

# Utah Lake Study Committee Meeting (Amended)

August 26, 2004

Bus Tour of Utah Lake

7:30 a.m. - Left from County Building

## ATTENDEES:

### Members

Mayor Lewis Billings, Provo City  
Mayor Ken Greenwood, Lehi  
Mayor Larry Ellertson, Lindon  
Mayor Jerry Washburn, Orem  
Mayor Bernell Evans, Payson  
Mayor Timothy Parker, Saratoga Springs  
Mayor Rulon Gammon, Vineyard

### Alternates

Paul Hawker, Ut. Co.

### Other Interested Parties

Margaret Dayton, Legislator, District 61  
Hugh Johnson, UTA  
Dr. LaVere Merritt, BYU  
Dick Beuhler, State  
Darrell Cook, Mountainlands  
Russ Hillman, Cong. Cannon's Office  
Jim Hewitson, Lehi City  
David Thurgood, Lindon City  
Greg Beckstrom, Provo City  
Wayne Parker, Provo City  
Robert West, Provo City  
Mike Mower, Provo City  
Councilmember Steve Turley, Provo  
Councilmember Barbara Sandstrom, Provo  
Councilmember Midge Johnson, Provo  
Fionnuala Kofoed, Saratoga Springs  
Brad Stapley, Springville City  
Noah Gordon, Vineyard  
Jerret Whicker, Envision Utah  
Chris Finlinson, CUWCD  
Jill Fellows, Daily Herald  
Tad Walsh, Deseret News

### Welcome

Mayor Billings welcomed the group and said the purpose of the tour was to get more facts and information regarding issues surrounding Utah Lake, i.e., the TMDL Study, future development, the June sucker issue, etc. The format will include each mayor discussing lake issues relevant to their city and expressing their vision and understanding of what is occurring in their area..

The following locations were highlighted on the tour:

1. Provo Airport.
  - The Control Tower will make the airport safer
  - The footprint of the airport will basically stay the same; no further expansion into the Lake in anticipate.
2. Provo Boat Harbor/Utah Lake State Park
  - The lake elevation is almost at an historic low.
  - The bridge into the Utah State Park will be replaced next spring
  - Funding for the Geneva Road bridge replacement has been approved and will begin next year
  - The boat harbor is closed because there is only 1-1/2' of water at the harbor entrance.
  - Property in the Dale Despain Conservation Easement was pointed out.
3. Skipper Bay Trail, North Boat Harbor Drive, Geneva Road
  - This area is being considered for a June sucker habitat.

- The Provo River Trail starts in this area.. Connecting it to the Jordan Riverway Parkway is being considered.
  - Utah Lake acts as a reservoir and is critical to the June Sucker Restoration Project.
4. Orem Business Park at University Parkway and
  5. Orem Sleep Ridge Golf Course, Holdaway Rd., Gammon Road
    - In the past there were 32 dairy farms in Vineyard; the area has really changed.
    - There is some discharge from the treatments plants in the area into Utah Lake
    - A new golf course and homes are planned in this area.
    - Alternate traffic corridors were discussed to accommodate projected growth in Utah County.
    - I-15 is the only major north/south corridor. Options west of the Lake and another corridor east of the Lake are under consideration.
    - Commuter rail options are also being considered. Current expanded services were explained.
    - The Gammon farm has been sold to a developer
    - Phragmites (tall grass growing in the area) have grown abundantly around the lake and create problems.
  6. Timpanogos Special Service District, 6800 North Street
    - This is the sewage disposal plant for north county cities
    - This area is critical for wetland habitat.
  7. American Fork Boat Harbor
    - In 1984, the Lake level was at 4,495 feet–6 feet above compromise. Development in Provo is not allowed below that level, except around the airport where pumps are available.
    - Control of the property around the lake is critical.
    - There is a proposal to pipe the Murdock Canal. Doing so may have an effect on the underground aquifers.
    - Wave action and ice fields are problems associated with Utah Lake
  8. Lehi City Park and Saratoga Spring Loch Lomond Development
  9. Jordan River Parkway
    - Inlet Park is the beginning of the Jordan River Trail in Utah County.
    - Phragmites have been burned in the past and need to be burned again.
  10. Saratoga Springs City Boat Harbor
  11. SR 68
    - Pelican Point is the location discussed for the causeway across the Lake. It is about 6-1/2-7 miles across the lake at this point.
    - TMDL, algae growth, mineral springs, carp, effects of dredging, salt and phosphorus content, earthquake faults, evaporation, the causeway and transportation needs were discussed.
    - The area is rich in Indian archeological sites
    - Input on the Utah Lake Management Plan will be requested soon.
  12. Elberta, SR 6, Goshen, Genola, Lincoln Beach Road, etc.
    - Sandy Beach is where the Spanish Fork River enters the Lake
  13. Springville I-15 Frontage Road
    - Camelot Park is where the Hobble Creek enters the Lake.
    - Springville has 5 to 6 miles of shoreline, with limited public access
    - Building west of I-15 is limited to above 4,495, which is 6 feet above compromise
    - Wastewater treatment plant discharges into Little Spring Creek, which flows to Hobble Creek and on to the Lake
    - Springville City is concerned with Utah Lake water quality and is watching closely possible new waste discharge requirements.

