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

TO: ALL STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: COMMISSIONER CHAD JOHNSON, CHAIR

DATE: APRIL 13, 2011

SUBJECT: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 20, 2011

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011, AT THE PAROWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY, MEETING ROOM, LOCATED AT 16 SOUTH MAIN STREET, PAROWAN, 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 PAROWAN ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011.

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ATTACHMENTS

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STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 20, 2011
PAROWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY - MEETING ROOM
16 SOUTH MAIN STREET
PAROWAN, UT - 1:00 P.M.

- I. MINUTES MARCH 9, 2011 - REVIEW AND APPROVE
- II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION
- III. LEGISLATIVE REPORT - REPRESENTATIVE EVAN VICKERS
- IV. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
SECOND PUBLIC HEARING
- V. COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS
- VI. EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER ALLOCATIONS
- VII. MOBILITY MANAGEMENT FUNDING DISCUSSION
- VIII. RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (RC&D)
DISCUSSION
- IX. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES UPDATE
- X. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY REGIONAL SERVICES UPDATE
- XI. DIXIE STATE COLLEGE UPDATE
- XII. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES
- XIII. LOCAL AFFAIRS
 - A. CORRESPONDENCE
 - B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL
 - C. PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD APPLICATIONS
 - D. PLANNING ASSISTANCE
 - E. OTHER BUSINESS
- XIV. 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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STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 9, 2011

Beaver, Utah

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Chad Johnson, Chair
Mayor Mark Yardley, Vice-Chair
Carolyn White
Commissioner Clare Ramsay
Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff
Mayor Connie Robinson
Alan Adams
Commissioner Douglas Heaton
Kaden DeMille for Mayor Tom Hirschi
Brian Cottam
Rick Palmer for Frank Lojko

REPRESENTING

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Marreen Casper
Ellen Schunk
Victor Iverson
Mike Empey
Dell Smith
Wade Garrett
Nathan Lee
John Thomas
Jake Hardman
Jan Thompson
Ken Sizemore
Gary Zabriskie
Myron Lee
Curt Hutchings
Scott Leavitt

Senator Hatch's Office
Senator Lee's Office
Senator Lee's Office
Congressman Matheson's Office
Congressman Chaffetz's Office
Congressman Chaffetz's Office
Utah Department of Transportation
Utah Department of Transportation
Southern Utah Renewable Energy Center
Department of Workforce Services
Five County Association of Governments
Five County Association of Governments
Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization
Five County Association of Governments
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MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Jerry Taylor
Ken Platt
Mayor Nina Laycook, Excused
Wendy Allan
Commissioner Denny Drake, Excused
LuAnne Forrest, Excused

Garfield County Mayor Representative
Garfield County Schools Representative
Kane County Mayor Representative
Kane County Schools Representative
Washington Co. Commissioner Representative
Washington Co. Schools Representative

I. MINUTES FEBRUARY 9, 2011 - REVIEW & APPROVE

Commissioner Chad Johnson, Chair, welcomed those in attendance and noted that a quorum was present for conduct of business. Those asking to be excused include Commissioner Denny Drake, Washington County Commissioner Representative, Mayor

Nina Laycook, Kane County Mayor Representative and LuAnne Forrest, Washington County Schools Representative. Chairman Johnson presented minutes of the February 9, 2011 meeting for Board discussion and consideration.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS HEATON, SECONDED BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2011 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

II. UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (UDOT)

Mr. Ken Sizemore explained that UDOT is becoming more and more a partner with our regional planning efforts. Two UDOT representatives have been invited to discuss items that affect local governments in southwest Utah. Nathan Lee, Region Four Director, had not yet arrived. He will discuss state road system maintenance priorities. One new tool is U-Plan, which was developed by John Thomas and his planning team. This is an important tool that many local staff need to know about. It will be very helpful for work done at the county and municipal levels and provides a great opportunity to access a lot of important information. He introduced John Thomas, Director for Transportation Planning.

B. U-PLAN - PLANNING AND MAPPING SYSTEM

Mr. Thomas thanked staff at the Association of Governments for their cooperative efforts and willingness to partner with UDOT. This effort simply works to find a way to organize information across jurisdictional boundaries and agencies. This allows UDOT to talk to Five County in ways that have not existed in the past to partnership in efforts such as the Iron County RPO. U-Plan is a web based tool which works to develop partnerships for data input that are valuable to particular agencies and/or jurisdictions such as Five County. The tool will be centrally located at the Utah Automated Geographic Resource Center (UAGRC). UDOT and the Department of Technology Service are working together to provide this tool to their partners. The list of partners is pretty undefined and includes any group that wants to participate. The tool includes geographic data as well as documents, photos and other information. UDOT is also working with the Department of Homeland Security to gather their information. Mr. Thomas provided a demonstration of the tool using data incorporated for Beaver County. Rocky Mountain Power is now sharing their transmission line information and the tool allows their staff to access data from other participating partners. He demonstrated street viewer and how it works. Other layers of information include: 1) Archeological sites; 2) Linear corridors; 3) Land uses; 4) Hydrology; 5) Environmental hazards; 6) Hazardous waste sites; 7) AOG boundaries; 8) RPO and MPO boundaries. As you click on these items, it accesses information from various owners while keeping information distributed. The tool allows organization of information in a very quick way. UDOT is now sharing information with the Association of Governments and working to coordinate planning efforts. Commissioner Chad Johnson asked who provides the data that goes into U-Plan. Mr. Thomas explained that information is shared through federal, state and local jurisdictions as well as utility companies. The Bureau of Land Management is providing some information and it would be easy to request more detailed land use information for various areas. Loading of information into the tool is accomplished very quickly. The tool can be accessed at www.utahplanning.org user name is guest (lower case) and password is guestpass123 (all one word), then

hover with mouse to get sample list of information that is available. More comprehensive access can be provided to agencies upon request and setup of a specific login.

Mr. Sizemore mentioned that this a very valuable tool for road crews, engineers, planning staff and many of the other staff members at county and municipal levels.

A. STATE ROADS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Sizemore explained that there is a significant policy shift at UDOT regarding the maintenance of state highways. This is an important topic for discussion today. During the last decade, the Utah State Legislature has funded a lot of capacity in the state highway network throughout the state utilizing the State Centennial Highway Fund, Critical Needs fund, and various other funding sources. These programs are now coming to an end and there will be a drop from that large investment back down to basic levels of funding from gas tax revenues. This is going to have a dramatic impact, particularly in our District because of the number of highways in southwestern Utah that do not carry a lot of traffic volume. Commissioner Johnson asked that Mr. Lee provide a general overview and then Board members could address specific questions, issues and/or concerns.

Nathan Lee mentioned that strategic goals at UDOT include taking care of the existing highway system through application of various treatments, address critical needs first and try to keep roads open. Application of special treatments helps to maintain the initial investment over a longer period of time. Preservation efforts are focused on the most heavily traveled roads first. In 2010 the State Transportation Commission changed the way roads are defined. Roads were previously classed as Interstates, arterials and collectors. The legislature wanted to fund capacity improvements and energy corridor improvements. Therefore, a terminology was developed to address energy corridors and capacity improvements based on average daily traffic (ADT) of trucks and cars changing the classes to Interstate, Level 1 and Level 2. He reviewed specific criteria for these designations and noted that Interstates are kept in their own category regardless of the ADT. Copies of maps were displayed depicting each of these classifications. Most of the interstates in this region are in pretty good condition. The fluctuating cost of asphalt has played a key role in the amount of maintenance provided to these roadways. UDOT has looked for ways to identify the deterioration of roads, find ways to preserve these pavements and have a plan in place. Many roadways have sections which need to be addressed and interstates would be first with routes that provide more connectivity second.

UDOT faces challenges with the road system and how to fund maintenance. All of the roads and bridges have been put into an asset system which begins with interstates. It costs approximately \$80 million each year to maintain the Interstates at an appropriate level. Funds provided from gas tax revenue for maintenance of roadways is approximately \$230 million annually plus state match for a total of \$330 million to fund all programs. This does not take into account B & C road funds. To fund a portion of level 1 roads at their existing level for maintenance would cost approximately \$50 million annually and another \$40 million for the remainder of level 1 roads. Another \$60 million would be required to maintain level 2 roads. Mr. Lee reviewed various roadways, conditions, ride indexes and treatments. Presentations

have been provided to the State Legislature in terms of looking at the long term maintenance and preservation of the roadway networks.

Ms. Carolyn White asked if an emergency fund is in place for things such as earthquakes, land slides, etc. Mr. Lee responded that no money is set aside for emergency type situations but priorities would have to be readjusted to address these issues. However, sometimes when natural disasters occur the state receives federal funds, providing that the Governor declares a disaster for the impacted area.

III. CENSUS 2010 REDISTRICTING DATA FOR REGION

Mr. Ken Sizemore provided a handout depicting results of the Census 2010 redistricting numbers. The information which has been released contains total population, some race information, housing units and occupancy status. Most of the numbers are within what was anticipated and not a lot of surprises in the Five County District. He pointed out some of the surprises to AOG staff as follows: **1) Kane County**-- Demographers did not expect to see the population of Kane County over 7,000; **2) Bryce Canyon City**-- Has a larger population that anticipated at almost 200 with 33 of those people being Asian; and **3) Washington County** -- Most demographers tracking the county were expecting 145,000 to 150,000 population. The number from the Census came out at 138,000. The next step in releasing numbers comes as they refine information and get more data over a two year time period. As more numbers are released, information will be provided. He explained that the long form used in previous census counts no longer exists. A lot of the information that was previously collected on the long form is now being collected by survey with what is called the American Community Survey. In rural parts of the country, the confidence level of that survey has been great, meaning that the numbers could be 15% off. He cautioned members to be careful when using this survey data because the information is suspect. Obtaining hard and fast demographic information will be more challenging than in the past. The larger a population base in a particular area, the more confidence you can have in those numbers.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Sizemore referenced a handout announcing the Human Services Public Forums scheduled in each of the five counties during the last of March and first of April. Sherri Dial has asked that each of the counties take a larger version of the handout for posting around the county. Staff have made an effort to avoid any major conflicts with other meetings in each of the counties. He explained that the public forums are conducted every year providing the opportunity to bring community members, local officials, and professional staff together to talk about the latest changes in issues in local communities around our region. These are very helpful forums to target the efforts provided as a staff as well as to provide that information to funding agencies both at the state and federal level. He encouraged members to attend their local public forum and participate in this discussion. Sherri Dial and other AOG staff members lead the discussion and utilize the on demand clicker response system provided by the SUU Regional Services office for instant review of participant responses.

An invitation is also included in the envelope to attend a poverty simulation exercise that is happening on April 26th from 1-4:30 p.m. in St. George. This is an opportunity to actually experience what it is like to be in poverty. This type of exercise was recently conducted in

the Salt Lake City area. Board members are invited to participate in this poverty simulation. Also included in the packet are copies of the updated Human Services Resource Directory.

V. REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) BOARD MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENT

Mr. Ken Sizemore reminded Board members that this was a discussion item during the February 9th meeting. At that time, staff was awaiting a recommendation for the Chambers of Commerce representative for consideration of appointment to the Revolving Loan Fund Board. Only one response was received from the Chambers of Commerce to appoint Scott Jolley, Director of the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce. Staff feels that he would be an excellent representative and since he is the only individual that responded, staff is recommending authorization of his appointment to the RLF Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DALE BRINKERHOFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY, TO APPOINT SCOTT JOLLEY AS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND BOARD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Sizemore reported that two days ago the loan with Deseret Labs was closed. There is now less than \$100,000 in the RLF bank account. This is very good news. Darren Janes has worked diligently to get loans out and it has worked very well.

VI. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES UPDATE

Ms. Jan Thompson, DWS, reported that their efforts in workforce development are continuing. For the Five County area, most of the WIA money for training for customers is obligated. There is some concern because talk at the federal level in the budget discussion would eliminate these funds for FY 2012 and there is also talk of some type of rescission in the current FY 2011 budget. A rescission of funds would take all of the money that is not spent, even though the money may have been obligated, and this would affect customers in a negative way. Staff is watching this closely and hopes that a rescission does not occur. The Family Employment Program, which is financial assistance, provides a program called Work Success. This program works with customers in a very different way for those with a high school diploma and a work history. These customers enter into Work Success which is an intensive 40 hour four week program that helps them get back into the job of looking for a job and finding work. The program has been in effect since January of this year where 21 customers have participated in Washington County, and 18 of those customers are back to work. Staff is cautiously optimistic that this will be a really good program. She noted that there are opportunities for employment even in recessionary times and DWS wants their customers to be the best prepared for these jobs.

The Department of Workforce Services will be participating with the public forums but they will also be initiating some community partner meetings in the early part of April. Because of budget cuts and things that are happening with technology, DWS is working out ways to connect with customers through technology. A new technology tool has been developed for customers to access their home page called "My Case" to get answers to any questions they may have in regard to their case with workforce services. The community partner meetings are being provided to assist partners to understand what My Case is and how to assist common customers. The HEAT program is also a perfect example because they require information for the customer that DWS is able to provide fairly easy. This provides

the opportunity for the customer to go online, retrieve the information and print it out while with the HEAT intake worker. This saves travel time and related expenses for the customer. Those interested in attending these meetings can contact DWS for further information.

The unemployment rate for January for the state of Utah was 7.6%. The national unemployment rate is 9.0%. The year over growth rate for Utah is 1.5% while the national year over growth rate is .07%.

VII. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY REGIONAL SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Brian Cottam, SUU Department of Governmental Relations and Regional Services, reported that supervision of regional services programming has moved to the Advancement Office on campus under Vice President Stuart Jones. The message being conveyed today is that Vice President Jones is very supportive of the regional services office and functions provided through this office. There will likely be more changes at the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1st. Staff is currently assisting Beaver City with updating their website, communications within the city and out to the residents and employees. The Communications Department is providing a consulting group that will be assisting Beaver City with these efforts. Mayor Yardley extended his appreciation for the partnership and noted that Beaver City is very excited with the process that is moving forward. Work on the website will provide expanded information as well as the ability for city staff to maintain the site once it is updated.

Mr. Cottam introduced Jake Hardman with the Southwest Utah Renewable Energy Center, a group that the Regional Services office has been involved with for the past several years. Mr. Hardman provided a presentation outlining establishment of the Center for Renewable Energy. Each of the partners including SUU Regional Services, Southwest Technology College, USTAR, Milford High School, Beaver County School District, Department of Workforce Services and Beaver County Economic Development have a portion of their program which relates to renewable energy. All of the partners have different goals such as to provide training for individuals, create jobs, create a stable tax base, etc. However, all of these goals are tied together with renewable energy. Their four main goals and objectives are as follows: 1) Showcase and promote renewable energy; 2) Advance education, training and research; 3) Advance production and technology; and 4) Create high-skilled high-wage employment. The main goal is to see how conventional fuels can be combined with alternative renewable fuels to work best for everyone.

Each year the annual renewable energy fair is held in Milford with various participants such as state agencies, universities, industry, and high schools gathering to showcase their projects and/or products. The center is currently building a mobile education trailer that can be utilized throughout the region in communities and schools to teach the basics of renewable energy. The best geothermal resources in the state of Utah are located in Beaver and Iron counties. First Wind, which is located outside of Milford, has brought a vast amount of benefit to the community as well as additional tax revenue to Beaver County. Education, training and research is provided through the Southwest Applied Technology College in Cedar City utilizing five specific programs. Two of these programs are for wind technicians and three are for solar energy. The center is also developing a model renewable energy curriculum for statewide adoption at all the high schools. The center is partnering to work with any industries in the region on production and technology and also provides assistance on research studies.

Mr. Hardman invited Board members to attend the Renewable Energy Fair scheduled for April 28th at the Milford High School. Attendance at this event has been very good and a number of classes are provided for high school students.

VIII. DIXIE STATE COLLEGE UPDATE

Mr. Rick Palmer indicated that Frank Lojko was unable to attend because he is at the Legislature. Dixie State College received legislative approval to study university status. The college will remain as a regional based school offering associate degrees, applied degrees, certificates and four-year degrees. Groundbreaking for the Holland Centennial Commons Building will be held next week and construction will proceed immediately. This is a five story building that will be located across the street from the Burns Arena. Anticipated completion date is June 2012. Dixie State College recently received an impact grant from Utah Higher Ed for \$74,000 which will allow the college to hire for a couple of positions to work with low-income students. This money will help with transitional issues and retention of students once they are enrolled at the institution. Dixie is a Division 2 NCAA school with the athletic program. Both men's and women's basketball teams qualified for the 64 team tournament which will be played in two separate sites.

IX. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES

Ellen Schunk, Senator Lee's Office, reported that the Senator is continuing to work on some critical issues including legislation giving workers a choice on joining unions through the National Right to Work Act and budget issues including a balanced budget amendment. Senator Lee did not vote for the continuing resolution. Victor Iverson reported that he will be working on issues for public lands, agriculture and natural resources.

Dell Smith, Congressman Chaffetz's Office, reported that things are a mess in Washington, D.C. in terms of the budget and continuing resolutions. Republicans would like to see budget cuts in the neighborhood of \$61 billion while Democrats are pushing cuts in amounting to approximately \$4.7 billion. A recently released report indicates that there is about \$200 billion in the budget that is allocated to duplicated programs. Congressman Chaffetz was one of 100 representatives who sent a letter to the President in regards to moving forward with energy related drilling. A recent announcement reveals \$105 billion dollars in hidden health costs contained in the Obama Health Care Bill. This will be an interesting battle as things move forward. The Congressman introduced HR 665 to dispose of \$19 billion dollars in extra federal property. It is estimated that there are 14,000 federal buildings that are not being used and another 55,000 that are under utilized. Sale of this property could be used to reduce the debt. Congressman Chaffetz reintroduced legislation to fire federal employees who do not pay their income tax. This also restricts contractors who do not pay their bills from getting federal contracts.

Wade Garrett, Congressman Chaffetz's Office, reported that they are still working on the wild land issue trying to stop this from moving ahead. The oil reserves are provided for strategic reasons and not just because gas prices are high. It is estimated that these reserves would cover from 70-75 days worth of oil. The Congressman is opposed to using these reserves but is pursuing new energy related drilling.

Mike Empey, Congressman Matheson's Office, reported it is likely that a four week continuing resolution will be considered which includes \$2 billion dollars per week in cuts.

It is also anticipated that Congress will continue to pass continuing resolutions with each one containing \$2 billion a week in reductions. With this type of scenario, it is difficult to plan and budget for any programs receiving federal funds. Congressman Matheson continues to be very concerned with the wild land issues and has sent correspondence to the Interior Department in this regard. During a hearing last week in the House, he submitted testimony on the record addressing concerns with the wild land policy and his desire to continue utilizing a stakeholder driven approach for future land bills. Correspondence has been sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife asking for justification in terms of Prairie Dog populations that are not being counted on private lands. Congressman Matheson is also concerned that the habitat conservation plan has to include three counties, all of which have very different elevations and climate conditions. Correspondence also addresses why the U.S. Fish and Wildlife is not doing a better job in terms of vegetation manipulation on public lands when transplanting the dogs.

Marreen Casper, Senator Hatch's Office, reported that Senator Hatch is the chairman of the Republican High Tech Task Force. On Friday, March 25th, the Senator is leading an interactive discussion with face book founder Mark Zuckerberg at the BYU Marriot Center. The discussion will include policy and social networking. There is no charge to attend this event. Senator Hatch along with several other senators has sponsored the National Monument Designation and Accountability Act, SB 407. The bill does not dispute the President's ability to designate a national monument, but outlines that the law needs to be followed in this designation. It also stipulates that once the monument has been designated it must be ratified by Congress within a two year period of time. Commissioner Clare Ramsay commented that he would like to see the President's authority to designate monuments questioned under the Antiquities Act. The Antiquities Act was established to protect objects not massive expanses of land. Senator Hatch is working with the Western Senate Caucus to examine options in regard to the wild land policy. Options include: 1) Funding required to manage or designate wild lands; 2) Questioning the authority of the Interior Secretary; and 3) Need to use land use plans that are in place because they have gone through a local process.

X. LOCAL AFFAIRS

A. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Sizemore provided draft copies of correspondence addressed to Ken Salazar, Interior Department Secretary; Dave Conine, USDA Rural Development; Michael Jewell, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Scott Florence, Arizona Strip Bureau of Land Management Office. Letters are prepared for the Chair's signature based on previous Board discussion at the February 9, 2011 meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS HEATON, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE ON CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

None.

C. PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (PCIFB) APPLICATIONS

None.

D. PLANNING ASSISTANCE

None.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Sizemore asked that commissioners set aside time to attend an Executive Committee meeting on April 20th at 10:00 a.m. at the Parowan Library.

XI. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS

Mr. Sizemore indicated that there are no A-95 reviews for Board consideration.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2011 in Parowan at the Parowan Library.

Mr. Jake Hardman announced that they will be at Milford Elementary on March 23rd at 1:00 p.m. to recognize a young man named Jed Wunderlich. His accomplishment in pitching three strikeout innings despite a serious medical condition was read into the Congressional record.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, SECONDED BY MAYOR CONNIE ROBINSON, TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM # IV.

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

plied for. Further information on this hearing can be obtained by contacting Diane Lamoreaux at (435) 673-3548 or dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov

THE FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (AOG) will hold a public hearing to discuss the following project determined to be applied for in the FY 2011 CDBG Small Cities Program:

Five County AOG, CDBG Program Administration, Community/Regional Planning Grant; ED Technical Assistance and Program Delivery. This is an on-going project which provides CDBG program administration, regional planning assistance to eligible communities, updating the regional Consolidated Plan, program delivery for the Revolving Loan Fund, HOME and Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance Programs, and other purposes.

This public hearing will be held in conjunction with the Five County AOG Steering Committee meeting which begins at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at the Parowan Public Library, Meeting Room, 16 South Main, Parowan, UT.

Comments will be solicited on the project(s) scope, implementation and its effects on residents. Details of the project applied for, including information on the amount of grant money received will be discussed. The Five County AOG will respond to specific concerns and questions of all individuals, particularly those who may be immediately impacted by the project being applied for. Further information on this hearing can be obtained by contacting Diane Lamoreaux at (435)

LEGAL NOTICES

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Five County AOG will make reasonable accommodation for persons needing assistance to participate in this public hearing. Persons needing assistance are asked to contact Diane Lamoreaux at (435) 673-3548 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing.

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AGENDA ITEM # VII.

Mobility Management Discussion April 20, 2011

Early in 2008, the Utah Department of Transportation initiated an effort to address more efficient use of transportation assets to meet the needs of low and moderate income families. A regional "Coordinated Human-Services Transportation Committee" was formed and convened their first meeting in May 2008. At that meeting, the committee voted to recommend application for 2006 & 2007 planning funds to complete a regional Mobility Management Study. The Five County Steering Committee authorized application for the funds. As discussions regarding the study commenced during the summer of 2008, county senior center administrators expressed concerns regarding the concept of using senior citizen fleet vehicles as part of a regional transportation system. Major concerns included additional fuel and operational costs, the loss of control over routing, and unknown insurance implications. These concerns resulted in a long discussion at the August 2008 Steering Committee meeting. The committee voted to pull the application from consideration, noting that the board was not necessarily opposed to the study but that it was not the right time because of economic reasons.

The Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization policy committee endorsed a need to consider human service issues in its long range planning, and authorized the use of planning funds for mobility management planning inside of the MPO urbanized area. Two years of planning have resulted in some major outcomes, including a partnership with United We Ride to overcome issues regarding insurance for locally owned and operated fleet vehicles. Another work group has been established to educate those who may have need of transit, but do not know how to access it. A Coordinated Transportation section has also been added to the MPO website. A recent initiative to evaluate the potential of utilizing Vanpool options to help people region-wide in getting to work is underway. The bus-rapid transit study recently completed regarding eastern Washington County outside of the MPO will require a robust coordination effort.

Across the state, other AOGs have utilized Mobility Management funding and have added mobility management staff responsibilities. Achievements include website development, educational brochures, updating GIS databases, surveying of area residents, organizing working groups, establishing local committees and becoming a 211 partner.

Funding from the Federal Transit Administration through the Utah Department of Transportation continues to be available for regional programs. Availability of the funding is based on regional planning efforts and participation of local governments in the planning effort. Two years of planning across the state and in the MPO area show that sharing local fleet vehicles is only one of many options, but not a mandate.

Mobility Management funds can be used to provide staffing to accomplish work as noted above for agencies that do wish to coordinate and to carry out programs to meet transit needs. They can also be used to pursue various options like Vanpooling and to determine other likely responses to transportation needs throughout the region. There are also funds available for use in Rural Public Transportation. Currently Cedar Area Transportation Service utilizes these funds to help operate their transit services.

Coordinated Human Services transportation planning has benefitted both agencies and clients in the St. George urbanized area. Use of mobility management funds has not resulted in unfunded mandates to local governments. Senior Citizen program administrators are integral partners in planning processes. As the FY 2012 budget for transportation planning services is prepared, the staff is requesting authorization to pursue region-wide mobility management funding available in October 2012.



AGENDA ITEM # XIII-A.

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MAR 29 2011

Mr. Chad W. Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your March 9, 2011, letter to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar regarding Secretarial Order 3310. Considering wilderness characteristics on public lands is an integral component of the Bureau of Land Management's multiple-use mission. Secretary Salazar has asked me to respond to your letter.

The Order relies on the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, which directs the BLM to maintain on a regular and continuing basis resource inventories, including wilderness inventories, for the public lands under its jurisdiction. As required by the Order, the BLM issued new policy Manuals 6301, 6302, and 6303, on February 25, 2011, which contain procedures that update its wilderness inventory information and outline how to evaluate lands with wilderness characteristics through the land use planning process. This is an important step to ensure sustainable land use planning decisions. Copies of the new Manuals can be found at http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/info/regulations/Instruction_Memos_and_Bulletins/blm_manual.html.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, and with full public participation and input, environmental analyses will provide information needed for decisions regarding wilderness characteristics. If this public process results in a Wild Lands designation, the decision will identify actions necessary under the new policy guidance to protect those areas while accommodating the uses tailored to the specific planning area.

Secretarial Order 3310 and the new policy will not change the management of existing Wilderness Study Areas (WSA) pending before Congress, and the BLM will not be identifying new WSAs. These initiatives will restore balance in the management of public lands for a variety of uses and values – including wildlife habitat, clean water, diverse recreational activities, and responsible development of the Nation's energy resources.

Please do not hesitate to share with me any further thoughts you have on Secretarial Order 3310.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Abbey
Director

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4402

April 8, 2011

Mr. Chad W. Johnson
Chairman
Five County Association of Governments Southwest Utah
PO Box 1550
Saint George, UT 84771-1550

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts regarding Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar's Secretarial Order No. 3310, which re-examines procedures for the protection of wilderness characteristics on land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). I appreciate your interest in wild lands, and I am glad for the opportunity to respond to your inquiry. By contacting me on issues important to you, I am better able to represent Utah in Congress.

Like you, I was concerned with the Secretary's Order No. 3310, issued on December 22, 2010. The order was unexpected and another example of a top-down, Washington-driven approach to public lands issues that fails to recognize the importance of local input and what is best for states and communities.

There is a better way to approach stewardship of public lands. I have advocated an inclusive approach where all stakeholders participate and which offers a path forward to resolve these issues. A bottom-up, locally-driven process works best whether in implementation of an administrative proposal or development of legislation. This approach may take significant time and effort, but it allows the complexity of public lands issues to be addressed in a way that builds consensus and receives broad local support.

I believe that this order also represents a departure from previous discussions regarding the Administration's support of a locally-driven stakeholder approach to public lands issues. Specifically, on October 1, 2009, when BLM Director Bob Abbey testified before the House Natural Resources Committee, he voiced support for legislation that is "home-grown" and "geographically-focused" as was consistent with the Washington County Growth and Conservation Act. In particular, Director Abbey mentioned the legislation as a milestone in Utah regarding public lands issues. Additionally, in February of 2010, when a draft list of monument designations was leaked from the Department of Interior, including several in Utah, I wrote to Secretary Salazar condemning any discussions that did not involve stakeholders in local communities. I referenced the lingering anger in our state from a 1996 monument designation in Utah. Secretary Salazar responded on

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February 22, 2010, stating, "I also believe that any new designations and conservation initiatives work best when they build on local efforts to better manage places that are important to nearby communities."

I believe that this Secretarial Order undermines local efforts in Utah, is a heavy-handed decision by the Secretary, and creates economic uncertainty for our communities. I believe it is fair and imperative that we resolve the discrepancies between the words and actions of Secretary Salazar and Director Abbey regarding public lands issues in Utah and throughout the country. Recently, I sent a letter to Secretary Salazar to request information regarding the Administration's mixed messages on lands policy and look forward to sharing additional information with you in the weeks to come.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Matheson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

JIM MATHESON
Member of Congress

P.S. Please sign up for my e-newsletter at www.house.gov/matheson

JM/kl

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, SACRAMENTO
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1325 J STREET
SACRAMENTO CA 95814-2922

March 15, 2011

Regulatory Division

Chad Johnson
Chairman, Five County Association of Governments
1070 West 1600 South, Building B
St. George, Utah 84770

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of March 9, 2011. I appreciate your words regarding our efforts to improve customer service and provide timely information to the public.

With regard to Programmatic General Permit 40, I am happy to report that we recently deployed a new webpage with information on the permit including a list of projects authorized under PGP 40. The webpage also has reference material describing bio-engineering techniques and indicators the Corps uses to identify the ordinary high water mark. We intend to keep this webpage updated regularly with information about PGP 40.

In addition to PGP 40, we are considering other ways to more rapidly authorize activities in Utah. We are currently developing a Letter of Permission (LOP) procedure which would offer another permitting option for situation where PGP 40 does not apply. As currently proposed, the procedure would allow us to authorize activities with impacts of more than the 0.5 acres or 300 linear feet on the aquatic environment within 60 days. On March 4, 2011, we issued a public notice describing the proposed LOP procedure. The public comment period ends April 1, 2011. I encourage you to provide comments to us before the close of the notice.

I understand your concerns about Corps jurisdiction in southern Utah. We are currently planning a workshop to review the limits of waters of the United States and how to identify the ordinary high water mark. Tentatively planned for May 17, 2011, this workshop will be a combination of class and field instruction. An email announcing the workshop was recently sent to participants in the past workshops we conducted in St George.

Again, thank you for your letter. Please visit our website at www.spk.usae.army.mil and click on "Obtain a Regulatory Permit" for more information about our program, including PGP 40 and the public notice describing the LOP procedure. If you have any other questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or Jason Gipson, Chief of our Nevada-Utah Branch, by telephone at 801-295-8380 x 14 or by email at jason.a.gipson@usace.army.mil.

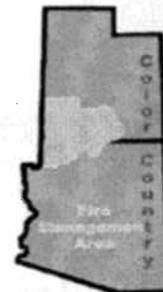
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Jewell".

Michael S. Jewell
Chief, Regulatory Division
Sacramento District

Color Country Fire Management

Bureau of Land Management AZ Bureau of Land Management UT
 Dixie National Forest Zion and Bryce National Parks
 Utah, Forestry, Fire, and State Lands Bureau of Indian Affairs



NEWS RELEASE

April 14 20, 2010

Contact: NPS - David Eaker (435) 772-7811
 BLM – Rachel Tueller (435) 865-3032
 USFS - C. Kenton Call (435) 865-3730

Color Country Fire Managers Announce 2010 Schedule of Prescribed Burns

St. George, Utah – Color Country interagency fire managers have announced plans to ignite several prescribed burns in southwestern Utah this year. These burns will be managed by various federal and state agencies including the Bureau of Land Management, the US Forest Service (Dixie National Forest), the National Park Service (Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks) and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

The following prescribed burns are planned for this year but will only occur if forecasted weather conditions are favorable and adequate resources are available. Portions of some of these burns may have already been completed.

<u>Burn Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Dave's Hollow	Bryce Canyon NP	700	NPS/USFS
Sunset Campground	Bryce Canyon NP	200	NPS
East Entrance	Zion NP	300	NPS
Zion Canyon Grass	Zion NP	60	NPS
Pocket Mesa	Zion NP	2,850	NPS
Edwards Spring	Cedar City R.D., Dixie N.F.	700	USFS
Cooper Knolls	Cedar City R.D., Dixie N.F.	400	USFS
Henry Knolls	Cedar City R.D., Dixie N.F.	400	USFS
Duck Creek Fuels	Cedar City R.D., Dixie N.F.	250	USFS
Dave's Hollow	Powell R.D., Dixie NF	600	USFS
Sunset North	Powell R.D., Dixie NF	200	USFS
Alstrom Hollow	Powell R.D., Dixie NF	700	USFS
Adams Head	Powell R.D., Dixie NF	500	USFS
Greenville Bench	Cedar City BLM	10,000	BLM
Pretty Tree Bench	Escalante R.D., Dixie N.F.	750	USFS
Stump Springs	Escalante R.D., Dixie N.F.	600	USFS
Recap Piles	Escalante R.D., Dixie N.F.	20	USFS

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Promoting safe and effective fire management through interagency cooperation
 For Fire Information visit us at www.UtahFireInfo.gov or call 866-447-1283



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Prescribed burns are management-ignited fires used, where appropriate, to decrease the risks from wildfire to life, property and resources, on both public and private lands and to meet agency-specific resource management goals. Prescribed fire projects are conducted in a manner consistent with land and resource management plans, public health considerations (smoke issues) and approved prescribed fire plans.

Color Country Interagency Fire Management is an organization of fire management officials in southwestern Utah and northwestern Arizona (the Arizona Strip) who promote safe and effective fire management through interagency cooperation. Since many wildland and prescribed fires are of a multi-jurisdictional nature, interagency cooperation provides an ideal background for cohesive ecological, social, political and economical considerations for land management.

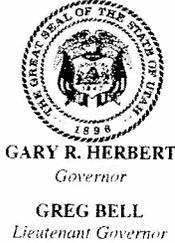
For more information concerning fire management in Color Country visit our website at www.utahfireinfo.gov, call our fire information line at 435-865-4696 or contact any of the following agencies:

Bureau of Land Management (Cedar City)	435 586-2401
Bureau of Land Management (St. George)	435 688-3200
Dixie National Forest	435 865-3700
National Park Service (Zion National Park)	435 772-3256
Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (Cedar City)	435 586-4408
Bureau of Indian Affairs (St. George)	435 674-9720

It is also time to begin spring cleaning projects to reduce wildfire risks to your property. For information on how you can reduce wildfire risk to your property and increase the safety of firefighters, please visit www.utahfireinfo.gov/prevention/defensiblespace.htm

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State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MICHAEL R. STYLER
Executive Director

Division of State Parks and Recreation

MARY L. TULLIUS
Division Director

TO: Participants in Trails Fiscal Assistance Programs
FROM: John Knudson, State Trails Program Coordinator
DATE: 15 March 2011
SUBJECT: Matching Fiscal Assistance Trail Grant Applications

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FISCAL ASSISTANCE TRAIL GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR IS MAY 1, 2011

Utah State Parks and Recreation will accept applications for state Trails and Pathways Program Fiscal Assistance (non-motorized trails), state Off-Highway Vehicle Trails Program Fiscal Assistance (motorized trails) and federal Recreational Trails Program Fiscal Assistance (motorized and non-motorized trail projects) from April 15 to May 1, 2011.

Current application information and updated forms may be accessed on the internet at www.stateparks.utah.gov then click on grants. If you are unable to obtain the necessary application materials on the website, you may request an application from Utah State Parks and Recreation (801)538-7361.

Please direct questions to:

Trails and Pathways Program and Recreational Trails Program, John Knudson
(801) 538-7344 johnknudson@utah.gov

Off-Highway Vehicle Trails Program, Chris Haller (801)538-7435 chrishaller@utah.gov

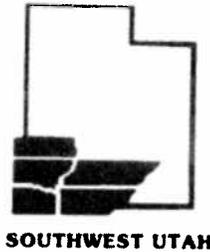
National Trails Day is Saturday June 4, 2011. Help celebrate trails and pathways this year by hosting or participating in a trails event. Please register your event at: www.nationaltrailsday.org.



AGENDA ITEM # XIII-B.
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**** M E M O R A N D U M ****

TO: KENNETH L. SIZEMORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FROM: CAROL HOLLOWELL, VOLUNTEER PROGRAM DIRECTOR
DATE: APRIL 11, 2011
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

The National Senior Corps Training Conference is held in New Orleans this year from June 5-8. The event is mandatory for a Program Director to attend as it is budgeted into the Federal Senior Corps grants.

I am requesting permission to travel to New Orleans. I need to book airfare as quickly as possible in light of rising fares.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

AGENDA ITEM # XIV.

STEERING COMMITTEE

REVIEWS

AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V

NOTIFICATIONS - Supportive

April 20, 2011

1. Title: BAUER RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT #424
- Applicant: Trust Lands Administration
- Description: SITLA grazing permittee, Doug Bauer, proposes to clear sagebrush and seed approximately 16 acres of trust lands in Section 27 and install a pipeline and trough from private land onto trust lands Section 15. The project is located west of Glendale in Kane County and is being planned and cost-shared through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service EQIP program. (T40S, R7W, Section 15, 17, SLBM)

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
	N/A	N/A	Received 03/23/2011

Comments: The Utah State Trust Lands Administration proposes to authorize a range improvement project on two parcels west of Glendale in Kane County. Improvements will include sagebrush clearing and reseeding, and the installation of a pipeline and trough. Regional policies support efforts to improve livestock grazing capacity in order to foster a vibrant ranching industry in southwestern Utah. (Ken Sizemore)

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STEERING COMMITTEE

REVIEWS

AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V

NOTIFICATIONS - Supportive

April 20, 2011

2. Title: BULLOCH FENCE - RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
#426

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: SITLA grazing permittee, Matt Bulloch, proposes to construct a 2,000 foot long barbed wire fence on trust lands to split his grazing permit away from the neighboring grazing permit. The fence will consist of a four-strand barbed wire fence with the top wire not exceeding 42 inches high. This proposal also includes a 500 foot pipeline to bring water from private land to a new trough on trust lands to facilitate livestock grazing. (T35S, R10W, Section 19 and T35S, R11W, Section 24)

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
	N/A	N/A	Received 03/23/2011

Comments: The Utah State Trust Lands Administration proposes to authorize a range improvement project on a parcel located on the east side of I-15 between Cedar City and Enoch. The project is the installation of a fence designed to separate grazing permits. Regional policies support efforts to improve livestock grazing capacity in order to foster a vibrant ranching industry in southwestern Utah. (Ken Sizemore)