

# Great Salt Lake Advisory Council Meeting – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## Location: Eccles Wildlife Education Center

(Video Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2TKigASPz8>)

### Great Salt Lake Advisory Council Members present

Don Leonard	Aquaculture
Leland Meyers	POTWs
Tom Ward	Municipalities
Mark Reynolds	Tooele County
Joe Havasi	Extractive industry
Jeff Richards	Migratory Bird Protection Areas
Ann Neville	Conservation
Randy Elliott	Davis County

### Great Salt Lake Advisory Council Staff present

Marisa Weinberg	DNR, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
James Harris	DEQ, Division of Water Quality

### Others present

Ben Stireman	Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Carly Biedul	GSL Institute
Craig Miller	Division of Water Resources
Emily Hamel	National Audubon Society
Jack Ray	Utah Waterfowl Association
Jamie Barnes	Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Jan Striefel	League of Women Voters
Jeff DenBleyker	Jacobs Engineering
John Mackey	Division of Water Quality
Keith Hambrecht	Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Krishna Khatri	Division of Water Resources
Leila Ahmadi	Division of Water Resources
Liesl Roberts	Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Lynn De Freitas	Friends of Great Salt Lake
Manjot Masson	Central Davis Sewer
Max Malmquist	National Audubon Society
Ryan Doherty	Cargill Salt
Todd Adams	Department of Natural Resources
Todd Stonely	Division of Water Resources
Casey Snider	Utah House of Representatives
Gary Webster	Rep. Chris Stewart
Thayne Clark	Bowen Collins
Miguel Ramirez	Cargill Salt
Kathy Davis	Utah AG/PLPCO
Steve Erickson	Great Basin Water Network
R. Jefre Hicks	UT Airboat Assn.

Gretchen Semerad	SWCA
Maddie Whittier	AG Office
Emma Whitaker	AG Office
Morgan Faulkner	FFSL
David O'Leary	USGS
Bill Pope	HDR
Glen Merrill	NOAA, NWS
Rob Dubuc	FOGSL
Angelic Anderson	Division of State Parks
Tom DeMars	Waters of the West
Dan Watt	Waters of the West
Randy Zollinger	Carollo Engineers
Ben Holcomb	DWQ
Laura Vernon	Division of Water Resources
Candice Hasenyager	Division of Water Resources

## Notes

### **Welcome and Introductions (00:02:50)**

### **Review of Agenda and Notes (00:05:45)**

Don Leonard, Chairman

Notes for January 11th meeting and Agenda approved.

### **Presentation: 2023 Utah Legislative Session Report (00:06:40)**

Casey Snider, Utah House of Representatives, provided an update on the 2023 legislation pertaining to GSL including Water Reuse Amendments (HB 349), Amendments related to GSL (HB 491), GSL Amendments (HB 513). The major outcomes of this legislation include a prohibition on water reuse in the GSL watershed, the establishment of a GSL Commissioner, Lithium severance tax provisions, emergency lake management by FFSL, and funding investments, as well as related legislation that did not pass.

### **Presentation: Water Supply Update for 2023 (00:35:20)**

Glen Merrill, National Weather Service, presented on the snow levels for the major basins of the GSL, reservoir capacities, and near term forecast for the area.

### **State Board and Commission Training (01:07:00)**

Emma Whitaker, Assistant Attorney General provided required board training to the committee.

### **Public comments (01:16:50)**

Lynn De Freitas provided an update on the Stegner Symposium on Great Salt Lake, requested a future agenda item from Farm Bureau and their legislative perspective, and a meeting with the newly appointed Commissioner in May. R. Jefre Hicks discussed concerns related to water districts having to bid on water rights and the competing interest of the state and GSL. Marisa Weinberg made an announcement regarding volunteering for the April 24<sup>th</sup> shorebird survey organized by the Sageland Collaborative and the upcoming

Tech Team Grant announcement. In addition, she reported on the raising of the causeway control berm to 4,192 feet and the development of the associated berm management plan.

**Other Member Discussion, Recommendations & Actions (01:21:10)**

Don encouraged the group to provide ideas for funding projects through the GSLAC. Joe Havasi recommended a presentation from BYU on the economic analysis for GSL at the next meeting and a future discussion on water reuse project that are currently in the works. Tom Ward suggested hearing about the Agricultural Efficiency projects and ways that program can benefit the lake. Steve Erickson suggested having Water Rights discuss funding they received for groundwater studies and measurements. Candice Hasenyager suggested a presentation on the GSL Basin Integrated Plan in July or September.

Next Meeting May 10<sup>th</sup> 2023, 10:00 AM

**Adjourn (01:25:25)**