



Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2020 | 9:00 AM

Meeting Location:

Multipurpose Meeting Room
West Valley City Hall
3600 South Constitution Blvd.
West Valley City, UT 84119

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Governing Board

Councilmember Tish Buroker, Chair, Riverton
Councilmember Ray deWolfe, Vice Chair, South Salt Lake
Mayor Ron Bigelow, Past Chair, West Valley City
Councilmember Wendy Aston, Bluffdale
Phil Heck, General Manager, Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility
Councilmember Fred Lowry, Draper
Shazelle, Terry, Deputy General Manager, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
Councilmember Paul Hancock, Lehi
Councilmember Silvia Catten, Millcreek
Kim Sorensen, Parks & Recreation Director, Murray
Councilmember Stan Porter, North Salt Lake
Councilmember Cyndi Sharkey, Sandy
Gina Grandpre, City Planner, Saratoga Springs
Don Tingey, Strategic Services Director, South Jordan
Tim Cosgrove, Mayor's Community Liaison, Salt Lake City
Dina Blaes, Director of Regional Development, Salt Lake County
Jen Ball, Policy Advisor Councilmember Newton, Salt Lake County
Mayor Kristie Overson, Taylorsville
Jamie Phillips-Barnes, Sovereign Land Manager, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands
Erica Gaddis, Director, Utah Division of Water Quality
Mayor Dirk Burton, West Jordan
Steve Burns, CEO, Utah's Hogle Zoo
Daniela Larsen, Executive Director, Hutchings Museum & Institute
Scott Peters, Board Member, Jordan River Foundation

Tim Brown, CEO, Tracy Aviary
Larry Mullenax, Executive Director, Utah State Fairpark
Michael Horrocks, Wasatch Rowing Foundation
Steve Earley, Zions Bank

Commission Staff

Soren Simonsen, Executive Director
Aimee Horman, Outreach & Education Manager
Moriah Jackson, Project & Program Manager

Guests & Visitors

Todd Munger, Lehi
Maureen Wilson, Mitigation Commission
Elliott Mott, UO, R+T/PNUT/TAC
Eric McCulley, River Restoration/TAC
Morgan Faulkner, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands

MEETING MINUTES

Tish Buroker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Members of the Governing Board, along with guests and visitors, introduced themselves, including several participating by phone.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments to the Governing Board.

3. Presentations

Birds of the Jordan River Watershed

Steven Earley, the Governing Board representative from Zions Bank, is also an avid duck hunter and bird photographer. He shared a presentation including some of his extensive collection of photographs of birds taken within the Jordan River watershed area, including the South Shore of the Great Salt Lake. A copy of his presentation is attached.

Steve highlighted the diversity of resident and migratory birds in the vicinity of the Jordan River, Surplus Canal and Farmington Bay, all of which are connected to the Jordan River watershed. Some birds are common and some rare.

He also emphasized the impact of water availability and water quality on the wildlife living and relying on the watershed area. Steve encouraged the Commission to think beyond the Jordan River just in our own backyards or nearby stretches of the river, and consider the ecological system in its entirety.

Utah Reclamation, Mitigation & Conservation Commission

Maureen Wilson, Project Coordinator with the Utah Reclamation, Mitigation & Conservation Commission, shared information about the background, mission and programs of her agency. A copy of her presentation is attached.

The Mitigation Commission is a small federal agency established in 1992 as part of the Central Utah Project, with a mission to mitigate impacts of the Central Utah Project (CUP). The CUP was designed and implemented to bring water from the Colorado River watershed to Central Utah, managed by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District in Utah County.

The agency is federal, but entirely focused in Utah. They work with partners on ecological restoration efforts. Once the CUP is deemed to be substantially complete, their federal mandate is to sunset after 20 years, with all projects and sites to be handed over to other agencies.

She highlighted three key project sites and parcels in the vicinity of the Jordan River — in West Jordan, South Jordan, and the Draper/Riverton Area. The first site is about 40 acres with the larger Big Bend area north of 9000 South. The second site is about 116 acres in South Jordan at the Willow Creek confluence area near 10600 South. The third site is near 12600 South in Draper and Riverton, and includes both acquired properties and easements.

Tish Buroker asked what the long term plans are for the Draper/Riverton site. Maureen indicated that they are working to manage weeds, and conserve and restore these properties. The long-term goal is turn them over to other agencies or organizations for permanent management and monitoring.

Michael Horrocks asked if these properties are accessible to the public. Maureen indicated that some parcels are open, like the one in Draper/Riverton, but others are more restricted like the one in South Jordan where active conservation work is taking place, and is limited to guided tours. The West Jordan Site is also open to the public.

Dina Blaes asked who holds the conservation easements at these sites. Maureen indicated that the easements and properties are held by the Mitigation Commission currently. When the Mitigation Commission sunsets, they hope to have other partners to manage the sites and easements long term. Without other partners, these will default to the Utah Department of Natural Resources as the owner and managers by as part of the enabling act.

Tish Buroker asked what the Mitigation Commission sunset date is. Maureen indicated that the Secretary of the Interior has not yet established a completion date for the CUP, but the department has indicated that it may be about 6 to 10 years away. This would make the Mitigation Commission sunset about 26-30 years away.

Soren Simonsen inquired whether the Mitigation Commission might consider other sites and locations in areas of the Jordan River for further acquisition and wildlife habitat preservation of open spaces in areas that are prime habitat, but under increasing pressure for development. Maureen responded that the Mitigation Commission is not actively pursuing additional sites, but that is something they would be interested in exploring. Soren thanked Maureen for sharing ideas and identifying ways they could be a resource to Jordan River Commission partners.

4. Administrative Matters

January 9, 2020, Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Michael Horrocks moved to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2020, Governing Board meeting. Stan Porter seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

February 6, 2020, Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Michael Horrocks moved to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2020, Governing Board meeting. Dina Blaes seconded the motion.

Tish Buroker thanked the board for considering these minutes that were distributed on short notice, and indicated they Executive Committee is working on a longer-term solution to improve timeliness.

Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Technical Advisory Committee Update

Eric McCulley, Chair of the Jordan River Commission Technical Advisory Committee, shared an update of the recent and ongoing work of the Committee. He became the Chair of the Committee in January, and also shared his background focused on the Jordan River for a couple decades.

The TAC is set up for information sharing among agencies.

One area of focus is the recently formed Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA), which will be the focus of the March TAC meeting.

The most recent meeting included an update about the Water Trail, and the TAC is working with partners to secure funding and advance best practices.

Tish Buroker referenced a recent presentation by the Utah Museum of Natural History, where the topic of discussion was the evolving nature of natural landscapes. She asked whether the changing species, such as Russian Olive infestations, might be the new landscape, and rather than fighting to eradicate these invasive species, we should accept that that are part of the Jordan River landscape. Eric responded that balance is important. Restoring a pristine native river is probably not possible, but having a vision and working toward that with appropriate balance is important, facilitate natural processes, and do the best with what we've got.

5. 2020 General Legislative Session Update

Soren Simonsen provided an update of several legislative matters during the General Session of the Utah Legislature.

HB0026 Jordan River Recreation Area Funding Management – Rep. Mike Winder (<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/HB0026.html>) addresses making funding non-lapsing and puts all of the management under the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. This bill has passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

HB0133 Trail Improvement Amendments – Rep. Mike Winder (<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/HB0133.html>) addresses limited eminent domain for trails of regional significance. This bill received significant push-back in committee, and has been withdrawn by the sponsor.

HB0166 Watershed Councils – Rep. Tim Hawkes (<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/HB0166.html>) address the formation of a statewide watershed council, and the opportunity to create several regional watershed councils, including for the Jordan River. The bill has passed the House and is through the Senate Committee, and appears it will pass.

HB0259 Electric Vehicle Charging Network – Rep. Robert Spendlove (<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/HB0259.html>) is a bill to create a more expansive statewide network of electrical vehicle charging stations to address growing needs in a more strategic manner. The Jordan River Parkway trailheads could be a part of this network for the Salt Lake Valley and northern Utah County, where such infrastructure is lacking.

HB0278 Jordan River Amendments – Rep. Cheryl Acton (<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/HB0278.html>) directs the Utah Department of Transportation to install signage identifying the Jordan River Parkway on each of the 16 state highways and freeways that cross the Jordan River, and improve communication and coordination between UDOT and the Commission for highway improvement projects that cross or are adjacent to the Jordan River to address things like Parkway trail access and

stormwater. The bill passed the House and a Senate Committee, and appears that it will pass. It includes a fiscal note of \$22,000 appropriate for signage installations.

HB0396 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Amendments – Rep. Lowry Snow (<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/HB0396.html>) is a companion bill to HB0259, which provides funding mechanisms for creating a statewide network of electric vehicles charging stations. Rocky Mountain Power is a partner in this legislation.

SB0026 Water Banking Amendments – Sen. Jani Iwamoto (<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/SB0026.html>) is an important bill that could significantly improve in-stream flows for the Jordan River by enabling partnerships with water right holders that divert water from the Jordan River, but don't necessarily need all of the diverted water. It creates a "bank" from which other beneficial uses and users could draw, without threatening the loss of water rights. The bill has passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

HCR21 Concurrent Resolution Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day – Rep. Jon Hawkins (<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/HCR021.html>) is a resolution recognizing the milestone 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, on April 22, 2020, and is working its way through the process.

HCR25 Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Development of a Statewide Anti-littering Campaign – Rep. Cheryl Acton (<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/HCR025.html>) is a resolution that would create an interim study to develop recommendation for a state-wide anti-littering campaign. The resolution was just finalized in the past week, and is working its way through the process. It has the support of the Governor, but may expire before it gets through all the stages of the legislative process.

There are four appropriations that the Commission is watching closely, the first three of which were specifically endorsed by the Commission at the February Governing Board Meeting:

- Tracy Aviary Jordan River Nature Center – a \$2,500,000 request by Sen. Wayne Harper
- City of West Jordan "Big Bend" Habitat Restoration Project – a \$2,500,000 request by Rep. Steve Christiansen
- Jordan River Recreation Area Ongoing Funding – an increase of \$100,000 in ongoing funding request by Sen. Wayne Harper
- Jordan River Highway Signage – a \$22,000 appropriation tied to HB0278 by Rep. Cheryl Acton

Erica Gaddis noted HB0226 is a stormwater permitting bill. The first two versions of this bill would have prohibited the Division of Water Quality from implementing any stormwater permits in the state. The Division worked with the sponsor to address concerns with the new permitting process related to Low Impact Development. The

new version is directed more toward cities, and sets up a process for builders and cities to address implementation processes.

Erica also noted that ongoing funding for Harmful Algal Blooms was de-funded, which is a concern, and funds directed toward other programs. There is a chance the Division might receive some one-time funding to keep it going at least for this year.

In addition to the bills supported through an action at the last meeting, there was general interest in supporting the highway signage bill and the stormwater permitting bill.

Tish Buroker moved to support HB0278 Jordan River Amendments bill and its accompanying appropriation request. Stan Porter seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

Voting was in favor of the motion by all members present, with the exception of Jamie Phillips-Barnes and Erica Gaddis, who abstained.

Dina Blaes indicated a general support of stormwater quality improvement, without getting into the specifics of the stormwater permitting bill, which she has not had a chance to review.

Stan Porter suggested that the Commission can support stormwater management generally, without taking specific action, because it is already a specific goal of the Blueprint Jordan River. He asked for consensus in allowing Soren and any others to speak favorably about stormwater management and water quality improvements. There were no objections.

6. Executive Director's Report

Budget Amendment #2

Soren Simonsen presented Budget Amendment #2 for Fiscal Year 2020. This includes some cleanup items regarding the end of Fiscal Year 2019. These included an additional carryover of just over \$10,000. There is also additional income reflecting the recent addition of the Hutchings Museum as a Governing Board ex-officio partner.

On the expense side, the Commission staff recommends funding for additional outreach, travel and auto, and printing, to cover participating in events that expand our outreach efforts and visibility through participating in programs and workshops by other organizations. This may improve our visibility in the community, share and present our mission and work, and provide new networking opportunities. The expenses also include funding for seasonal assistance through programs such as internships and Utah Conservation Corps. The Executive Committee and staff are

also recommending utilizing a transcription service to assist with preparing meeting minutes.

Ray deWolfe moved to approved Budget Amendment #2. Dina Blaes seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Soren Simonsen included a handout that highlights numerous current grant opportunities. A copy is attached. Commission staff is working closely with Salt Lake County for an Outdoor Recreation Grant of \$500,000 for further development of the Jordan River Water Trail.

Michael Horrocks asked whether Utah Outdoor Recreation Grants could be used for planning. Soren responded that this grant is primarily for construction of outdoor recreation facilities. More information on eligible projects and use of funds is available at the website link provided.

Soren also highlighted future grant opportunities that agencies and partners can begin planning for later this year and early next year.

Commission staff is available to help develop project ideas, scope and prepare grant applications, and provide letters of support.

Upcoming Meetings, Events and Activities of Interest

The April 2 Governing Board meeting will not be held at West Valley City Hall. This is planned as a field trip beginning at the new Tracy Aviary Jordan River Nature Center, and also will include a visit to Eccles Nature Center at Farmington Bay, which was completed in September 2018. The field trip will begin at the regular meeting time of 9:00, but will likely last a half hour to hour longer than the regular Governing Board meeting.

Soren shared a handout listing numerous upcoming activities and events planned for this spring and throughout the year. A copy is attached.

2019 Annual Report

Soren Simonsen and Moriah Jackson distributed draft copies of the 2019 Annual Report. Soren thanked Moriah for her effort to compile and share information included in the report. The report is brief but captures significant highlights for the previous year. He asked for any feedback or comments to be provided in the next week, including any corrections, modifications or additions.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Meetings minutes prepared by Soren Simonsen, Secretary.

A meeting recording is available at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/sitemap/notice/592455.html>.

Attachment : Item #3.a

Birds of the Jordan River Watershed Presentation



Double Banded Eagle - Farmington Bay Waterfowl Mgmt. Area - Utah



Barn Owl - Farmington Bay Waterfowl Mgmt. Area - Utah



Male Northern Harrier - Farmington Bay Waterfowl Mgmt. Area - Utah



Snow Geese - Ferry Farm - Box Elder Co. - Utah



Snowy Egret - Farmington Bay Waterfowl Mgmt. Area - Utah



American White Pelicans - Farmington Bay Waterfowl Mgmt. Area - Utah



Drake and Hen Lesser Scaup - Salt Lake Airport Mitigation Area - Utah



Hen Avocet with Chicks - Glover Lane, Farmington, Utah



Rough Legged Hawk - West of Salt Lake Intl. Airport - Utah



Northern Pintails - Ferry Farm - Box Elder County, Utah



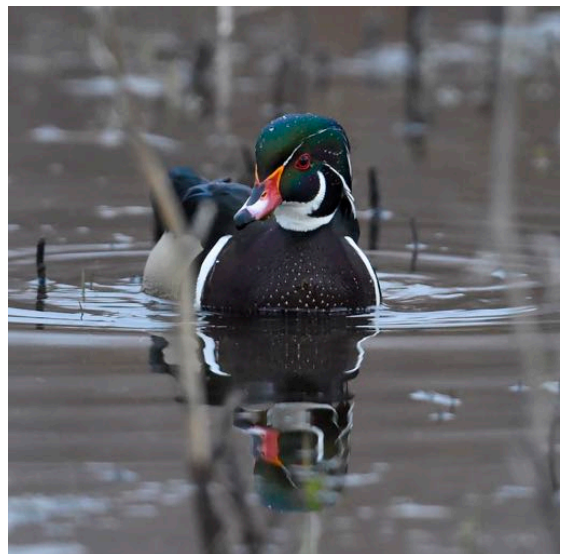
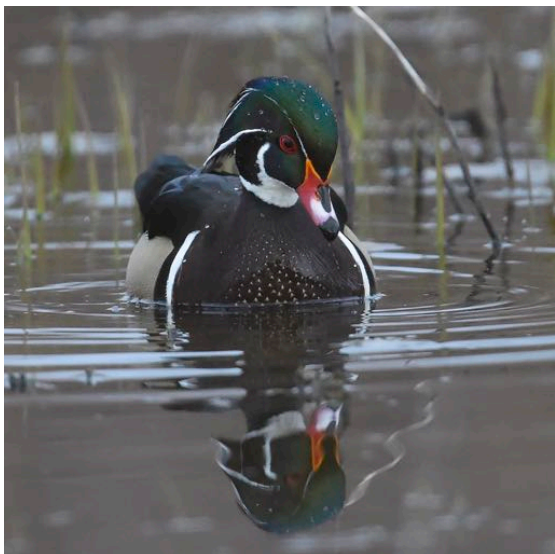
Drake and Hen Blue Winged Teal - Glover Lane - Utah

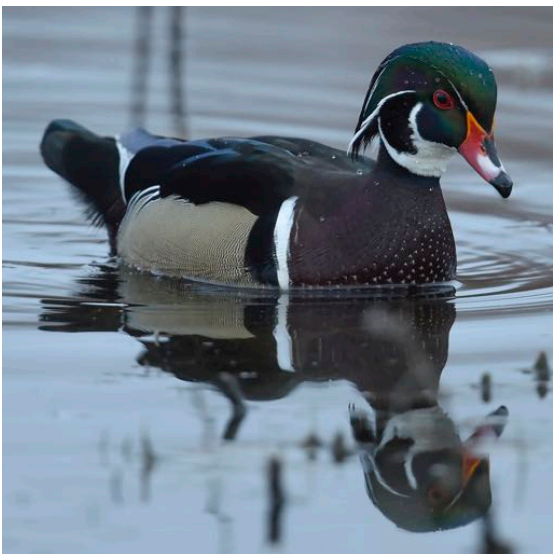
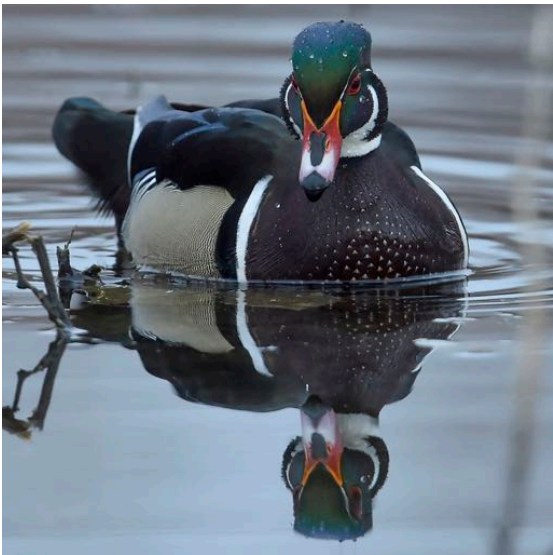
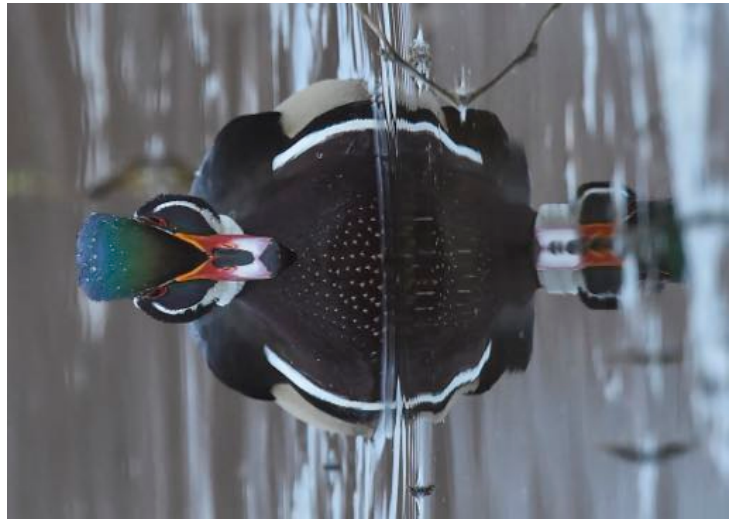


Tundra Swans - Inland Sea Shorebird Preserve - Utah

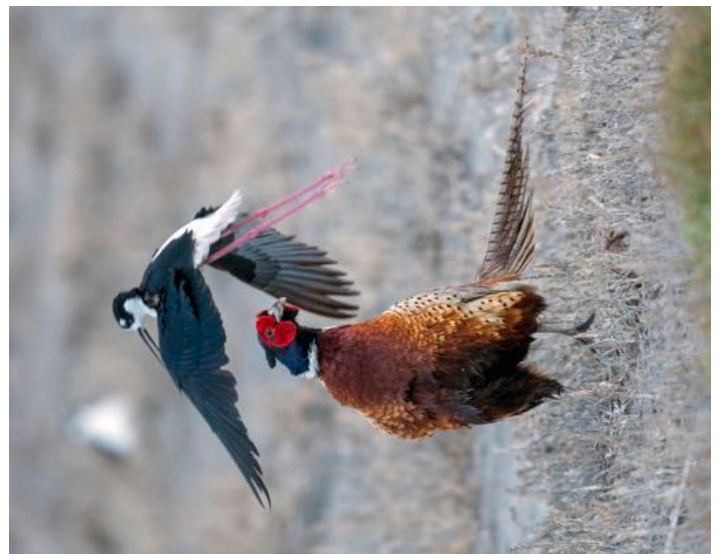
















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Utah Reclamation, Mitigation & Conservation Commission Presentation

Utah Reclamation Mitigation & Conservation Commission



An Executive Branch Agency of the Federal Government




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A presidential Commission established in July 1994 under the Central Utah Project Completion Act of 1992 (CUPCA), amended 2002, 2013


Website
<https://www.mitigationcommission.gov>

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Title II


- Authority to complete construction of CUP Bonneville Unit is granted to Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD) in partnership with Secretary of the Interior, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office (CUPCAO)



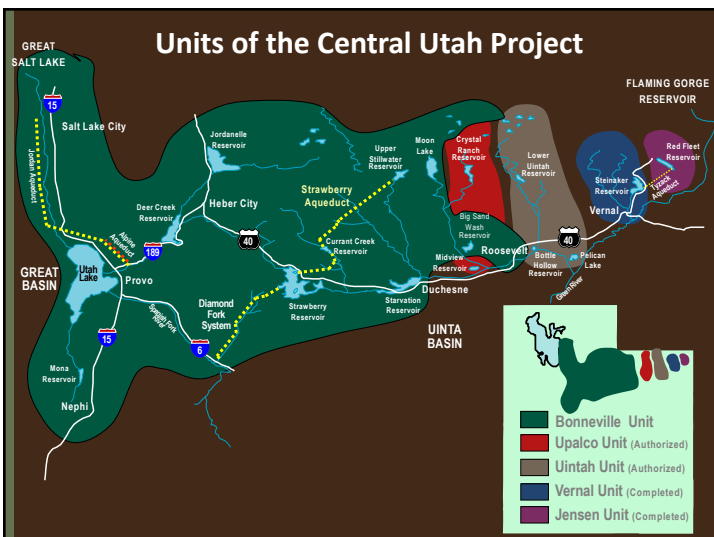
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Title III

- Primary authority for CUP Bonneville Unit mitigation is granted to the Mitigation Commission
 - An independent executive branch agency; not part of Department of the Interior
 - Bureau of Reclamation retains primary mitigation authority outside the Bonneville Unit (BU)
 - Commission assumes primary responsibility for ongoing (as of 1988) BU mitigation and for supplemental mitigation mandated in CUPCA
 - Commission is also responsible for mitigation of additional water projects developed under CUPCA
 - Commission is authorized to plan, fund and implement conservation projects in Utah



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Mitigation Commission's Five Commissioners

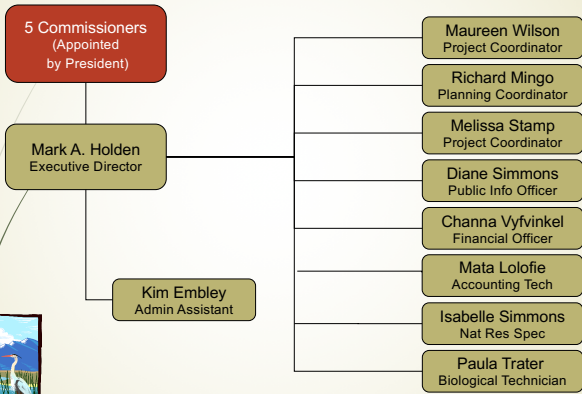
(Appointed by U.S. President)

- BRAD BARBER**
Chair
Utah's Governor
- GENE SHAWCROFT**
CUWCD
- ROBERT MORGAN**
SENATE
- [VACANT]**
HOUSE
- [VACANT]**
UDWR
Utah's Governor

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Mitigation Commission & Staff



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Where we Work

- Majority of Mitigation Commission projects are in four north-central Utah watersheds
- Areas either directly impacted by CUP Bonneville Utah or offer exceptional opportunities to improve fish and wildlife resource benefits
 - Provo River/Utah Lake Watershed
 - Strawberry Duchesne Watershed
 - Diamond Fork Watershed
 - Jordan River/Great Salt Lake Watershed

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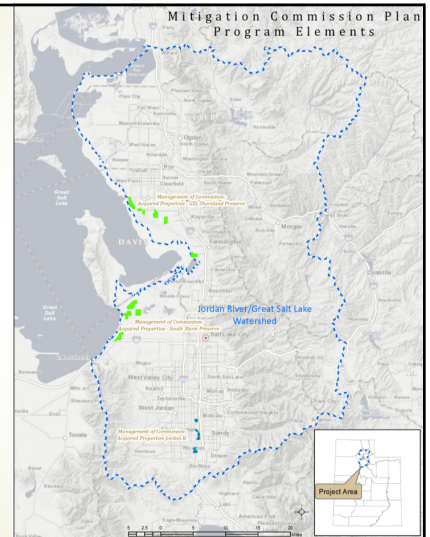
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What we Do

- CUPCA directs ecosystem-based approach in developing projects
 - Priority to projects that restore and maintain biological productivity and diversity within ecosystems
- CUPCA provides umbrella authority over project planning and implementation with partners
 - Federal and Utah state agencies, local governments, universities, non-profit organizations, and Ute tribe cooperate through agreements with Mitigation Commission
- Projects are tied to completing U. S. Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Department of the Interior efforts
- Others are new measures authorized in CUPCA as a condition for CUP completion

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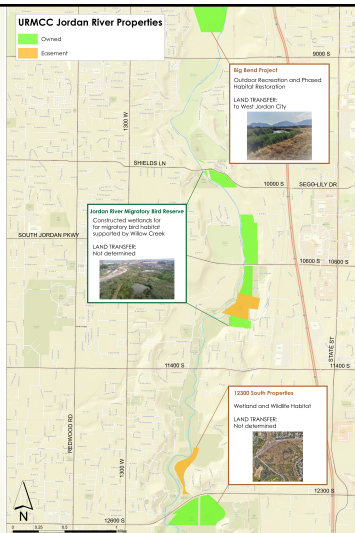
Jordan River/ Great Salt Lake Watershed



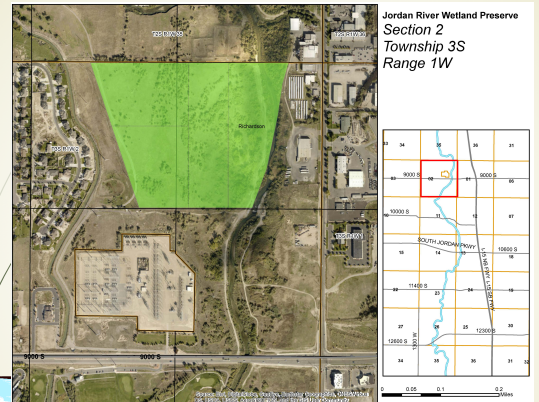
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Jordan River Wetlands

- Commission program focuses on restoration and management (irrigation, weed control, etc) of its acquired Natural Areas
- Will be transitioning from interim management agreements to permanent transfer of property to suitable entities to address immediate and long-term management needs



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Jordan River near 90th South

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Budget Amendment #2

2019-2020 Fiscal Year | **Budget Amendment #2**

March 5, 2020

Income	Prior Budget	Amended Budget
2 Ex-Officio Contributions	\$24,950	\$25,950
8 Contributions from Fund Balance	\$60,000	\$70,352
Net Change Income		\$11,352
Expenses		
2200 Outreach	\$2,100	\$4,000
2300 Travel & Auto	\$3,500	\$5,000
2410 Postage	\$200	\$300
2600 Food & Meals	\$1,200	\$1,500
2800 Printing	\$200	\$1,000
6100 UCC/Intern/Transcribing Stipend	\$0	\$8,000
66000 Payroll Expenses	\$238,400	\$235,400
Net Change Expenses		\$9,600
Net Gain (Loss)		\$1,752

Income Adjustments Summary

Ex-Officio Contributions | This item reflects the Hutchings Museum joining the Commission's Governing Board in February, and the Museum's contribution of \$1,000.

Contributions from Fund Balance | This item reflects the verified carryover from the 2018-2019 fiscal year as reported in the January Governing Board meeting, for an increase of \$10,352.

Expense Adjustments Summary

Outreach | This item reflects the Executive Director's participation in the Utah Outdoor Recreation Summit in October, previously authorized by the Executive Committee, along with a staff

recommendation for additional outreach funding to participate in education programs, networking events, and similar outreach efforts through chambers of commerce, outdoor recreation and conservation related organizations.

Travel & Auto | This item reflects increased mileage reimbursement for travel related to additional outreach activities, and transit related benefit expenses for employees following the loss of transit passes previously provided by the Division of Environmental Quality.

Postage | This item reflects increases in postage and annual post office box expenses.

Food & Meals | This item reflects increased expenses related to additional outreach activities.

Printing | This item reflects additional unanticipated costs for printing business cards and other materials related to additional outreach activities.

UCC/Intern Stipend | This item reflects an increase and reallocation of some payroll costs to Utah Conservation Corps, internship and meeting transcription services outside of regular payroll expenses for employees.

Payroll Expenses | This item reflects a decrease and reallocation of some payroll costs to Utah Conservation Corps, internships and meeting transcription services outside of regular payroll expenses for employees.

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Upcoming Grant Opportunities



Upcoming Grant & Funding Opportunities

March 5, 2020

Current Active Grant Solicitations

Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant Programs Overview (<https://business.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Office-of-Outdoor-Recreation-Three-Grant-Programs.pdf>)

Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant (business.utah.gov/outdoor/uorg/); application deadline March 20, 2020

Utah Recreation Restoration Infrastructure Grant (business.utah.gov/outdoor/rri/); application deadline March 20, 2020

Salt Lake County Zoo Arts & Parks (ZAP) Tier II Grant (slco.org/zap/tier-ii/); application deadline April 3, 2020

JRC Small Grant Program (jordanrivercommission.com/grants/); application deadline April 23, 2020

Utah Department of Natural Resources State Parks Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant (<https://stateparks.utah.gov/resources/grants/recreational-trails-program/>); application deadline May 1, 2020

National Park Service Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Grant (nps.gov/orgs/rtca/apply.htm); application deadline June 30, 2020

Future Grants

Utah Division of Forestry Fire & State Lands Jordan River Recreation Area Grants; spring/summer solicitation

Utah Division of Forestry Fire & State Lands Bank Stabilization Grant; summer/fall solicitation

Utah Department of Natural Resources Watershed Restoration Initiative (WRI) Grant (<https://watershed.utah.gov>); fall/winter solicitation

Utah Department of Transportation Transportation Investment Fund (TIF) Grant; fall/winter solicitation

Utah Department of Agriculture & Food Invasive Species Management (ISM) Grant; fall/winter solicitation

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Upcoming Meetings, Events and Activities of Interest



Upcoming Dates : Meetings, Events and Activities of Interest

March 5, 2020

January 27, 2020 - March 12, 2020 : Utah Legislature General Session (le.utah.gov)

March 9 - 11, 2020 : Utah Recreation & Parks Association Conference (urpa.org/annual-conference.html)

March 19, 2020 – 2:00 PM : Jordan River Commission Technical Advisory Committee (third Thursday each month)

April 2, 2020 – 9:00 AM : Jordan River Commission Governing Board Field Trip (first Thursday each month)

April 6, 2020 – 10:00 AM : Salt Lake County Environmental Health Cleanup/Law Enforcement Coordination Meeting (first Monday each month)

April 8, 2020 – 8:30 AM : Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness Meeting (homelessutah.org/coalition-end-homelessness/; second Wednesday, even months)

April 14, 2020 : Utah Bike Summit (bikeutah.org/summit)

April 22, 2020 : Earth Day; 50th Anniversary (earthday.org)

April 24, 2020 : Arbor Day (arborday.org)

April 25, 2020 : Tracy Aviary Jordan River Nature Center Transitional Campus Grand Opening (<https://tracyaviary.org/jordan-river-nature-center>)

April 24 - 27 & April 28 – May 4, 2020 : City Nature Challenge (CityNatureChallenge.org)

May 1 - 31, 2020 : Bike Month (bikeleague.org/bikemonth)

May 30, 2020 : Golden Spoke (GoldenSpokeUtah.org)

June 6, 2020 : Range 2 River Relay (SevenCanyonsTrust.org/events/relay)

July 13 - 21, 2020 : Latino Conservation Week (latinoconservationweek.com)

September 1 - 30, 2020 : Get to the River Festival (GetToTheRiver.org)

November 18-19, 2020 : Salt Lake County Watershed Symposium (slco.org/watershed/watershed-symposium/)

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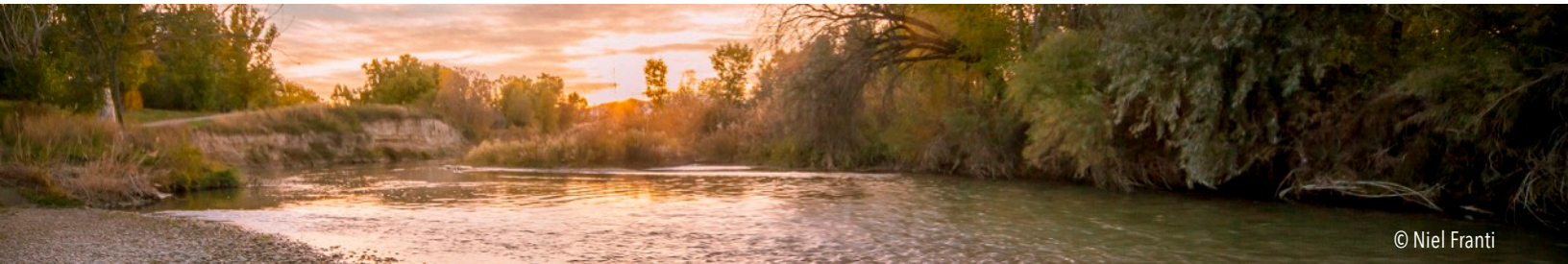
DRAFT Jordan River Commission Annual Report



JORDAN RIVER COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

2019

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Director's Note

Almost ten years ago, in the summer of 2010, the Jordan River Commission was launched. As we conclude 2019, we reflect on a decade of impact. The many projects, programs and partnerships that have been transforming and improving the Jordan River Parkway mile by mile, and step by step are impressive. Most of the visionary leaders who helped launch the Commission have retired or moved on to new roles and responsibilities. We deeply thank those who remain with us, and warmly welcome those to whom the torch has been passed and who are bringing new energy, ideas and enthusiasm. We gratefully acknowledge all who have helped shape the Commission and guide our work implementing the Blueprint Jordan River in big ways and small.

As we enter a new decade, while celebrating all we have accomplished, we also look forward to the future. There is still so much to do as we preserve, restore and improve the Jordan River and its environment.

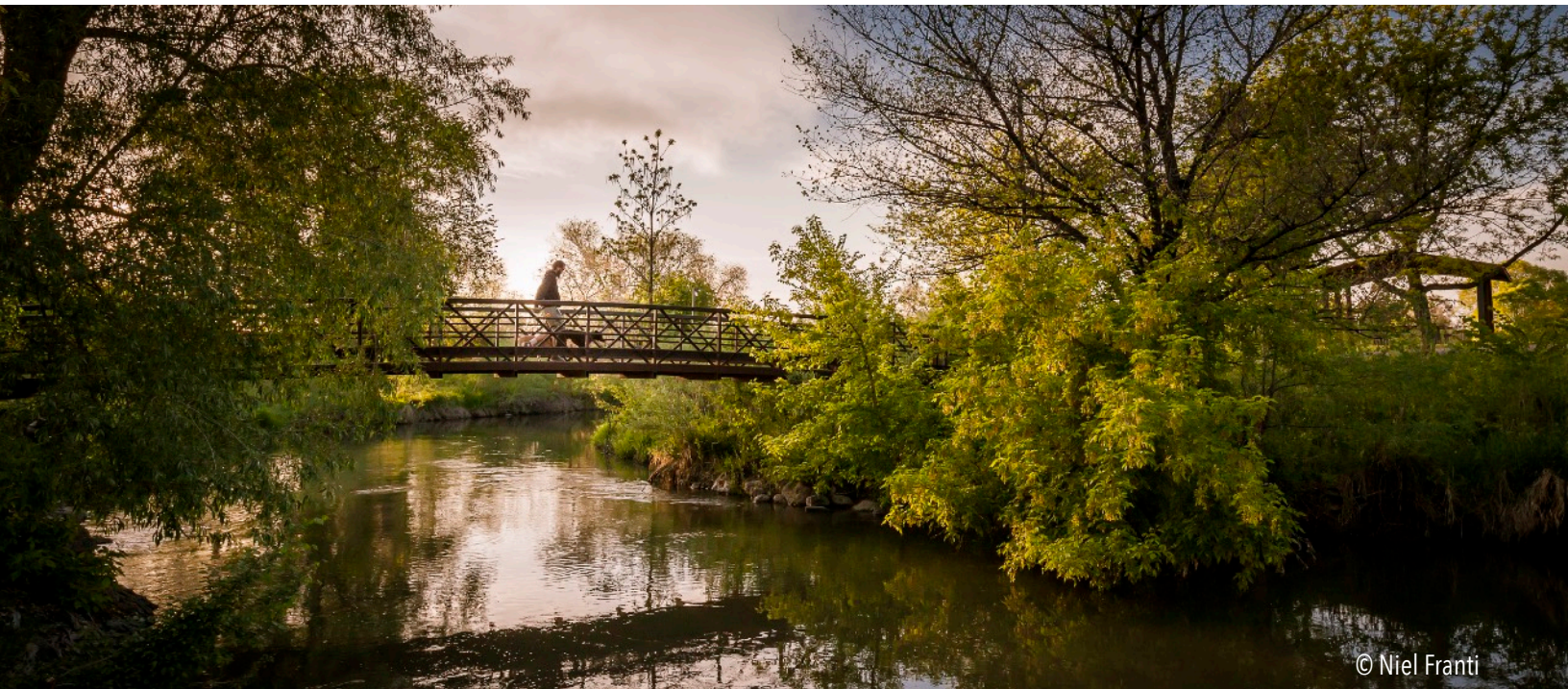
In the coming months, you will be hearing more about the launch of a really important project that will take us back to our roots – a strategic update of the Blueprint Jordan River. Work is already underway, and we will announce a big, public launch in the spring of 2020. Watch for more information for a myriad of ways to support this initiative over the coming year.

This report highlights some of the many ways we have worked together to recreate, celebrate, conserve and restore the Jordan River Parkway this past year.

2019 has been a great year! Let's see what we can do together in 2020.



Soren Simonsen
Executive Director



The Commission

2019 Governing Board

Chair: Mayor Ron Bigelow, West Valley City

Vice Chair: Councilmember Tish Buroker, Riverton

Past Chair: Councilmember Stan Porter, North Salt Lake

Treasurer: Ken Leetham, City Manager, North Salt Lake

Cities

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2019 Technical Advisory Committee Officers

Chair: Dennis Pay, Public Works Director, South Salt Lake
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 Restoration

Volunteer Impact



- Trail Clean-ups**
- 1085 volunteers
 - 3255 hours
 - 29840 pounds of trash & weeds removed



- Canoe Clean-ups**
- 392 volunteers
 - 22 Events
 - 155 full canoes of trash removed



- Revegetation**
- 456 Volunteers
 - 1638 hours planting
 - 4450 trees & shrubs planted
 - 16 sites
 - 80% success rate



Project & Program Highlights

Tree Planting Project

Generous donations from the Harman Family, Dominion Energy Foundation, and Ivory Homes resulted in the planting of over 4,000 trees across the Jordan River Parkway from Saratoga Springs to the Legacy Nature Preserve in North Salt Lake.

Weed Mitigation

Under the direction of the Governing Board, and with guidance by the Technical Advisory Committee and a small Steering Committee of weed experts, the Commission launched a Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA). A legislative appropriation funded large scale pilot projects in West Valley City and Murray, and the development of a "puncturevine bounty" program across the Jordan River Parkway Trail.

Jordan River Extra Patrol Shifts (JREPS)

A legislative appropriation funded additional patrolling across 13 law enforcement jurisdictions. The presence of additional officers helped mitigate the environmental impacts of homeless encampments, connected individuals with social services, enforced non-motorized vehicle rules, and increased safety and security.

Urban Ranger Program

The Urban Ranger program developed in partnership with the University of Utah entered its fourth year. This program gives student volunteers from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to support conservation and education service activities, and engage with trail users.

Vehicles & Equipment

The Commission purchased two additional canoes and two kayaks for in-river cleanups and water quality education programs. It also added a pickup truck and water trailer to expand capability for volunteer supported conservation and restoration activities.

Project & Program Highlights (continued)

Trail Construction & Maintenance

Over 8 miles of the Jordan River Parkway trail were completed on both sides of the river, thanks to significant cooperative work between local governments and developers. An additional mile of trail was extended north to Center Street in North Salt Lake. And several major trail maintenance and restoration projects were completed legislative funding and a variety of other funding sources.

Tracy Aviary Jordan River Nature Center

With seed funding from a legislative appropriation directed by the Commission and several small grants by the Commission, Tracy Aviary has expanded education and citizen science program across the entire Jordan River Parkway. They also completed construction of a transitional campus for the Tracy Aviary Jordan River Nature Center at James Madison Park in South Salt Lake, through a partnership with Salt Lake County. The facility will open in early 2020, complete with a bicycle rental program, education and event center, and expanded education programming.

Signature Events



City Nature Challenge

In April, the Jordan River Commission hosted five bio-blitz events to help participants make observations of plants and animals found along the the Jordan River Parkway.



Golden Spoke

In May, the Jordan River Commission partnered with UDOT's Move Utah to host the second annual Golden Spoke bike month event. This family-friendly event is a free group bike ride with multiple starting points that spans from Provo to Ogden, following a network over a 100 miles of trails.

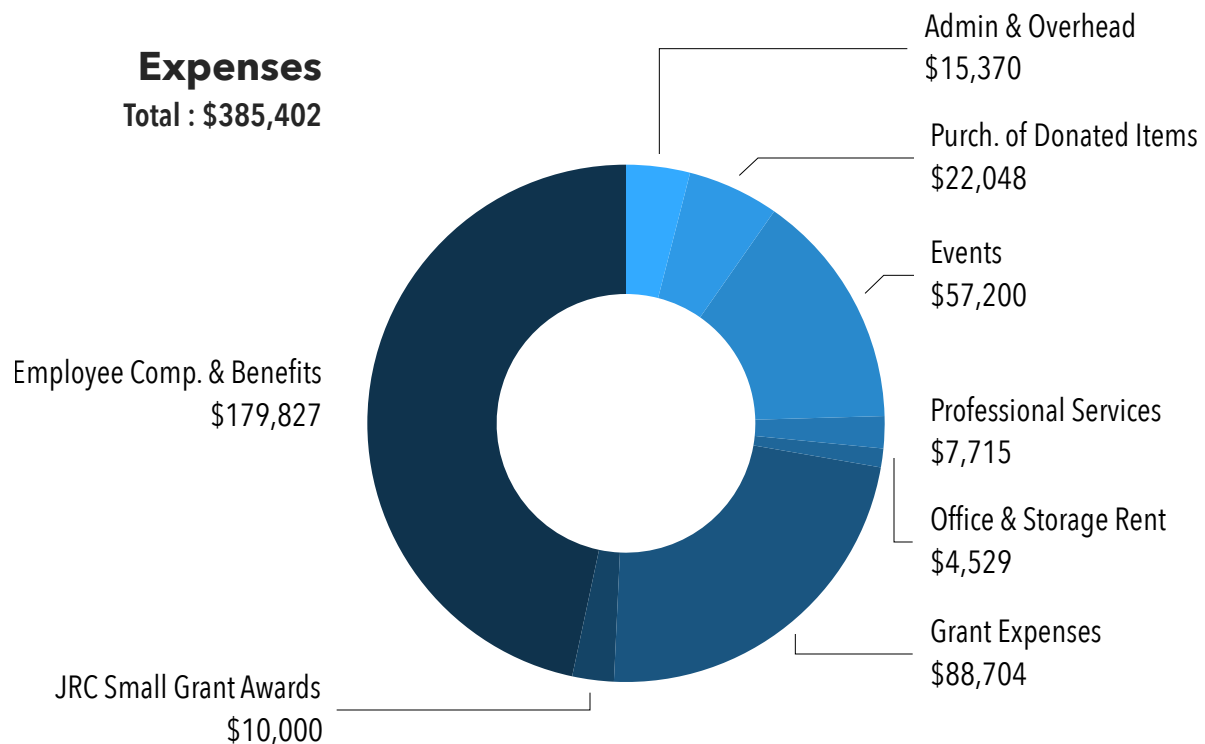
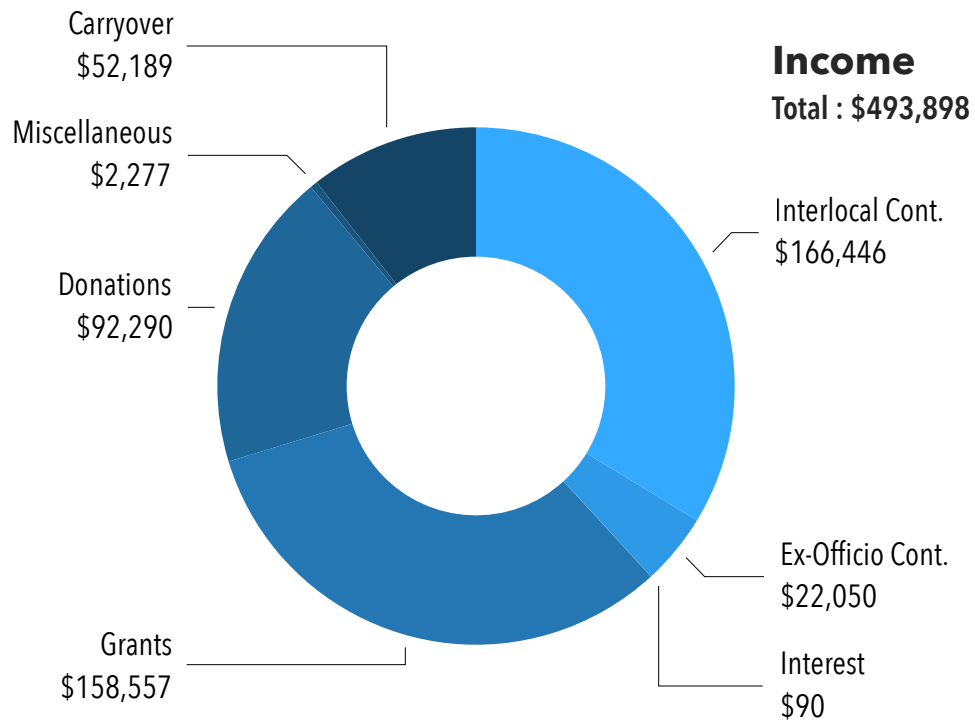


Get to the River Festival

The September 2019 Get to the River Festival included 30 days of river-focused celebrations and conservation activities hosted by the counties and cities along the river. Activities included nature walks, neighborhood dinners, paddles and river floats, trash removal and revegetation projects, a patriotic bike parade, a children's *Beatles* tribute concert, and free fishing.



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