



MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, February 2, 2023 | 8:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Scott D. Sandall, Chair
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Chair
Rep. Scott H. Chew, Vice Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. Daniel McCay
Sen. Ronald M. Winterton
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Tim Jimenez
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Michael L. Kohler

Rep. Steven J. Lund

Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Doug Owens
Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore

Staff Present:

Ivan D. Djambov, Finance Manager
Lacey K. Moore, Financial Analyst
Makelle Wininger, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order

Chair Chew called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and explained the meeting's procedure.

2. RFA: Deer Creek Inlet Structure Replacement (Sen. Cullimore)

G. Keith Denos, General Manager, Provo River Water Users Association (PRWUA); presented Deer Creek Inlet Structure Replacement RFA with the assistance of Brad Jorgensen, PRWUA.

[2\) RFA: Deer Creek Inlet Structure Replacement Presentation](#)

3. RFA: Utah FFA Association (Rep. Lund)

Rep. Lund presented the Utah Future Farmers of America (FFA) Association RFA, with the assistance of Wade Garrett, Vice President of Strategic Relations, Utah Farm Bureau.

[3\) RFA: Utah FFA Assoc. Presentation](#)

[3\) Utah FFA Association Appropriation](#)

Chair Chew commented on the program.

4. RFA: Gunnison City Well (Rep. Lund)

Rep. Lund presented the Gunnison City Well RFA with the assistance of Lori Nay, Mayor, Gunnison City; and Dennis Marker, Administrator, Gunnison City.

[4\) RFA: Gunnison City Well Budget Info](#)

[4\) Gunnison City Well Presentation](#)

Chair Chew asked a clarifying question about the water. Lori Nay responded to the question.

5. RFA: Utah Horse Racing (Rep. Schultz)

Leann Hunting, Director, Division of Animal Industry and Executive Director, Horse Racing Commission; presented the Utah Horse Racing RFA.

6. RFA: Utah Growing Water Smart Program: Water-Land Integration (Sen. Sandall)

Sen. Sandall presented the Utah Growing Water Smart Program: Water-Land Integration RFA with the assistance of Candice Hasenyager, Director, Division of Water Resources.

[8/14/16 Letters of Support for Water RFAs](#)

7. RFA: Box Elder Water Master Plan (Sen. Sandall)

8. RFA: Bear River Basin Water Policy Plan (Sen. Sandall)

Sen. Sandall presented the Box Elder Water Master Plan and Bear River Basin Water Policy Plan RFAs with the assistance of Carl Mackley, General Manager, Bear River Water Conservancy District.

9. RFA: Utah State Fairpark and Days of 47 (Rep. Schultz)

Rep. Mike Schultz presented the Utah State Fairpark and Days of 47 RFA.

10. RFA: Wetland and Wildlife Acquisition (Rep. Schultz)

Sen. Schultz presented the Wetland and Wildlife Acquisition RFA.

[7\) RFA: Wetland and Wildlife Acquisition Map](#)

Chair Chew asked for clarification about the RFA. Sen. Schultz responded to the questions.

Rep. Lund asked for clarification about the wetland. Sen Schultz responded to the question.

11. 8:41 a.m. RFA: Predator Control Program (Sen. Sandall)

Sen. Sandall presented the Predator Control Program RFA with the assistance of Leann Hunting.

Chair Chew commented on the program.

12. RFA: Endangered Species Listing Prevention and Recovery (Sen. Winterton)

Sen. Winterton presented the Endangered Species Listing Prevention and Recovery RFA with the assistance of Russ Franklin, Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD).

[12\) RFA: Endangered Species Listing Prevention and Recovery](#)

[12\) CUWCD Endangered Species Mitigation Fund Updates](#)

[12\) RFA: ESMF FY 2024 Grant Proposals](#)

12) Letters of Recommendation

Chair Chew commented on the endangered animals.

Rep. Albrecht asked for an update on a few endangered animals. Russ Franklin responded to the question.

13. RFA: Wildfire Fighting Aerial Assets (Sen. Winterton)

Sen. Winterton presented the Wildfire Fighting Aerial Assets RFA with the assistance of Brett Ostler, State Fire Management Officer, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.

13) RFA: Wildfire Fighting Aerial Assets Presentation

Rep. Lund asked about support for the program. Brett Ostler responded to the question.

Sen. Sandall asked about the budget. Brent Ostler responded to the questions.

14. RFA: Water Conservation Expertise Support for Local Governments (Rep. Barlow)

Rep. Barlow presented the Water Conservation Expertise Support for Local Governments RFA with the assistance of Candice Hasenyager.

15. RFA: Accelerating Waterwise Landscaping Expertise/Resources (Rep. Wilcox)

Rep. Wilcox presented the Accelerating Waterwise Landscaping Expertise/Resources RFA with the assistance of Candice Hasenyager.

16. RFA: Advanced Energy Research Equipment Matching Funds (Sen. Hinkins)

Lynn Sitterud, Commissioner, Emery County and San Rafael Energy Research Center, presented the Advanced Energy Research Equipment Matching Funds RFA.

Chair Chew asked a clarifying question about the program. Lynn Sitterud responded to the question.

Rep. Lund commented on the project.

Rep. Lyman commented on the project.

17. RFA: Atlantis Foundation (Sen. Hinkins)

Sen. David Hinkins and Don Peay, Atlantis Foundation; presented the Atlantis Foundation RFA.

Chair Chew commented the foundation.

Rep. Albrecht commented on the foundation. Don Peay responded to the comment.

Rep. Lyman commented on the project.

18. RFA: Oil and Gas Application Assistance Fund (Sen. Hinkins)

Sen. Hinkins presented the Oil and Gas Application Assistance Fund RFA with the assistance of Rikki Hrenko-Browning, President, Utah Petroleum Association.

19. RFA: Bear Lake Needs Assessment (Sen. Wilson)

Sen. Chris Wilson presented the Bear Lake Needs Assessment RFA with the assistance of Brian Steed, Executive Director of Janet Quinney Lawson Institute for Land, Water, and Air, Utah State University; and Jamie Barnes, Director, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.

[**20\) RFA: Bear Lake Needs Assessment Handout**](#)

Chair Chew asked about the assessment. Jamie Barnes and Brian Steed responded to the question.

20. RFA: Unreinforced Masonry Building Public Awareness Campaign (Sen. Wilson)

Sen. Wilson presented the Unreinforced Masonry Building Public Awareness Campaign RFA with the assistance of Ryan Beck, Vice President of Planning, Envision Utah.

21. RFA: Tintic Historic Mine Preservation (Rep. Owens)

Rep. Owens presented the Tintic Historic Mine Preservation RFA with the assistance of Doug Wright, formerly of KSL News Radio; and Chris Merritt, Director, Utah State Historic Preservation Office.

[**22\) RFA: Tintic Historic Mine Preservation Handout**](#)

Chair Chew asked a clarifying question about Eureka. Doug Wright responded to the question.

22. RFA: Great Salt Lake Dust Impact Monitoring (Rep. Owens)

Sen. Wilson presented the Great Salt Lake Dust Impact Monitoring RFA with the assistance of Bryce Bird, Director, Division of Air Quality.

[**23\) RFA: Great Salt Lake Dust Impact Monitoring Presentation**](#)

Chair Chew asked about the records of the dust impact from the past. Bryce Bird responded to the question.

Rep. Wilcox asked clarifying questions about the program. Bryce Bird responded to the questions.

23. 9:33 a.m. RFA: Soil Health Public Engagement Outreach Program (Sen. Vickers)

[**24/25\) RFA: Soil Health Public Engagement and Equipment Grants Presentation**](#)

Kristy Davis, Executive Director, Utah Association of Conservation Districts; presented the Soil Health Public Engagement Outreach Program RFA..

24. RFA: Soil Health Equipment Grants (Sen. Vickers)

Kristy Davis continued and presented the Soil Health Equipment Grants RFA.

Chair Chew asked clarifying questions about the presentations and the program. Kristy Davis responded to the questions.

25. RFA: Aqueduct Infrastructure Resilience (Rep. Christofferson)

Ryan Beck presented the Aqueduct Infrastructure Resilience RFA.

27) RFA: Aqueduct Infrastructure Presentation**27) RFA: Aqueduct Infrastructure Budget Info**

Sen. Sandall asked about the water districts. Scott Paxman, General Manager, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, responded to the questions.

Chair Chew asked how aqueducts can survive an earthquake. Scott Paxman responded to the questions.

Mike Reece, Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy, responded to a past question.

26. RFA: Porcupine Public Access Purchase (Rep. Snider)

Rep. Snider presented the Porcupine Public Access Purchase RFA with the assistance of Riley Peck, Legislative Liaison, Division of Water Resources.

Sen. Sandall asked about prescriptive easement. Rep. Snider responded to the question.

Chair Chew commented on the prescriptive easement and asked a question. Riley Peck responded to the question.

Rep. Albrecht asked about nearby campsites at the location. Rep. Snider responded to the questions.

27. RFA: Water Rights Measurement and Data Enhancements (Rep. Snider)

Rep. Snider presented the Water Rights Measurement and Data Enhancements RFA with the assistance of Teresa Wilhelmsen, State Engineer and Director, Division of Water Rights.

28. 9:57 a.m. RFA: In-Lieu Fee Wetland Mitigation Program (Rep. Snider)

Rep. Snider presented the In-Lieu Fee Wetland Mitigation Program RFA with the assistance of Becka Downard, Wetland Ecologist, Utah Geological Survey (UGS).

29. 10:01 a.m. RFA: eBike Incentive Program (Rep. Stoddard)

Rep. Andrew Stoddard presented the eBike Incentive Program RFA with the assistance of Jenn Oxborrow, Executive Director, Bike Utah.

31) RFA: eBike Incentive Program Presentation

Chair Chew asked if the program is targeting a certain area and asked additional questions. Jenn Oxborrow and Rep. Stoddard responded to the questions.

30. RFA: Utah Lake Improvements (Rep. Brammer)

Rep. Brady Brammer presented the Utah Lake Improvements RFA with the assistance of Eric Ellis, Executive Director, Utah Lake Commission.

33) RFA: Utah Lake Improvements Presentation

Sen. Buxton asked about the new trail. Eric Ellis responded to the question.

Sen. Sandall asked for further clarification about available funding.

31. RFA: Utah Canyons Resource Management Plan (Rep. Stratton)

Jake Garfield, Deputy Director, Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO); presented the Utah Canyons Resource Management Plan RFA.

Chair Chew asked for clarification about which canyons are included in the plan. Jake Garfield responded to the question.

32. RFA: Electric Vehicle Data Collection and Management (Sen. Anderegg)

Sen. Jacob Anderegg presented the Electric Vehicle Data Collection and Management RFA with the assistance of Britton Bettridge, Executive Director, Leaders For Clean Air; and Travis Nicolaides, Chief Revenue Officer, EV Power Exchange.

Chair Chew asked about the opportunities available in rural Utah. Sen. Anderegg and Travis Nicolaides responded to the question.

Rep. Wilcox asked for clarification about the available funds. Sen. Anderegg responded to the question.

Sen. Sandall asked for clarification about the program. Travis Nicolaides and Sen. Anderegg responded to the question.

Sen. McCay commented about grants.

Rep. Kohler asked about what to expect at a charging station. Travis Nicolaides and Sen. Anderegg responded to the questions.

Chair Chew asked a clarifying question about the charging stations. Sen. Anderegg responded to the question.

33. RFA: Grand Staircase Monument Rangeland Health Study (Rep. Lyman)

Rep. Lyman presented the Grand Staircase Monument Rangeland Health Study RFA with the assistance of Leland Pollock, Commissioner, Garfield County.

Rep. Lund asked a question about the springs. Leland Pollock responded to the question.

34. RFA: Mobile Air Quality Observation System (Sen. Escamilla)

Sen. Luz Escamilla presented the Mobile Air Quality Observation System RFA with the assistance of Dr. Daniel Mendoza, Professor, University of Utah.

Sen. Sandall asked for clarification about the monitoring systems. Dr. Daniel Mendoza and Sen. Escamilla responded to the questions.

35. RFA: Antelope Island Visitor Center (Sen. Buxton)

Sen. Buxton presented the Antelope Island Visitor Center RFA.

36. RFA: West-side Urban Farm Community Hub (Rep. Hollins)

Rep. Sandra Hollins presented the West-side Urban Farm Community Hub RFA with the assistance of Georgina Griffith-Yates, Executive Director, Wasatch Community Gardens.

[**15\) RFA: West-side Urban Farm Community Hub Presentation**](#)**37. RFA: Agriculture Infrastructure Development (Sen. Owens)**

Sen. Derrin Owens presented the Agriculture Infrastructure Development RFA with the assistance of Ben Hart, Executive Director, Utah Inland Port Authority; and Darin Bushman, Commissioner - Piute County, 6 County Association of Governments.

[**39\) RFA: Agriculture Infrastructure Development Handout**](#)[**39\) RFA: Agriculture Infrastructure Development Video**](#)

Sen. McCay asked a question about the program.

38. RFA: Hunter Nation (Sen. Owens)

Sen. Owens presented the Hunter Nation RFA with the assistance of Don Peay, Hunter Nation; and Derek Wolfe, former player, National Football League (NFL).

Rep. Albrecht commented on the state's wildlife.

Rep. Lyman commented on the program. Don Peay responded to the comment.

Chair Chew commented about the sage grouse.

39. RFA: Primary Water Metering for Small Water Companies (Rep. Bennion)

Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion presented the Primary Water Metering for Small Water Companies RFA.

Rep. Owens asked for clarification about water metering. Rep. Bennion responded to the question.

40. RFA: Utah Canyons Resource Management Plan (Rep. Stratton)

Rep. Stratton presented the Utah Canyons Resource Management Plan RFA.

41. Other Business

Sen. Sandall shared with the committee the upcoming schedule and procedure.

Sen. Buxton shared an update with the upcoming RFA's. Sen. Sandall commented on the RFA's.

42. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 14

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. B. King
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. P. Lyman
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. R. Wilcox

Chair Chew adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.