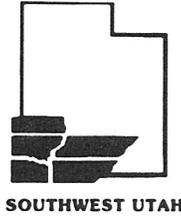


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STEERING COMMITTEE REVIEW

AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V

RECOMMENDATION - Conditional Support

April 15, 2020

Sale of Trust Lands - Red Knoll, Negotiated Sale C-26867 Project # 73283

Sponsor: Utah School & Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA)

Description: Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) has received a petition to sell three sections north of Kanab, in Kane County, containing approximately 1,786 acres. SITLA will complete a cultural resource survey prior to the sale. Section 32 has two leases; one to Kanab City for a well site, and one to Best Friends for Animals. Lands contained in these leases may be sold.

According to SITLA, these trust lands would be sold into private ownership and placed on Kane County tax rolls. They also indicate if this sale takes place the Kanab City well site lease on trust land would have a new lessor. Furthermore, SITLA states that mining sand on these parcels would not occur.

SITLA has notified local government through the Areawide Clearinghouse process. The response is pending the decision of the Five County Steering Committee Board. Each affected entity may also reply directly to SITLA.

Funding:	Amount	Agency	Project #
	N/A	SITLA	73283

Received 03/25/2020

COMMENTS:

Kane County and Kanab City were both contacted to receive direction on how the Association staff should present a recommendation to the Steering Committee on "support" (as proposed), "conditional" support (with mitigation and/or modifications) or an "opposed to" (project as proposed is unacceptable) determination by the Committee.

Kanab City responded with the following concerns with the sale of these SITLA parcels *:

1. Kanab currently lease a portion of one of the sections for one of our largest producing culinary water wells. This well is vital to the City's municipal water system and the City has major concern with the possibility of the property being sold.

2. One of the sections is directly in the water shed of the main aquifer that supplies Kanab City along with Best Friends Animal Society with culinary drinking water.
3. If the sale of these parcels were to continue Kanab City would like to know if they will have first right to purchase the section that their well is on and also the section that directly correlates with their water shed.

* In additional there may be additional concerns, not listed above, that Kanab City may provide directly to SITLA.

Kane County responded with the following comments:

Kane County does not anticipate any issues with the purchase of sections 2 and 16 and the one half of 32 to Best Friends. The only thing the County isn't sure of is how the lease of the 2nd half of 32 will affect the protection of Kanab City's well. Kane County indicated that they would like to offer their full support behind Kanab City for insurance that all necessary mitigating factors that Kanab City should reasonable expect to be put in place as a condition of the sale, are addressed adequately by SITLA.

RECOMMENDATION TO STEERING COMMITTEE:

Staff recommends that the Steering Committee conditionally support this sale of SITLA trust land in Kane County, fully-conditioned on SITLA adequately addressing the several identified concerns of Kanab City, listed above, as well as any additional concerns the City may directly notify SITLA of. Staff also recommends that the Steering Committee include in a motion that if SITLA does not adequately address the City's concerns, the Steering Committee support shall be automatically rescinded and the Steering Committee shall stand in opposition to the sale, as proposed.