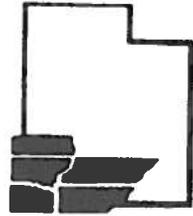


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## **\*\* M E M O R A N D U M \*\***

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

**FROM: COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY, CHAIR**

**DATE: MARCH 7, 2012**

**SUBJECT: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 14, 2012**

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012, AT THE BEAVER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COMMISSION CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 105 EAST CENTER, BEAVER, 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.

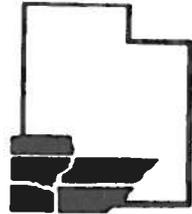
WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU IN BEAVER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012.

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**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2012  
BEAVER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS - 105 EAST CENTER  
BEAVER, UT - 1:00 P.M.**

- I. MINUTES FEBRUARY 8, 2012 - REVIEW AND APPROVE**
- II. SOUTHERN UTAH RECYCLING COALITION REPORT**
- III. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REVIEW**
- IV. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**
  - A. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING**
  - B. CONSOLIDATED PLAN HEARING**
- V. PUBLIC FORUM ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- VI. RLF BOARD MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS**
- VII. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE UPDATE**
- VIII. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES UPDATE**
- IX. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**
- X. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY 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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# MINUTES

## STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

February 8, 2012

Kanab, Utah

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Clare Ramsay, Chair  
Ken Platt  
Commissioner Chad Johnson  
Craig Wright for Mayor Mark Yardley  
Carolyn White  
Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff  
Mayor Dutch Deutschlander for  
Mayor Connie Robinson  
Commissioner Douglas Heaton  
Mayor Nina Laycook  
Commissioner Denny Drake  
Brian Cottam for Dorian Page  
Rick Palmer for Frank Lojko

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ellen Schunk  
Mike Empey  
Jan Thompson  
Walt Steinvorth  
Bette Arial  
Rick Arial  
David Jones  
Hyrum Durfee  
Ken Sizemore  
Diane Lamoreaux  
Curt Hutchings  
Myron Lee

### MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Jerry Taylor, Vice-Chair (Excused)  
Alan Adams (Excused)  
Wendy Allan  
Mayor Darrin LeFevre  
LuAnne Forrest

### REPRESENTING

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

Kane County Commissioner Representative  
Kane County Mayor Representative  
Washington Co. Commissioner Representative  
Southern Utah University  
Dixie State College of Utah

Senator Lee's Office  
Congressman Matheson's Office  
Department of Workforce Services  
Utah Department of Transportation  
Southerland Institute  
Dave Clark Campaign  
Utah National Guard Community Covenant  
Utah National Guard Community Covenant  
Five County Association of Governments  
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Garfield County Mayor Representative  
Iron County Schools Representative  
Kane County Schools Representative  
Washington Co. Mayor Representative  
Washington Co. Schools Representative

Commissioner Chad Johnson, Chair, welcomed everyone in attendance. He acknowledged Mayor Dutch Deutschlander, representing Mayor Connie Robinson, Iron County Mayor Representative and Craig Wright, representing Mayor Mark Yardley, Beaver County Mayor Representative. Those asking to be excused include Mayor Jerry Taylor, Garfield County Mayor Representative and Alan Adams, Iron County Schools Representative.

**I. MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2012 - REVIEW & APPROVE**

Chairman Johnson noted that a quorum was present for conduct of business and presented minutes of the January 18, 2012 meeting for Board consideration.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2012 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**II. STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**A. MAYOR REPRESENTATIVES - INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Ken Sizemore introduced mayor representatives for the upcoming year as follows: **1) Beaver County--** Mayor Mark Yardley, Beaver City; **2) Garfield County--** Mayor Jerry Taylor, Escalante City; **3) Iron County--** Mayor Connie Robinson, Paragonah Town; **4) Kane County--** Mayor Nina Laycook, Kanab City; and **5) Washington County--** Mayor Darrin LeFevre, Toquerville City.

**B. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR - GARFIELD COUNTY**

Mr. Sizemore explained that the chair and vice-chair positions rotate this year to Garfield County. Commissioner Clare Ramsay will serve as Chair and Mayor Jerry Taylor will serve in the capacity of Vice-Chair.

**III. UTAH NATIONAL GUARD COMMUNITY COVENANT PROGRAM**

Captain David Jones indicated that he would assist Sergeant Durfee in presenting information on the Utah National Guard Community Covenant program. This video has been tailored from a similar presentation that is provided to mayors and city councils throughout the state of Utah. The major focus is to develop partnerships to support veterans and those soldiers who are being deployed into battlefields. The program allows communities to come together to pledge support for military family members. Signers of the covenant recognize and commit to acknowledge the sacrifice of service members. As soldiers are deployed, their families find strength through community awareness of their challenges and needs. Typical steps involved in establishing local participation in the program were outlined as follows: 1) Draft a city resolution designating a military liaison to the city for coordination of services and resources; 2) Form a collaborative group; and 3) Organize a community covenant signing ceremony. This is a formal way to acknowledge programs and combine resources and services that may be available. Several examples of signing ceremonies were shared and military staff are available to assist communities in creation of the covenant document. The Utah National Guard has established a goal to have each city and town in the state of Utah hold a signing ceremony. Each city is unique and the program is tailored locally with key leaders and organizations signing the covenant. Local media are also encouraged to attend these ceremonies to provide coverage of these events. It was reported that seven cities in this region have signed covenants and staff is currently working with another seven jurisdictions.

Mayor Laycook indicated that Kanab City is at the point where they need assistance in formulating the covenant document. A handout was provided which includes contact

information to obtain assistance in establishing this program. Commissioner Chad Johnson suggested that efforts be made to tie-in with local veteran's organizations that may exist in these communities as many of these groups are shrinking as members age and pass away. It is very important that support is offered to veterans who have served our country and younger veterans need to become more involved with these groups. Sergeant Durfee explained that their contact with other branches of the service and veterans is limited but communities can structure programs that reach out to veteran's organizations. Commissioner Denny Drake commented that Washington County and St. George City partnered in the covenant signing ceremony that was scheduled as part of a deployment event.

Mr. Sizemore asked that the Chair proceed to Agenda Item #V in order to accommodate previous commitments of Mr. Walt Steinvorth.

#### **V. UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRI-COUNTY COAL HAULING STUDY**

Mr. Walt Steinvorth, UDOT, reported that Region 4 UDOT staff requested assistance to analyze the needs and impacts associated with the Alton mine coal haul route. Three potential routes were studied, with the preferred route beginning on SR-89 to U-20, connecting with I-15 and proceeding to SR 56 towards Iron Springs. Pavement on these roadways is mostly in fair to good condition. The study took into consideration environmental constraints; safety of the corridor, including accident history; existing pavement and bridge constraints; and traffic analysis of intersection. The study of intersections determined that for the most part the level of service in these areas is acceptable. Construction implementations were grouped into three levels as follows: **1) Short Term--** Safety improvements for the period 0-3 years; **2) Medium Term--** Operational improvements to add lanes and widen shoulders; and **3) Long Term--** Capacity improvements/large capital investment projects including passing lanes and additional lane capacity at signalized intersections.

Mr. Steinvorth reviewed specific improvement projects recommended for each of the following roadways: **1) U.S. 89/S.R.143; 2) S.R. 20/I-15; 3) S.R. 56/Iron Springs Road; 4) U.S. 89/S.R. 14; 5) U.S. 89/Alton Road; 6) U.S. 89; 7) U.S. 89/S.R. 12; 8) U.S. 89/S.R. 20; 9) Northbound I-15/S.R. 56; and 10) S.R. 56.** The total cost of the improvements outlined in the study is \$14.5 million. Local government projects will also be required to provide improvements on Alton Road and the Iron Springs Road. The total cost for local projects is \$1.5 million. It was noted that the mine is not fully operational and is not running trucks to Iron Springs. Current mining operations are confined to private land and the coal is currently being shipped to Delta. It is anticipated that all coal on private land will be extracted within the next three years. Expansion onto adjacent federal land would increase the mine's life expectancy to approximately 40 years. At full operation, there will be 300 trips daily (150 trucks making round trips).

Commissioner Douglas Heaton acknowledged that the Alton Road is already experiencing deteriorating pavement problems that will increase as mining operations expand. He expressed interest in working with UDOT engineers to examine permanent solutions for local roadways. It was suggested that Kane County initiate contact with Monte Aldridge, UDOT Engineer, stationed in the Richfield office (435-893-4799) to discuss improvements that could address various roadway issues. Mr. Steinvorth explained that it is very

important to maintain safety for those individuals traveling on the Alton Road. He also suggested that initiating contact with UDOT Region 4 would be very beneficial to assist in moving projects up in priority. Region 4 staff are grappling with various road issues as well as finding money to address the most critical areas. Commissioner Heaton mentioned that truck drivers have been very good to stay within posted speed limits. Commissioner Denny Drake commented that as the mine expands onto federal land another funding option will become viable with the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board. Once mineral lease dollars come into play, it will become easier to access this funding mechanism.

Mr. Ken Platt encouraged elected officials to pursue assistance from UDOT earlier in the process rather than waiting for the mine expansion to occur. Mr. Steinvorth recommended that requests to UDOT need to be specific in terms of addressing the most critical projects first. He also suggested that elected officials work closely with Jim McConnell, Cedar City, to discuss maintenance dollars that may be available.

#### **IV. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING OVERVIEW**

Mr. Curt Hutchings provided background information regarding transportation programs administered by the Association of Governments. Those programs include: **1) Eastern Washington County Rural Planning Organization (RPO)**-- This RPO includes the communities of Hurricane, LaVerkin, Toquerville and Leeds as well as Washington County; **2) Iron County Rural Planning Organization**-- The Iron County RPO includes the communities of Cedar City, Enoch, Parowan, Paragonah, Brian Head and Kanarraville as well as Iron County; **3) Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMPO)**-- The DMPO includes the communities of St. George, Santa Clara, Ivins and Washington as well as Washington County; **4) Coordinated Human Service Transportation Planning**-- A coordinated transportation plan is required by the federal government when submitting application to fund items such as vans used to support senior citizen populations; and **5) Mobility Management**-- Provides the implementation side of coordinated transportation plan efforts. The Dixie MPO develops and prioritizes projects for funding in the St. George urbanized area. Both of the RPO's develop and prioritize project lists for submission to UDOT for funding consideration. He reviewed some of the results of these programs and transportation projects for which the DMPO has provided seed monies. Participation in the above-mentioned transportation programs allows local elected officials the opportunity to become engaged in funding and decision making processes.

Myron Lee explained that the Dixie MPO has two different budget processes. The \$500,000 listed on the handout provides funding for salaries and benefits, with approximately one-half of this budget set aside to fund various types of transportation studies in the urbanized area. The MPO also receives federal funding of approximately \$2 million each year that is programmed into various projects as seed money. Once funding is programmed to many of these projects, the Utah Transportation Commission recognizes local commitment and has typically provided large amounts of state funds to support construction of projects such as the Dixie Drive Interchange, Milepost 2 Exit, and the Southern Parkway. Other projects such as the widening of Dixie Drive and Washington Fields Road have resulted from programming of these federal funds. It was noted that jurisdictions must also provide match funding towards these projects. He reviewed a transportation road network map taken from the Dixie MPO Long Range Transportation Plan depicting future demand on local roadways out to the year 2040.

**VI. U.S. FOREST SERVICE FACA COMMITTEE NOMINATION(S)**

Mr. Sizemore referenced information contained on pages 18-20 of the packet containing a nomination for the FACA National Advisory Committee which will be used for implementation of the National Forest Service Land Management Planning Rule. Southern Utah University has provided a nomination for Dr. Briget Eastep, Director of Outdoor Engagement and Assistant Professor of Outdoor Recreation, for consideration on this committee. Committee members felt that it was vital that several nominations be provided in order to protect public lands. It was pointed out that the deadline for nominations is February 13<sup>th</sup>. Brian Cottam reported that Dr. Eastep is an expert on outdoor education and serves on the resource advisory committee for the SUU mountain ranch. Mr. Sizemore commented that he has also worked with Dr. Eastep and feels that she would do a good job in this capacity. This is a national committee that will consist of 21 members that will be chosen from three categories as follows: **1) Category 1--** Public at large, state elected official, county or local elected official, American Indian Tribes; **2) Category 2--** Environmental conservation, disbursed recreation, archaeology, historic or scientific organization; **3) Category 3--** Timber, grazing, energy, community development, outdoor recreation, off highway vehicle, etc. Each category will ultimately consist of seven individuals to make up the 21 member committee. There is no limit to the number of nominations that can be submitted. The committee will meet 3-4 times annually or as determined at the federal level, but the notice does not say where these meetings will be held.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS HEATON TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON FOR THE TIMBER/ENERGY SLOT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS HEATON TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER DIRK CLAYSON FOR THE COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL SLOT. A short discussion ensued and Commissioner Heaton withdrew the nomination.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER ALAN GARDNER FOR THE COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL SLOT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAD JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS HEATON TO NOMINATE BYARD KERSHAW FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE SLOT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MAYOR NINA LAYCOOK. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS HEATON TO NOMINATE DUSTIN COX FOR THE GRAZING SLOT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. KEN PLATT AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CHAD JOHNSON TO NOMINATE MIKE NOEL FOR THE STATE ELECTED OFFICIAL SLOT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CHAD JOHNSON TO NOMINATE DR. BRIGET EASTEP FOR THE SCIENTIFIC SLOT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Sizemore asked that commissioners followup with those nominated to request biographical information that will be required to submit the nomination.

**VII. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE UPDATE**

None.

**VIII. UTAH DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES UPDATE**

Ms. Jan Thompson, DWS, indicated that information regarding the proposed merger with DWS and Housing and Community Development is provided on pages 21-22 of the packet. Over the past month, the DWS deputy directors have met with each of the AOG executive directors to answer questions and discuss issues associated with melding these departments. Strategic partnerships have been outlined and DWS has committed to make no program changes through at least FY 2013. Governor Herbert has promised no changes to local service delivery. Any program changes must be agreed upon by DWS and the AOGs with final approval by the Governor. In addition, there will be no changes made in how CIB funds are managed. Mr. Sizemore pointed out that the physical move is happening and the Division of Housing and Community Development is moving into a DWS building. Legislation has been filed to address changes that will be required in state code. It appears that all promises have been kept in terms of structure of the division. However, both DWS and the AOGs are keeping a close eye on this legislation to monitor how it proceeds. One major concern of the AOG Directors is that nowhere in state government will there be any reference to community development.

Ms. Thompson stressed that the Department of Workforce Services has employees in each of the local employment centers to provide on-site assistance to clients. There are also local telephone numbers at each of these employment centers. A handout was shared containing economic information for each of the five counties. For the first time since the recession, positive job growth is being reported in each of the five counties.

**IX. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY UPDATE**

Mr. Brian Cottam, Southern Utah University (SUU), reported that Dorian Page was in northern Utah working with the Legislature to address issues of importance to the University. The largest endowment of \$4 million was recently provided to SUU by Walter Gibson to provide scholarships and research projects. The new Science Center will be named after Mr. Gibson and will house the SUU Museum of Natural History. The grand opening of the new science center is scheduled for April 2, 2012. The Sorenson Foundation has provided a \$1 million donation for the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA). There has currently been \$9 million dollars in contributions for SUMA and the total project cost is estimated at \$12 million. Ground breaking for this facility is anticipated to occur sometime this summer. SUU has been named to the Princeton Review's 2012 Best Value Colleges.

Mr. Cottam announced that the Southern Utah Renewable Energy Fair is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Milford High School. During this event, the new renewable energy mobile trailer will be unveiled. The mobile trailer will be utilized in conjunction with the Southwest ATC to provide education, information and training throughout the region. He also announced that the next Southern Utah Planning Authorities Council (SUPAC) meeting will be held March 13, 2012 at the Interagency Visitor Center in St. George. One item of interest in conjunction with this meeting is a morning field trip provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss jurisdictional waters as well as visit sites in and around St. George. Members of the Steering Committee are encouraged to attend and participate in the field trip and afternoon meeting. An update will also be provided on Secure Rural Schools and PILT funding.

Mr. Cottam reminded committee members that the Regional Services Office at SUU is still working with contract employees in Washington and Kane counties. Mr. Ed Meyer is on contract in Kanab with SUU to partner with a number of economic development groups.

#### **X. DIXIE STATE COLLEGE (DSC) UPDATE**

Mr. Rick Palmer, Dixie State College, reported that Frank Lojko is also at the Legislature working to secure additional funding for various programs and projects. The Jeffrey Holland Centennial building is on schedule and the move into this facility is scheduled to occur in June. He reported that several older buildings including the Whitehead building will be torn down. A number of new buildings are planned to accommodate program growth as well as the newly approved arts, music, and science degrees. Dixie State College is continuing to experience rapid growth with approximately 9,000 students this year.

#### **XI. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES**

Ms. Ellen Schunk, Senator Lee's Office, indicated that Marreen Casper sends her apology for not being able to attend today's meeting. Senator Lee will be spending a considerable amount of time working to de-regulate various things that the federal government does that impact businesses. He will also continue to pursue a balanced budget amendment prior to increasing the debt limit. She reported that the comment period for sage grouse has been extended to March 23, 2012. Efforts are underway to develop a state management plan for sage grouse. Prairie Dog issues are continuing to surface with additional problems being brought forth. There is currently no legal solution, but staff is pursuing alternative options to deal with the issues. She provided copies of a news release from Senator Lee in regard to the Constitution authorizing the president to appoint federal judges and executive officers under certain conditions. President Obama recently made several appointments without Senate approval by stating that the Senate was in recess. Senator Lee is challenging these appointments because no formal steps were taken for the Senate to be in recess.

Mr. Mike Empey, Congressman Matheson's Office, reported that a new transportation bill introduced in the House of Representatives is in committee and is expected to be on the floor next week for debate. This is a five year bill for legislation that expired two years ago. However, there is concern that there may not be enough votes to pass this legislation. As currently drafted, the bill would eliminate scenic byways which are used to connect most of the national parks. It also threatens continuance of the transportation enhancement program. Language in the bill may also eliminate smaller Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). Congressional staff requested a letter from the Dixie MPO that

addresses concerns regarding the possible elimination of smaller MPOs. A transportation bill has also been introduced in the Senate but it only provides for two years of funding and is very different from legislation introduced in the House. Leaders now fear that it may not be possible to pass a new transportation bill.

Congressman Matheson sent a letter to Secretary Salazar regarding sage grouse and the recent reduction of areas available for oil shale development. The Congressman feels that the government should not be in the business of dictating technology and determining what will or will not work. Congressman Matheson also continues to support PILT and Secure Rural Schools funding.

## **XII. LOCAL AFFAIRS**

### **A. CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioner Denny Drake indicated that he needed to depart in order to keep other meeting commitments. He discussed an issue of importance in terms of burn windows that may be allowed for communities and counties in the Five County region. It may be in the best interest of the region to develop a letter supporting burn windows over a specific time period.

Mr. Sizemore introduced Rick and Bette Arial and noted that Ms. Arial is working for the Southerland Institute. Mr. Arial announced that he is working on Dave Clark's election campaign.

Mr. Sizemore announced that Sherri Dial's husband, Jeff, has passed away suddenly. Jeff has served as the 911 center manager for St. George City for over 20 years. A sympathy card was passed around for everyone to sign and the AOG will be sending flowers. This will be a very difficult time for Sherri. Funeral services will be held on Saturday and a viewing will occur on Friday evening as well as prior to the services. Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff mentioned that the Human Services Council will also be sending a flower arrangement.

Mr. Sizemore referenced information contained on page 23 of the packet outlining information on the Recycling Coalition of Southern Utah. Representatives of this group will be invited to provide information regarding the recycling initiative in southwest Utah. It will be a big challenge to get recyclables to urbanized areas, and various ideas will be shared with this committee.

Information is provided on page 24 of the packet announcing the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversified Agriculture Conference that will be held February 22-24, 2012 at the Davis Conference Center in Layton, Utah.

Mr. Sizemore congratulated Ms. Carolyn White on her recent appointment to serve as the Second Vice President of the Utah School Boards Association. In this capacity she will represent all school board members throughout the state of Utah.

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

None.

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

Mr. Sizemore reviewed a handout outlining projects from the Five County Region which were funded during the February meeting of the Permanent Community Impact Board. Several of the region's projects received grants; some were funded at zero percent, several projects were funded at a 2.5% interest rate and/or with a combination of grant/zero percent loans. For the first time, the loan program is returning more funding than what is coming into the program from mineral leases. A copy of CIB capital improvement list prioritization meetings was provided for those interested in attending.

**D. PLANNING ASSISTANCE**

None.

**E. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Sizemore announced that the selection committee recently conducted interviews for the Chief Financial Officer position opening at the Association of Governments. A total of 62 applications were submitted, and nine very qualified individuals were interviewed. The position was offered to and accepted by Scott Leavitt who is a current employee of the Five County AOG. The selection committee was very impressed with Scott's educational credentials and feels very positive about this selection. This will necessitate recruitment for Scott's current position in the near future.

**XIII. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS**

Chairman Ramsay referenced one A-95 review late arrival for consideration. The review has a supportive staff recommendation.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS HEATON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, TO APPROVE THE LATE ARRIVAL AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2012 in Beaver. The meeting will be held at the Beaver County Administration Building.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS HEATON. MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM # III.**

**Five County Association of Governments  
Community and Economic Development Programs**



The Five County Association of Governments Community and Economic Development staff currently provides program support for the HUD Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG); Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB) regional coordination; Economic Development Administration (EDA) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy implementation; Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan development; Circuit Rider Planning; and Technical Planning Assistance.

Community & Economic Development Program staff provide resources and professional staff assistance to local jurisdictions. Regional planning activities provide access to potential state and federal funding. Three professional planners and a certified program specialist assist local leaders in efforts to collaboratively plan, prepare and implement programs that help develop viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities.

<b>Selected Programs and Amount of Funding</b>	
<p><b><u>Community Development Block Grant Program</u></b>                      Housing and Community Development Act - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Utah Department of Community and Culture. The Housing and Urban Development Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, awards grants to units of general local government to carry out community development activities. Prioritization of projects funded in the Five County region is made by the Steering Committee acting as the Regional Review Committee, through locally approved Rating and Ranking criteria adopted annually by the Steering Committee. Local communities and counties utilize this important source of funding to meet needs of low or moderate income individuals, senior citizens and other beneficiaries. CDBG funds also support the annual update of the regional Consolidated Plan that identifies priorities for HUD investments in the region.</p> <p><b><u>Four local and one regional project were funded in FY2011:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$116,727 to Cedar City on behalf of Cedar Housing Authority – Second year of two-year funding totaling \$300,000 for construction of elderly and disabled housing units.</li> <li>• \$150,000 to Washington City on behalf of Color Country Community Housing, Inc. – Year 2 of two-year funding totaling \$300,000 for renovation of supportive housing units that were being procured. (Note: This funding was subsequently returned to region for reallocation in FY2012).</li> <li>• \$150,000 to Beaver City on behalf of Beaver Housing Authority. Second year of two-year funding totaling \$300,000 for acquisition and rehabilitation of 15 units of affordable housing.</li> <li>• \$138,916 to Cedar City on behalf of Iron County Care &amp; Share for Homeless Center expansion.</li> <li>• \$140,000 to the Five County Association of Governments for technical assistance, program delivery and planning assistance. This is final year of CDBG use for direct planning assistance.</li> </ul> <p>(Please see our web site at <a href="http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/programs/community/cdbg.php">http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/programs/community/cdbg.php</a> for a complete list of projects funded with CIB in FY2011, and from its beginning in 1982 through 2010.)</p>	<p><b>\$695,643 (FY 2011)</b></p>
<p><b><u>Community Impact Loan Fund Board Regional Coordination</u></b>                      The Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (PCIFB) provides loans and/or grants to state agencies and subdivisions of the state which have or may be socially or economically impacted by mineral resource development on federal lands. Lease holders on public land make royalty payments to the federal government for the development and production of non-metalliferous minerals. In Utah, the primary source of these royalties is the commercial production of fossil fuels on federal land. A portion of royalty payments, called mineral lease payments, is returned to the state. The state of Utah then allocates 32.5% of the royalties as Permanent Community Impact Funds. The PCIFB accepts and reviews applications which are submitted by an eligible applicant for an eligible project.</p> <p>In the two CIB application trimesters since the Five County AOG Annual Report was presented in October 2011, a total of 9 new projects in Five County region received PCIFB funding totaling \$20,015,800 of which \$3,696,800 was grant funds and \$16,319,000 as low- or zero interest loans.</p> <p>The PCIFB also provides \$100,000 annually to fund the Regional Planning Program (RPP) in southwestern Utah. This program of the PCIFB funds planning staff at the AOG to provide technical assistance to potential applicants, as well as assisting in planning for and prioritizing future capital improvement projects eligible for PCIFB assistance.</p> <p>This is one of the most important and widely utilized funding sources for community development projects in Utah. (Please see our web site at <a href="http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/programs/community/capital.php">http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/programs/community/capital.php</a> for a list of projects funded with CIB in FY2011.)</p>	<p><b>\$20,015,800 funded to date in current Fiscal year</b></p>

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

<p><b><u>Economic Development Administration/Revolving Loan Fund</u></b>          Southwest Utah is designated as an Economic Development District and pursues an aggressive regional economic development program centered on a comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDs). Staff coordinate with local economic development professionals, the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, and public land managers.</p> <p>The Five County Association of Governments manages the Five County Economic Development District Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). The purpose of the fund is to create permanent, long-term jobs within the southwestern region of Utah by providing "gap" financing to qualified businesses for eligible activities. Funds are available in across the region. Funds may be used for land and building acquisition, purchase of machinery and equipment, building construction and/or renovation (with restrictions) and working capital (including inventory, accounts receivable, and labor).</p> <p>To learn more about this funding, please visit the web site: <a href="http://www.SouthernUtahLoans.com">http://www.SouthernUtahLoans.com</a></p>	<p>EDA \$61,000          Local Match          \$26,143</p> <p>RLF lent          \$761,837.34 to six          companies in FY          2011. Eighteen          outstanding loans.</p>
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<p><b><u>Circuit Rider Planning</u></b>          Garfield County participates in a circuit rider planner program. A professional planner is employed as Five County AOG staff, but live and work in the county served. Justin Fischer, who resides in Panguitch, currently fills this role.</p> <p>Participating communities and the counties contribute funds pursuant to agreements made by local officials. This arrangement has allowed the planners to provide services to all participating jurisdictions at the levels agreed upon. Salaries and benefits are administered by the Association of Governments.</p>	<p>Garfield County –          \$68,162          Garfield County          Communities –          \$19,050</p>
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<p><b><u>Planning Contracts</u></b>          Currently Kanab City contracts with the Association for 30 hours per month of professional planning staff. The Association's Senior Planner Darren Janes currently is fulfills the responsibilities of this contract.</p> <p><b><u>Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning</u></b>          The Association completed work on a 5 year update to the FEMA Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP). It has been approved by FEMA and adopted by St. George City and Hurricane City. Adoption by at least two jurisdictions was necessary for the Association to then promulgate the Plan out to all of the jurisdictions in Utah. This will take place in late March through April in the form of a set of CD-ROMs containing the FEMA approved Plan. Each jurisdiction in southwestern Utah (towns, cities and counties) will be asked to adopt by resolution.</p> <p>The Association has been granted an extension to the original contract from the State of Utah in order to complete a separate "stand-alone" NHMP for the three Bands of the Paiute Tribe of Utah located in the Five County region.</p>	<p>Kanab City \$8,400</p> <p>FEMA/State of Utah          \$75,000</p>
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## AGENDA ITEM # IV-A.

### LEGAL NOTICES

**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 2012 CDBG Small Cities Program:

Five County AOG - CDBG Program Administration, Consolidated Plan Planning, Economic Development (ED) Technical Assistance and Program Delivery. This is an on-going project which provides CDBG program administration, updating the regional Consolidated Plan, program delivery for the Revolving Loan Fund, HOME and Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance Programs, Economic Development Technical Assistance 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, March 14, 2012 in the Beaver County Administration Building, Commission Chambers, 105 East Center, Beaver, UT.

### LEGAL NOTICES

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) 673-3548 or [dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov](mailto:dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov)

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 # IV-B.**

**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 March 14, 2012 and will end April 14, 2012. 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.fivecounty.utah.gov](http://www.fivecounty.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, March 14, 2012 at the Beaver County Admin. Bldg., Commission Chambers, 105 E. Center, Beaver, UT.**

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

**Publish in "The Spectrum" Sunday, March 11, 2012.**

**FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**Consolidated Plan**

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2012**

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## **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 2012 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 a number of years officials in the more urbanized areas of our region focused on workforce housing issues, while in the more rural areas the focus was on programs and funding for traditional low income housing programs. The 2008-2011 recession created less of an impetus for focus on these issues. The decrease in housing prices has opened new opportunities for low to moderate income families to enter the homeowner status, but that has been tempered by more stringent credit policies.
- Southwestern Utah leaders continue to pursue efforts to end chronic homelessness, but those efforts must compete with other priorities. The Housing First concept is being implemented in the region.
- Visioning processes such as Vision Dixie (Washington County) and Iron Destiny (Iron County) focused on means by which communities could help reduce housing costs. Some of the ideas discussed included improving permitting processing and re-evaluating impact fee structures. Another option that could be considered is implementation of design standards for higher density housing models. Economic conditions brought about by the housing downturn and economic recession have lowered the cost of housing, but that advantage has been coupled with a severe tightening of credit requirements. Potential home buyers will continue to be challenged in obtaining credit in a changing 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 Down Payment Assistance Program and to a small degree a regional Down Payment Assistance Program.

#### 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.

## **AGENDA ITEM # IV-B. (Continued)**

- A three-fold evaluation process has identified focus communities in the region. The Housing Condition Windshield Survey completed in 2009 was compared with a voluntary community self-assessment and community development program staff knowledge and expertise. The focus communities identified below continue to be a regional priority. These 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)

The Association Staff has worked with a number of these communities in 2011 to undertake several activities as follows:

- In the past several years we have assisted the town in securing funding to construct a new fire station and obtaining a wildland capable fire truck.
- Big Water- Assisted the community to obtain grant funding that enabled them to develop two phases of a community park and playground. This park has greatly improved the lives of the citizens of this small rural community. Assisted the community in obtaining funding for a community wastewater system. Households in the community currently dispose of wastewater via individual septic systems.
- The AOG staff assisted Enoch in developing an Affordable Housing Plan.
- The AOG staff over the past several years has assisted Hatch in the funding for and construction of a community center. We also assisted them in the processes for renovating their fire station for energy efficiency. The AOG staff is currently working with the town to obtain funding for a new fire truck to occupy the renovated station.
- Assisted the community in submitting an application for funding for a major road condition upgrade throughout the community. We have also recently been involved in funding for curb, gutter sidewalk upgrades in specific low-moderate income eligible portions of the city. We are also preparing to assist them with updating their affordable housing plan and obtain funding for a replacement fire station on the west side of the City.
- Assisted the community in 2011 in updating their affordable housing plan and obtaining funding for a Geologic Hazards study.
- Assisted Leeds in securing technical assistance for reviewing a major residential development proposal.

### 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, the Five County AOG's continuation of a regional priorities which include a focus on the Revolving Loan Fund as well as other technical assistance continues to be vital. We are currently providing contracted technical planning assistance to Kanab City for current planning.

## **AGENDA ITEM # IV-B. (Continued)**

- Projects in 2011 included finalization 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 development of an updated Kane County General Plan and Resource Management Plan; Geologic Hazard Study development; and affordable housing plan development.

### **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 2011 through job retention/creation was 119 and 84 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 2011 was 48, all of which qualified as LMI.

**Beaver County: 1) Beaver City on behalf of the Beaver City Housing Authority--** The Beaver City Housing Authority has acquired a 15 unit complex and is in the process of rehabilitating these units to provide additional low-income housing opportunities in Beaver. Two units have been completely rehabilitated and the remaining 13 units are expected to be completed by the end of 2012. Proposed beneficiaries total 15 low-income households. This project will provide decent, safe and affordable housing for residents in the community.

**Iron County: 1) Cedar City on behalf of the Cedar City Housing Authority (CCHA)--** The CCHA 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. Demolition of the single family residence adjacent to the current facility has been completed and a pre-bid qualification of contractors has occurred. Final bidding for the project is anticipated to be completed in the next few months, with construction to follow in late spring or early summer. 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 I of the project was completed in the spring of 2011 and provides emergency housing for approximately 18 men, 12 women, and one family unit. 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. A second injection of CDBG funds in the amount of \$138,916 was provided in 2011 for construction of Phase II of the homeless shelter. This

## **AGENDA ITEM # IV-B. (Continued)**

includes addition of a second family suite, expansion of dining room facility and 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;

**Washington County: 1) Washington City on behalf of Color Country Community Housing, Inc.**-- Notification was provided by CCCHI during the last year that this project would not be able to proceed because they were unable to sell the tax credits. Losing the ability to acquire and rehabilitate these 24 units places even more pressure on agencies trying to provide affordable housing in Washington County. The project would have improved livability and sustainability, while providing decent affordable housing for low-income individuals.

### **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 2011 were evaluated utilizing the matrix and recommendations for funding were presented to the Rating & Ranking Committee for prioritization. A copy of the FY 2012 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 2011 forums, by county, included:

**Beaver County**-- Expanded transportation services including more affordable transportation from Beaver to Cedar and employment centers in western Beaver County; Increase in homeless individuals/families and the need for emergency shelter; the need for increased Behavioral Health services; and the need for trained childcare providers for youth with disabilities.

**Garfield County**-- Organized after school activities for middle-aged children that are not involved in sporting activities; increased mental health resources; Transportation for people with disabilities to more populated towns such as Cedar City and St. George; Increased daycare options for children with disabilities.

## **AGENDA ITEM # IV-B. (Continued)**

**Iron County**-- Head Start Program administered by Southern Utah University provides preschool services in southwestern Utah but has a very large waiting list for serving new clients; Expanded public transportation opportunities for people with disabilities, especially in outlying areas; Day care options provided by trained child care providers for youth with disabilities.

**Kane County**-- The need for expanded behavioral health services for clients that may not have appropriate health coverage; and the need for expanded day care options of trained child care providers for youth with disabilities.

**Washington County**-- The major topic of discussion was the need for expanded public transportation for handicapped individuals; the provision of public transportation services to the Purgatory area, WalMart locations, the Doctor's Free Clinic, and outlying areas such as Ivins, Santa Clara, Hurricane and LaVerkin. Another topic of discussion was the need for trained childcare providers for youth with disabilities.

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

## **AGENDA ITEM # IV-B. (Continued)**

### **3) Cedar City Housing Authority-- Transitional Housing (\$13,912.00)**

The Washington County School District McKinney Vinto Homeless funds were reduced 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:

- **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 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. Includes wastewater disposal 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.
- **Community Facilities/Public Services- -** Regional support will 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 does not include facilities that are primarily recreational in nature.

## **AGENDA ITEM # IV-B. (Continued)**

- **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.
- **Parks and Recreation**- - Jurisdictions will continue to foster projects 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 will 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.
- Continue to champion support for 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 2010-11 CDBG funding):

**Five County Region: 1) Consolidated Plan Planning, Administration, Rating and Ranking**-- AOG staff will provide assistance to communities in updating the regional Consolidated Plan, general CDBG program administration and 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**

## **AGENDA ITEM # IV-B. (Continued)**

**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, HOME rehabilitation of existing housing units to enhance health and safety through addressing health code and safety concerns.

**Beaver County: 1) Beaver City on Behalf of the Beaver City Housing Authority (BCHA)**-- The BCHA has acquired a 15-unit complex to provide additional housing opportunities for low-income families. The BCHA is in the process of rehabilitating these units. Proposed beneficiaries total 15 lower income households. The project will provide decent, safe and affordable housing to these 15 families; **2) Minersville Town**-- The town of Minersville has submitted a multi-year application to expand the current size and scope of the town's existing library. This project will provide for expansion of the children's collection, ample space to allow all library activities to be held within the building, as well as to provide additional computer space to the public. The project will enhance availability and sustainability in the community. The total projected cost is \$307,200. The total number of beneficiaries is 907, with 66.9% LMI persons benefitting.

**Garfield County: 1) Hatch Town**-- The town of Hatch is proposing to purchase a new "Pump and Roll" fire truck. This vehicle is needed to replace the old truck which is experiencing several mechanical issues. The town is requesting \$150,000 from CDBG funds, the county is providing \$38,000 and the town is contributing \$4,331 towards the purchase. The provision of dependable service is imperative to the health and safety of the residents of Hatch. Purchase of this pumper truck will improve the liveability and sustainability for residents. The projected number of beneficiaries is 121, with 61.98% being low-to-moderate income beneficiaries.

**Iron County: 1) Cedar City on behalf of the Cedar Housing Authority**-- The CCHA is proposing to purchase scattered single family lots for the development of low income single family homes. These homes will be occupied by low income families in accordance with the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program targeting families earning 60% or less of the AMI for Iron County. Utah Housing Corporation will provide tax credits to be purchased by American Express. In the event that the price of single family lots is too high to purchase more than 4, CCHA would consider purchasing a lot large enough to build a multi-family housing project. This project would be funded through USDA Rural Development and would target families earning 30% or less of AMI. Either of the proposed projects will provide the opportunity for decent, safe and affordable housing. The projected number of households benefitting from this project is 6 to 18, with all low/moderate income beneficiaries; and **2) Iron County**- - Iron County is proposing expand the Beryl Fire Station with two additional bays, an office area as well as classroom space to accommodate training activities 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 80.1% are low-to-moderate income beneficiaries.

**AGENDA ITEM # IV-B. (Continued)**

**Five County Association of Governments**

**Consolidated Plan - Action Plan 2012**

**Kane County: 1) Big Water Town--** The town is proposing to construct a new sewer system to serve the community. CDBG funds in the amount of \$150,000 are being requested to provide LMI households assistance with costs associated with installing sewer laterals to the homes. It is estimated that approximately 100 households would qualify as LMI and be eligible to participate in this program. Some type of tiered system will be developed that would provide assistance to the most needy households. Costs associated with locating, pumping out and filling areas where septic tanks are located would be included as an eligible cost. The project will improve the liveability and sustainability of the community. The total number of beneficiaries is approximately 100, all of which will be LMI eligible; and **2) Orderville Town--** The town is proposing to install a backup power generator for the Red Hollow culinary water well. A major upgrade to the culinary water system was completed in 2008 which included reconstruction of a failing water tank at the Red Hollow site, as well as a new culinary water well equipped with a submersible pump. There are currently two water wells located at this site which serve as the primary source of water for the town. In order to provide reliable service during periods when a power outage occurs, the town would like to install a propane or diesel powered backup generator. The provision of dependable service is imperative to the health and safety of residents living in Orderville. The project will improve the liveability and sustainability for residents. The total number of beneficiaries is 577, of which 51% are low to moderate income.

**AGENDA ITEM # V.**

**Five County Association of Governments**

**2012 Community Needs Assessment**  
**YOUR COMMUNITY ACTION**  
**FREE PUBLIC FORUMS**

The free forums are open to health care professionals, consumers, educators, advocates, the public, and others with an interest in issues or services for economically disadvantaged individuals and families.

Families who work for low wages face impossible choices — lack of or poor transportation, buy food or heat the house, feed the children or pay the rent.

**Beaver County**

Thursday, April 19, 2012  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Beaver City Library  
55 West Center  
Beaver, Utah

**Garfield County**

Thursday, April 26, 2012  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Panguitch Fire Station  
40 North 100 East  
Panguitch, Utah

**Iron County**

March 29, 2012  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Festival Hall, Rms 1 & 2  
105 North 100 East  
Cedar City, Utah

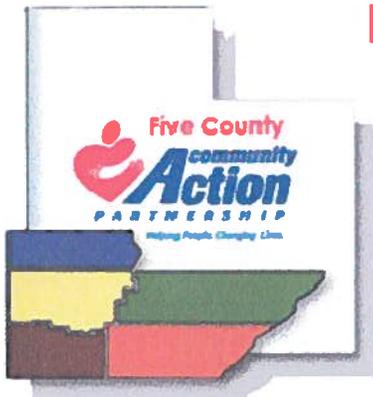
**Kane County**

Thursday, April 12, 2012  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Express  
217 South 100 East  
Kanab, Utah

**Washington County**

Thursday, April 5, 2012  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
St. George Main Branch  
88 West 100 South  
St. George, UT 84770

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**FOR THE COMMUNITY?**  
**Make Plans To Attend**



**Forum Sponsor:**  
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**435-673-3548, ext 129**

## **AGENDA ITEM # VI.**

### **Five County Association of Governments Revolving Loan Fund Board Appointments March 2012**

The Five County Association of Governments has operated a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) since July 1986. The RLF is intended to provide supplemental financing to start-up and growing businesses in the region that may not be able to generate adequate capital from private sector lenders. The RLF “fills the gap” between available private sector debt and equity capital and the owner’s capital resources. In 25 years of operation, the RLF has injected more than \$7.6 million into 117 business deals, resulting in the creation of more than 760 jobs.

The RLF is operated pursuant to policies outlined in the regional Revolving Loan Fund Plan adopted in July 1987 and last amended in November 2010. The amended Plan increases the number of positions on the Loan Administration Board from seven to nine. The Board structure is as follows:

The RLF is administered by the Five County Loan Administration Board. The nine (9) member board is composed of the following:

- 2 Bankers
- 2 Business Owners/Managers
- 1 Utah Workforce Services Western Regional Council Representative
- 1 Five County Economic Development District Representative
- 1 Equity/Investment Representative
- 1 Chamber of Commerce Representative
- 1 County or Municipal Attorney

This board is responsible to the Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee. The members of the Board serving because of another affiliation remain on the Board for the duration of their terms of office in the related affiliation. Five County Loan Administration Board members serve for two-year terms. The terms are staggered so that two terms expire every two years. Members are appointed by the Steering Committee, and may be reappointed to additional terms. The Steering Committee may dismiss any Board member for cause. One reason for dismissal for cause is the absence of a member from three (3) consecutive meetings.

We are proposing that one of the banker slots be filled by **Darrin Duncan** from State Bank of Southern Utah in Cedar City. Darrin is a long-time State Bank employee who works in the auditing portion of bank operations.

Brock Belnap, Washington County Attorney, has agreed to assign one of his deputy attorneys to fill the attorney slot. We hope to have a name for approval at the March meeting.

Richard VanAusdahl is retiring from his position at the Southwest ATC in May. We will ask for a replacement nominee at the next Workforce Services Regional Council meeting. Suggestions for the Workforce Services and the two business owner/manager slots will be considered at the June meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM # XIII-B.**

*Five County Association of Governments*

**\* \* MEMORANDUM \* \***

To: Ken Sizemore, Executive Director  
From: Curt Hutchings, Transportation Planning Manager   
Date: March 1, 2012  
Subject: Out-of-state travel authorization

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In accordance with the established policy of the Five County Association of Governments, I am requesting out-of-state travel approval to attend the 2012 Annual Peer Learning Conference of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO)

NADO is the national organization that supports rural planning and in particular RPOs, the conference is scheduled for April 25-27<sup>th</sup> in Burlington, VT. The conference will bring together transportation, regional planning and economic development professionals together with local officials, state DOT staff and stakeholders from rural and small metropolitan areas across the nation for three days of learning with peers. The conference offers training to help better understand issues facing rural transportation planning and therefore benefitting the two RPOs in our region and includes coordination with metropolitan planning organizations.

There are sufficient travel funds in my program budgets to cover the estimated costs as outlined below:

<b>Type</b>	<b>Costs</b>
Airfare	\$791
Conference Registration	\$250
Hotel	\$516 (\$129/night for four nights)
Per Diem	<u>\$170</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1727</b>

Thank You for your consideration.

Enclosure

*When & Where*

April 25 to April 27, 2012  
 Hilton Burlington Hotel  
 Burlington, VT

# 2012 National Rural Transportation Conference

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## Agenda & Presentations

### Wednesday, April 25th

9:00 am	Registration Opens
9:30 am to 11:30 am	Training Workshops
11:30 am to 1:00 pm	Lunch on Your Own
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Welcome and Opening Plenary, featuring keynote presentation by FHWA Deputy Administrator Greg Nadeau
2:00 pm to 2:45 pm	Federal Agency Town Hall
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Concurrent Training Sessions
4:15 pm to 5:00 pm	RPO America Annual Business Meeting and RPO Council Meeting, open to all attendees (will include an update on NADO legislative priorities)
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm	Networking Reception

### Thursday, April 26th

7:30 am	Networking Breakfast
8:00 am to 9:30 am	Plenary Session: RPO and MPO Innovative Practices
9:45 am to 10:45 am	Concurrent Training Sessions
11:00 am to 12:00 pm	Concurrent Training Sessions
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm	Plenary Speaker and Luncheon: Regional Transportation and Economic Competitiveness
1:45 pm to 5:00 pm	Mobile Workshop Training Sessions (select one when you register; included in conference registration fee)

### Friday, April 27th

Networking Breakfast		
2012 National Rural Transportation Conference   NADO.org		
7:45 am	8:30 am to 9:45 am	Conversation Cafe: Facilitated Small Group Discussions
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Closing plenary: Future Directions for Federal Surface Transportation Program	
12:45 pm to 4:00 pm	Optional Mobile Workshop: Burlington Bike Path and Island Line Trail Tour	

# Memo

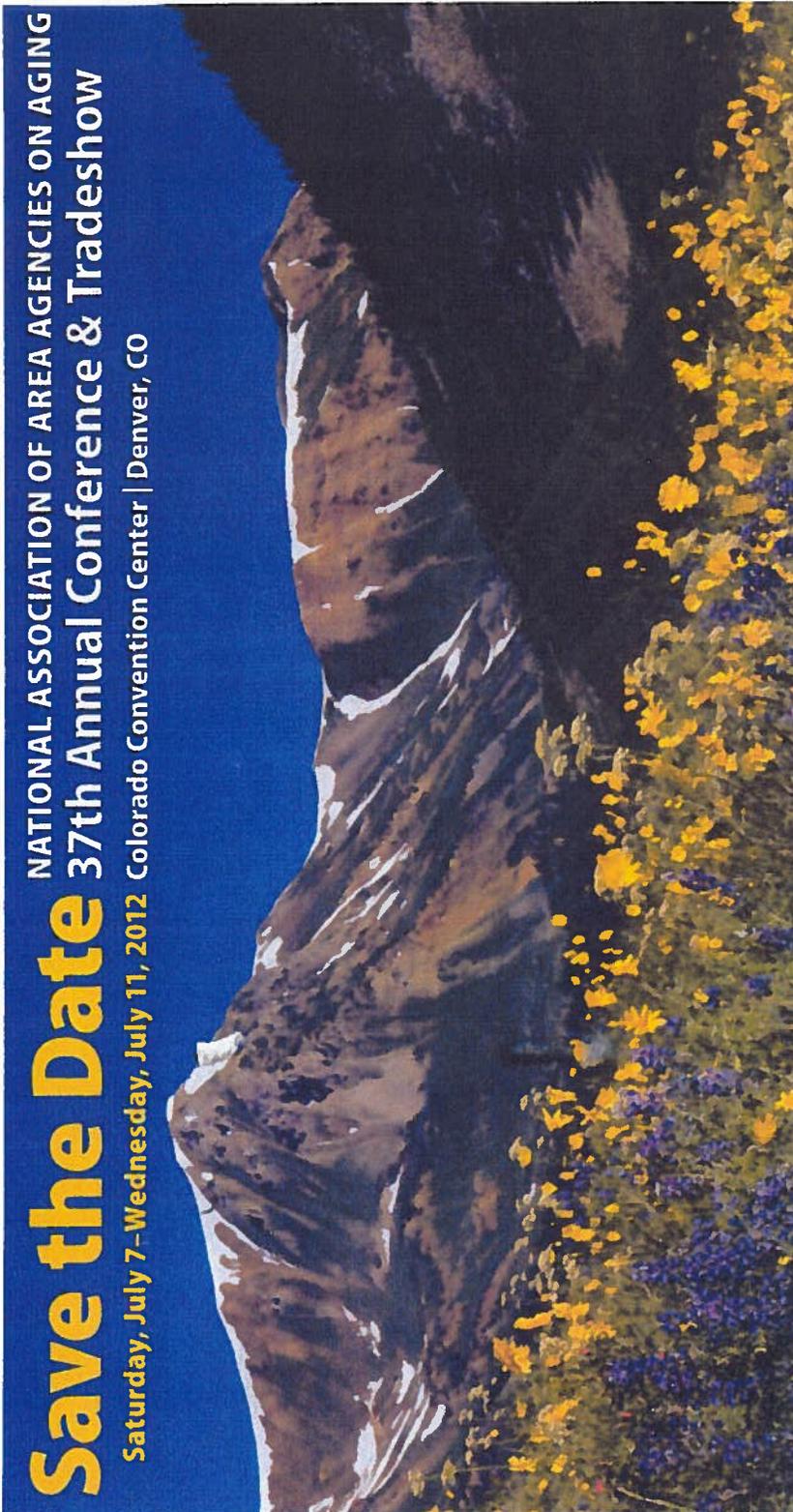
**To:** Ken Sizemore  
**From:** Carrie A. Schonlaw, SSV   
**Date:** 2/23/2012  
**Re:** Request for out of State Travel

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I am requesting permission for out of state travel to attend the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging Annual Conference being held this year in Denver, Colorado. The Conference will be held July 7-11<sup>th</sup>; with early registration starting in March.

With the conference location so close to Utah, this year provides a key opportunity as a new Director of Aging Services to attend. Having only been in my position for just over two years; this conference will be provide information and resources to help increase my knowledge and improve overall management of the programs and services provided to seniors in the Five County area. In addition, to the regular conference session; they sponsor a special track for new directors. We have also been encouraged to attend by our State and Federal funders; as well as other AAA Directors, across the State, who found the conference to be beneficial in helping manage and provide services to seniors.

In addition, I am requesting the option to drive to Denver rather than fly, if feasible and cost effective.



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- » Care Transitions programs
- » Medicaid managed care
- » Accountable Care Organizations, Health Homes
- » Private pay and cost-sharing
- » Partnerships with health providers
- » Volunteer roles and capacity
- » Livable communities for all ages
- » Technology and social media... and much, much more!

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	Early (By 6/7/2012)	Standard (After 6/7/2012)
n4a Member	\$465	\$515
Two or more from the same Agency	\$440 each	\$490 each
Non Member	\$540	\$615
Two or more from the same Agency	\$515 each	\$590 each
Title VI Native American Aging Program	\$220	\$245
One-Day Registration	\$265	\$290

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[www.n4a.org](http://www.n4a.org)

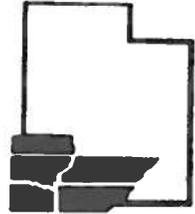


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**\*\* M E M O R A N D U M \*\***

**TO: KENNETH L. SIZEMORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**FROM: CAROL HOLLOWELL, VOLUNTEER PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL**

I am requesting permission to attend a workshop for Financial and Grants Management. The workshop is scheduled in St. Louis, MO on April 24-25, 2012. I was hoping I could have Scott Leavitt attend as well since he is assuming the new role of Chief Financial Officer.

Attached please find information from the Corporation for National & Community Service outlining this training.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

**Save the Date!**  
**April 24 – 25, 2012**



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**St. Louis, MO**

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**Amy Salinas at [CACconsulting@hotmail.com](mailto:CACconsulting@hotmail.com)**

**Meet me in St. Louis!**



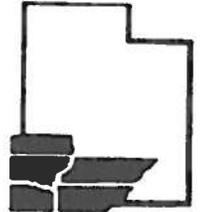
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**FROM: CAROL HOLLOWELL, VOLUNTEER PROGRAM DIRECTOR**  
**DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2012**  
**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL**

This year the National Conference on Volunteering and Service will be held in Chicago, IL from June 17-20, 2012. I am requesting authorization for travel for myself, Julie Duckett and Amy Brinkerhoff to attend. I would like to purchase the early bird registration so I can use the current RSVP travel budget. Each registration is \$250.00.

If you have further questions, please let me know.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

**AGENDA ITEM # XIV.**

**STEERING COMMITTEE**

**REVIEWS**

**AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS  
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V**

**NOTIFICATIONS - Supportive**

**March 14, 2012**

1. **Title:** **SULA 1728 - MILFORD BLOCK LAMBING SHED**
- Applicant:** **Trust Lands Administration**
- Description:** **SITLA grazing permittee, R. Larson Sheep Company, proposes to lease the lambing shed and corrals on trust lands located west of Milford. The lambing shed and corrals are all existing structures built by past grazing permittees. The proposal is to lease the facilities under an agricultural lease for 20 years. The permittee would also be allowed to stay in a camp trailer at the facilities..**

<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 02/23/2012</b>

**Comments: The Utah State School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration proposes to lease existing agricultural structures located west of Milford. R. Larson Sheep Company would be granted a 20 year lease. Regional policies support efforts to foster agricultural activities in appropriate locations. (Ken Sizemore)**

STEERING COMMITTEE

REVIEWS

AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS  
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V

NOTIFICATIONS - Supportive

March 14, 2012

2. Title: LARGE MINING & RECLAMATION PLAN APPROVAL  
FOR GOOD EARTH MINERALS, LLC (GEM MINE)

Applicant: Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

Description: The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is proposing to approve the Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations for the Gem Mine. Mining activities will affect the following area: Portions of the N1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4, Section 24, Township 43 South, Range 17 West, SLBM, Washington County, Utah.

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
	N/A	N/A	(Received 02/23/2012)

Comments: The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining proposes to authorize a large gypsum mining operation on approximately 13 acre3s of land southwest of St. George in an area known as Blakes Lambing Grounds. Previously authorized mining is already occurring on the site. Regional policies support prudent mining operations that comply with appropriate regulatory measures. Applications are being submitted to Washington County for conditional use approval. Local residents are expressing concerns with the proposed mining operations. (Ken Sizemore)

STEERING COMMITTEE

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FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V

NOTIFICATIONS - Supportive

March 14, 2012

1. Title: SPECIAL LEASE AGREEMENT NO. 1723

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: The State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration received a commercial lease application for 618.40 acres m/l. However, the applicant intends to keep any proposed development on approximately 66 acres m/l of the subject property.

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
	N/A	N/A	31400 (Received 03/02/2012)

Comments: The Utah State School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration proposes to lease 618 acres of land located just north of Kanab for a commercial lease. Approximately 66 acres will be used for development purposes. No applications have been filed with county or city land use authorities. Regional policies support SITLA development proposals as long as the appropriate local land use approvals are pursued and obtained. (Ken Sizemore)