

**The Federalism Commission and the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim
Committee Site Visit to the Central Wasatch Mountains**

Monday, September 16, 2019

10:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m.

1. Opening Remarks

- *Chris McCandless, Chair CWC, and Sandy City Councilman:* welcomed the committees and called for introductions from everyone present
- *Sen. Okerlund:* expressed appreciation on behalf of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee
- *Rep. Stratton:* expressed appreciation on behalf of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee and the Federalism Commission. He also discussed the purpose of the site visit and presented a few housekeeping items.

2. Overview of Central Wasatch Commission

- *Chris McCandless, Chair, CWC:* provided a brief history and purpose of the CWC

3. Salt Lake City Watershed

- *Laura Briefer, Director, Salt Lake City Public Utilities:* provided a brief overview and history of Salt Lake City Public Utilities

4. Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

- *Dave Whittkiend, Supervisor, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest:* Discussed visitation and recreation use levels of the tri-canyon area and the three T's: Transportation, Trails, Toilets, as well as fire and fuel problems

5. Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act

- *Ralph Becker, Executive Director, CWC:* provided history of legislation impacting the area and an overview of the Mountain Accord

6. Board the UTA Bus

7. Travel Little Cottonwood Canyon to Snowbird

- *John Thomas, UDOT, Project Manager:* Wasatch Blvd. has commuter and recreational traffic which affects those who live in the surrounding communities and discussed the challenge of developing a roadway corridor plan. How to address traffic through the canyon and do it safely?

8. Tram Ride

- *Dave Fields, General Manager of Snowbird:* pointed out land grab areas, discussed challenges in the canyon (avalanches, traffic, increase in recreation, etc.)

9. Snowbird Center

- *Wayne Neiderhauser, CWC:* discussed avalanche prevention and clean-up systems and solutions. Tolling can help decrease the traffic
- *Chris McCandless, CWC Chair, Sandy City Councilman:* discussed efforts to produce the draft federal legislation
- *Greg Summerhays, CWC chair of Stakeholder Council*

10. Tram Ride

- *Dr. Kelly Bricker, Vice Chair:* discussed the challenges of the canyons
- *Ralph Becker, Executive Director:* provided details of the land exchange

11. Travel Big Cottonwood Canyon to Solitude

12. Solitude

- *Kim Mayhew, Executive Manager, Solitude Resort:* discussed Solitude's transportation concerns, stated that the following day will be an official statement about parking pricing in the resort lots
- *Randy Doyle, Executive Manager, Brighton Resort:*
- *Blake Perez, Deputy Director, CWC:* Addressed transportation concerns in Big Cottonwood Canyon
- *Barbara Cameron, Chair, Big Cottonwood Community Council Chair, Brighton Resident:* Mentioned concern for future homeownership ease of access
- *Carl Fisher, Executive Director, Save Our Canyons:* spoke about stewardship of the land, preserving the environmental quality and wilderness qualities of the landscape
- *Rep. Kevin Stratton:* Made closing remarks

13. Group photo

14. Board UTA bus

15. Arrival at Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy

Attendees:

1. Sen. Ralph Okerlund
2. Sen. David Hinkins
3. Sen. Ronald Winterton
4. Rep. Keven Stratton
5. Rep. Carl Albrecht
6. Rep. Scott Chew
7. Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
8. Rep. Susan Duckworth
9. Rep. Phil Lyman
10. Rep. Casey Snider
11. Rep. Logan Wilde
12. Rep. Kay Christofferson
13. Sen. Kirk Cullimore
14. Sen. Kathleen Riebe
15. Mayor Jenny Wilson, Salt Lake County
16. Chris McCanless, CWC Chair and Councilman for Sandy City
17. Mike Reberg, Salt Lake County
18. Chris Robinson, Summit County Councilman
19. Ralph Becker, CWC Staff
20. Lindsey Nielsen, CWC Staff
21. Blake Perez, CWC Staff
22. Carly Lansche, CWC Staff
23. Katherine Kanter, Salt Lake County
24. Karin Rueff, Policy Analyst
25. Greg Summerhays, Chair of CWC Stakeholders Council
26. Kelly Bricker, Vice Chair of CWC Stakeholders Council

27. Sidnee Bailey, Administrative Assistant, Office of Legislative Research and General Council
28. Dave Whittekiend, U.S. Forest Service
29. Laura Briefer, Salt Lake City Public Utilities