaluated utilizing the matrix and recommendations for funding were presented to the Rating & Ranking Committee for prioritization. A copy of the FY 2011 Rating & Ranking Criteria, Policies and Guidelines is found in Chapter 5.

### **D. SUMMARY OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND CONSULTATION**

Continued consultation and coordination with agencies in this region and the public took place in the development of this one-year action plan. In addition, ongoing participation by the three public housing authorities in the region was instrumental in the development of this plan.

Annual public forums are conducted in the spring of each year with sessions held in each of the five counties. Staff from both Five County community action and community and economic development facilitate the sessions which are designed to identify the most pressing needs as expressed by local officials and residents. Information was presented at the forums and input solicited for the Community Services Block Grant plan and the Consolidated Plan update in community development efforts. Extensive efforts are employed to include a broad representation of community members including agency staff, clientele of social service agencies and programs, elected officials and people who are low income. Topics of discussion considered essential needs and issues at the 2010 forums, by county, included:

**Beaver County**-- Jobs that pay a living wage, youth programs or community center, evening and weekend childcare, affordable, safe and healthy rental units, housing support to purchase home, improved education and training resources for adults, expanded transportation services and expanded health care options.

**Garfield County**-- Support public education services, more jobs that pay a living wage, economic development such as coal mining, health care for the uninsured, improved education and training opportunities, housing that is healthy, safe and affordable, after school programs, recreational opportunities for youth, literacy and ESL classes and increased mental health resources.

**Iron County**-- Economic development, more employment, affordable health care, more mental health resources, expanded public transportation, services for people with disabilities, healthy, safe and affordable apartments, support for community health care center, more support for the volunteer center, crisis intervention training, youth and recreation programs and drug and alcohol abuse prevention program.

**Kane County**-- Jobs that pay a living wage, healthy, safe and affordable housing, funding for the volunteer center, need information about resources, year round utility

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assistance, development of an after school and recreation programs, support expanding transportation services, build a new senior center, mental health anger management classes.

**Washington County**-- Need for more jobs, economic development, more human services funding, case management with wrap around services, collaboration and interagency support, education and training opportunities, healthy, safe and affordable housing, expanded public transportation, increase emergency food, expand the soup kitchen, develop a food bank site, transitional housing, health care for uninsured, more mental health resources, increase veterans resources, and youth programs.

Chapter 7 contains specific discussion of projects resulting from issues raised during the forums.

A primary purpose of the Association of Governments is to coordinate federal, state and local programs across southwest Utah. Much of this coordination involves aspects of the consolidated planning process, with these efforts detailed in Chapter 7.

### **E. PRIORITIES**

The HOME program is administered by the state of Utah, Division of Housing and Community Development, Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund and funding priorities are established by the loan board. Table 6-1, Chapter 6 includes HOME services for southwestern Utah which are provided through the Five County Association of Governments. Please refer to the following website for detailed funding priorities and allocation process: <http://housing.utah.gov/owhlf/programs.html>

The Balance of State Continuum of Care has determined that their application is consistent with the jurisdiction's current approved Consolidated Plan identified as needs to end chronic homelessness and move families and individuals to permanent housing:

- Create new public housing beds for chronically homeless persons.
- Increase the percentage of participants remaining in Continuum of Care funded permanent housing projects for at least six months to 77 percent or more.
- Increase the percentage of participants in Continuum of Care funded transitional housing that move into permanent housing to 65 percent or more.
- Increase percentage of participants in all Continuum of Care funded projects that are employed at program exit to 20 percent or more.

Projects which were funded from the Balance of State Continuum of Care 2011 include:

- 1) Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation**- - No Place Like Home, Supportive Housing Program (\$75,091.00);
- 2) Southwest Utah Behavioral Health Center**-- Dixie View (\$27,182.00); and
- 3) Cedar City Housing Authority**-- Transitional Housing (\$13,912.00)

The Washington County School District McKinney Vinto Homeless funds were reduced

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to the amount of \$12,000 from federal funding to the State of Utah Education Department for homeless services in Washington County. Funding is used to produce and disseminate brochures to students and teachers, to help with transportation costs to assist students classified as homeless to be able to stay in their school of origin and it also helps with other needed items and interventions to help the students succeed in school.

### **1. Housing**

The regional priorities of the Five County Association of Governments relating to housing include the administration of down payment assistance programs, rehabilitation of deteriorated housing stock, rehabilitation of existing rental units, providing better availability of safe and adequate affordable rentals, providing seasonal rental housing to support the tourism industry, and developing more water and sewer capacity for housing development in growth areas.

### **2. Community Development**

Based upon the locally identified Community Development capital projects submitted by local jurisdictions, community development priorities for the region are outlined below:

- **Public Utility Infrastructure**-- Regional efforts will focus on increasing the capacity of water and other utility systems to better serve the customers and/or improve fire flow capacity. This category includes wastewater disposal projects.
- **LMI Housing Activities**-- Regional efforts will continue to focus on projects designed to provide for the housing needs of very low and low-moderate income families. This may include the development of infrastructure for LMI housing projects, home buyers assistance programs, land acquisition or the actual construction of housing units for elderly, low-income and homeless individuals, housing rehabilitation, CROWN rent-to-own homes; mutual self-help, and LIHTC projects.
- **Public Safety Activities**-- Efforts will be concentrated on addressing projects related to protection of property, including flood control or fire protection improvements in a community.
- **Transportation**-- Jurisdictions throughout the region will continue to focus on addressing transportation related projects, i.e., streets/bridges, curb, gutter, sidewalks to address drainage issues and airport improvements.
- **Community Facilities/Public Services**- - Regional support will continue to be provided to jurisdictions undertaking construction of projects such as senior citizens centers; health clinics; food banks/shelters; and/or public service activities. These activities traditionally have no available revenue source for funding and have typically been turned down by other funding sources. This category specifically does not include facilities that are primarily recreational in nature.
- **Parks and Recreation**- - Jurisdictions continue to foster projects

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designed to enhance the recreational quality of a community i.e., new picnic facilities, playgrounds, community recreation centers, trails, etc.

- **Planning**- Jurisdictions throughout the region continue to direct planning efforts towards feasibility studies and various planning for projects such as storm drainage, water system master plans, senior citizen center design, city housing data base and capital facilities plans.
- **Economics**-- Some of the jurisdictions in the Five County Region are taking steps to rehabilitate historic buildings and/or museums that play a vital role in terms of historic community values and to foster tourism in the area. The recent renovation of the historic Beaver County Courthouse building is an example of this.

### **3. Economic Development**

Chapter 3 identifies the following economic development priorities:

- Provide regionally-focused services that complement county and community economic development programs.
- Focus efforts on jurisdictions that do not have internal staff support to provide day-to-day economic development outreach.
- Represent southwestern Utah interests at forums.
- Forge closer ties between economic development and public/higher education initiatives in the region.
- Champion regional projects that foster economic development.

### **4. Summary of One year Performance Measures**

It is anticipated that the following projects will be completed during the upcoming year (some received 2009-2010 CDBG funding):

**Five County Region: 1) Planning, Administration and Technical Assistance (Program Delivery)**-- AOG staff will provide planning assistance to eligible communities in developing affordable housing plans, enhancing health and safety by developing codes and ordinances and providing economic opportunity by assisting communities in planning for commercial and industrial development. Staff efforts will continue in the identification of focus communities/neighborhoods throughout the region; **2) Economic Development (Revolving Loan Fund Program Delivery)**-- The RLF program is designed to provide economic development opportunity primarily to low to moderate income individuals and businesses by retaining existing jobs and/or creating additional employment. The program job creating is set at 1 job for every \$15,000 lent; and **3) Housing Program Delivery**-- Staff will continue to provide program delivery (25-50 households) to foster decent, safe and affordable housing opportunities for low-income persons by providing down payment/closing cost assistance, rehabilitation of existing housing units, and enhance health and safety through rehabilitation addressing health code and safety concerns.

## **AGENDA ITEM # V-A. (Continued)**

**Beaver County: 1) Beaver City on Behalf of the Beaver City Housing Authority--** The Beaver City Housing Authority is in the process of acquiring additional property for construction of housing units for low-income families (10 to 15 new housing units) and/or to purchase one or more of the existing properties in Beaver City which can be rehabilitated for use as housing units. Proposed beneficiaries total 15 lower income households. The project will provide decent, safe and affordable housing these families.

**Garfield County: 1) Tropic Town-** - The town of Tropic is proposing improvements to the Heritage Center parking lot including construction of drainage surface improvements, with associated earthwork, concrete curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk, handicap ramps, catch basins, storm drains, asphalt pavement, and lighting. The completed project will provide availability and accessibility for this community facility. The projected number of beneficiaries is 514, with 51% being low-to-moderate income beneficiaries.

**Iron County: 1) Cedar City on behalf of the Cedar Housing Authority--** Construction of 18 units of low income housing for elderly persons over the age of 62 and persons with a disability. Construction of these units will occur adjacent to their current facility and will provide decent affordable housing. The projected number of households benefitting from this project is 18, with all low/moderate income beneficiaries; and **2) Cedar City on behalf of the Iron County Care & Share--** The applicant has begun construction of Phase I of their new homeless shelter. The facility is a two story structure, consisting of approximately 3,639 square feet on the ground floor and 1,395 square feet on the second floor, for a total of 5,034 square feet. During the initial build, the second story will only be “shelled out” and not completed, as it is planned for future expansion needs to provide housing. This facility will provide the opportunity for decent, safe, and affordable housing for chronically homeless individuals. The initial stage of building will create a homeless shelter that can serve 18 men, 12 women and one family unit; **3) Iron County-** - Iron County is proposing to purchase a new ambulance to serve a very rural part of Iron County in the Beryl/Newcastle area. The provision of dependable service is imperative to the health and safety of residents living in this rural service area. This project will also improve the liveability and sustainability for residents living in the service area. The total number of beneficiaries is approximately 1,804, of which 51% are low-to-moderate income beneficiaries; **4) Cedar City on behalf of Iron County Care & Share--** Construction of Phase II of the new homeless shelter. This includes completion of the second story and the addition of a second family suite, expansion of dining room facility and addition of a commercial-grade laundry facility. This enhances the opportunity for decent, safe, and affordable housing for chronically homeless individuals. The total estimated number of beneficiaries is 200, all of which are low-to-moderate income; and **5) Cedar City on behalf of TURN Community Services, Inc.--** Rehabilitation and energy efficiency improvements to housing units and the adult day care center. These improvements provide the opportunity for decent, safe, and affordable housing for disabled individuals as well as a suitable living environment for the adult day care center. Total estimated number of beneficiaries is 49, with all individuals served being low-to-moderate income.

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**Washington County: 1) Washington City on behalf of Color Country Community Housing, Inc.**-- Color Country Community Housing, Inc. is partnering with the Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation to purchase and rehabilitate a 24-unit apartment complex located in Washington City, Utah called the Ridge View Apartments. It is proposed that the facility will be used as transitional housing for those fleeing domestic violence situations. The total number of beneficiaries will be approximately 60 (2.5 average household size) and all will be low/moderate income households. The project will provide decent affordable housing and will also enhance availability and sustainability in the community; and **2) Hildale City**-- The city is proposing construction of an additional culinary water tank to address deficiencies in storage and fire protection. The provision of dependable service is imperative to the health and safety of residents living in Hildale. This project will also improve the livability and sustainability for residents. The total estimated number of beneficiaries is 1,895 with 81.48% being low-to-moderate income.

**AGENDA ITEM # XII.**

**STEERING COMMITTEE**

**REVIEWS**

**AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS  
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V**

**NOTIFICATIONS - Supportive**

**January 19, 2011**

- 1. Title: PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINE EASEMENT ON SCHOOL TRUST LANDS**
- Applicant: Trust Lands Administration**
- Description: South Central Communications has submitted an easement application for an overhead telecommunications line located within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 2, Township 35 South, Range 9 West, SLB&M in Iron County. The telecommunications line will be installed adjacent to SR 143 and will run from Parowan to Brian Head. Telecommunications service between Parowan and Brian Head is nearing capacity and will be upgraded to provide better quality service and more data communications options to the Brian Head community. The proposed easement corridor is approximately 957 feet long and 10 feet wide comprising 0.23 acres. The requested term of the easement is 30 years.**

<b>Funding:</b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Agency</u></b>	<b><u>SAI #</u></b>
	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Received 12/13/2010</b>

**Comments: The Utah School and Institutional Trust Administration proposes to authorize a 30-year easement across a trust section in Parowan Canyon. The easement will allow the installation of a fiber optic cable intended to service Brian Head Town. Regional policies support efforts to improve telecommunication facilities for all residents of southwestern Utah. This project will greatly enhance telecommunications in the area. (Ken Sizemore)**

**AGENDA ITEM # XII. (Continued)**

**STEERING COMMITTEE**

**REVIEWS**

**AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS  
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V**

**NOTIFICATIONS - Supportive**

**January 19, 2011**

**2. Title: SULA 1689, SOUTHWEST WIND ENERGY, INC.**

**Applicant: Trust Lands Administration**

**Description: The Trust Lands Administration has received an application from Southwest Wind Energy, Inc. to lease the below described land for a wind energy project. The applicant desires to lease this land for the construction and operation of four 2MW wind turbine generators together with a 230 acre foot reservoir as a pump storage component of the project. This land will be developed as part of a larger project on adjoining private land which will include another reservoir site for the pump storage component as well as additional wind and solar generation. (Township 40 South, Range 13 West, Section 22: W1/2SW1/4SW1/4, 20 Acres, SLB&M)**

<b>Funding:</b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Agency</u></b>	<b><u>SAI #</u></b>
	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Received 01/05/2011</b>

**Comments: The Utah State Trust Lands Administration proposes to authorize a lease of 20 acres at Anderson Junction in Washington County for the installation of four wind turbines. The project complements an adjacent development. The applicants are in the process of complying with Washington County and Toquerville City land use requirements. Regional policies support alternative energy development as long as local land use provisions are met. (Ken Sizemore)**

**AGENDA ITEM # XII. (Continued)**

**STEERING COMMITTEE**

**REVIEWS**

**AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS  
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V**

**NOTIFICATIONS - Supportive**

**January 19, 2011**

**3. Title: FINAL PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL  
ASSESSMENT (PEA): VOLUNTARY PUBLIC ACCESS  
AND HABITAT INCENTIVE PROGRAM (VPA-HIP)**

**Applicant: Department of Natural Resources/Division of Wildlife  
Resources**

**Description: The United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service  
Agency proposes to implement a new program authorized  
by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the  
2008 farm bill) in the state of Utah. The Voluntary Public  
Access and Habitat Incentive Program provides grants to  
state and tribal governments to encourage owners and  
operators of privately-held farm, ranch and forest land to  
voluntarily make that land available for access by the  
public for wildlife-dependent recreation, including hunting,  
fishing, and other compatible recreation and to improve  
fish and wildlife habitat on the lands.**

<b>Funding:</b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Agency</u></b>	<b><u>SAI #</u></b>
	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Received 01/10/2011</b>

**Comments: The Utah Department of Natural Resources  
proposes to implement a new federally-funded Voluntary Public  
Access and Habitat Incentive Program across the state. Their  
intent is to supplement existing access programs. The Walk-In  
Access program would be expanded to the southern part of the  
state and compensation schedules will be restructured. No  
property rights will transfer to state or federal ownership.  
Regional officials have supported existing private land access  
programs. (Ken Sizemore)**

**AGENDA ITEM # XII. (Continued)**

**STEERING COMMITTEE**

**REVIEWS**

**AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS  
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V**

**NOTIFICATIONS - Supportive**

**January 19, 2011**

**4. Title: SHAKESPEAR ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION PROJECT**

**Applicant: Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining**

**Description: The Shakespear project would safeguard two hazardous abandoned mine openings, eliminate dangerous highwalls, and clean up coal waste piles at the abandoned coal mine. The mine is located near the end of Henderson Creek Road, seven miles northeast of Tropic, Garfield County, Utah. The project would be conducted under the mandate of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA). Cultural, biological and paleontological surveys and consultations have been conducted for compliance with NEPA, ESA and NHPA Section 106. The reclamation design minimizes impact to these resources. The mine is within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, administered by the Bureau of Land Management. We are seeking BLM's concurrence to conduct the reclamation work. Division of Oil, Gas & Mining will write an EA, based on which the USDOJ Office of Surface Mining will issue a FONSI or NOI.**

<b>Funding:</b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Agency</u></b>	<b><u>SAI #</u></b>
	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Received 01/11/2011</b>

**Comments: The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining proposes to undertake the closure of two abandoned mine openings known as the Shakespear mine located seven miles northeast of Tropic in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Reclamation work will also include removal of waste piles and highwalls. Recent public meetings generated support for the project as an effort to reduce safety hazards and search and rescue costs. (Ken Sizemore)**