



**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 9:30 AM  
Utah Lake State Park  
4400 W. Center Street, Provo, Utah 84601

**ATTENDEES:**

Richard Nielson, Chairman, Utah County Public Works  
Mike Mills, Vice-Chairman, June Sucker Recovery  
Scott Bird, Mapleton City  
Greg Beckstrom, Provo City  
Hilary Arens, Department of Environmental Quality  
Jason Allen, Utah Division of Parks and Recreation  
Nathan Riley, Vineyard City  
Matt Howard, Division of Wildlife Resources

Reed Price, Orem City  
Ben Stireman, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands  
Eric Ellis, Utah Lake Commission  
Sarah Carroll, Saratoga Springs City  
Jamie Baron, Saratoga Springs City

**VISITORS:**

Dee Chamberlain, Saratoga Springs HOA

**ABSENT:** Santaquin City, American Fork City, Utah Lake Water Users, Lehi City, Springville City, Woodland Hills Town, Army Corps of Engineers, Lindon City, Lehi City, Springville City, Central Utah, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources,

1 **1. Welcome and introductions**

2 Richard Nielson called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. Everyone introduced themselves.  
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4 **2. Review and approve minutes from the August 19, 2015 meeting**

5 Greg Beckstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jason Allen seconded the  
6 motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of approving the minutes.  
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8 **3. Round table updates from committee members**

9 Hilary Arens invited the group to a Utah Lake Water Quality Kickoff event on November 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Utah  
10 Lake State Park. This meeting will likely take the place of the November technical committee meeting.  
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12 **4. Brief updates on Utah Lake issues, projects, and priorities**

- 13 A. Lake Level: Jason Allen said that the lake is 5.9 feet below compromise. There are only about 2-3 feet of water in  
14 the marina. People are still using the lake and getting stranded. There are rumors that this will be a good winter.  
15 B. Phragmites Treatment: Treatments have been going well. Aaron Eager has outlined priorities around the lake.  
16 There are some public focus areas near the north end of the lake. They have been making great progress.  
17 C. Carp Removal: Mike Mills said that we are about to pass 20 million pounds of total carp removed. We are  
18 looking at 2 to 3 more years until efforts transition into a maintenance mode. There has been a small but

1 statistically insignificant increase in benthic plant life. There was a brief discussion of the history of carp in Utah  
2 Lake.

- 3 D. State Grant through ULC and FFSL: The state appropriated \$1 Million for Utah Lake and Jordan River  
4 Improvements with a 3 to 1 match.
- 5 a. AF Boat Harbor: American Fork is looking at an expansion and renovation of their harbor.
  - 6 b. Nature Center Site Analysis and Site Plan: The Utah Lake Commission will be doing a site analysis and  
7 site plan for the Nature Center. This will help provide the scope of the project. Once it is done, it will be  
8 easier to reach out to interested parties.
  - 9 c. Sandy Beach: A Boy Scout camp has been proposed for the Sandy Beach Area. The Nature Conservancy  
10 is deeding some property to the State. FFSL was concerned about this idea being premature because the  
11 land hasn't been deeded yet.
  - 12 d. Saratoga Springs Marina: They are also considering an expansion at their marina.
  - 13 e. Spanish Fork Trail Alignment Study: A trail alignment study has been proposed. They would like to  
14 extend their trail from I-15 to Sandy Beach.
- 15 E. Sandy Beach improvements: There is a verbal commitment by the Nature Conservancy to deed the land by the  
16 end of the year. Some amenities such as additional parking and restrooms will be added to the Beach.
- 17 F. Vineyard Beach and Park Development: A beach area is being planned near the new vineyard developments.  
18 The plans are being finalized and vegetation removal will be starting soon. Parking might be an issue, similar to  
19 the issues that have been seen at the reservoir in Herriman.
- 20 G. Provo Harbor Dredging Project: JUB engineering is working on the analysis of the harbor for the dredging. The  
21 best case scenario is that the dredging will take place in spring 2016. The preferred method at this point is to  
22 dam the entry to the marina and pump out the water.
- 23 H. International Costal Cleanup Day: Luke Allen gave a report on this. The cleanup day was successful. 70 bags of  
24 garbage and a lot of big pieces of junk were removed from the shoreline. The Utah Lake Commission is hoping to  
25 expand this program next year and have organizations commit to care for a location year round. Sandy Beach,  
26 Inlet Park, Utah Lake State Park and Vineyard Beach were included in this cleanup activity.

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28 Jason Allen mentioned that there is a Motorboat Access Improvement grant that is available. Applications are due at the  
29 end of October.

### 30 31 **5. Looking for a video editor**

32 Eric Ellis asked the group if anyone had access to a video editor. The Utah Lake Commission would like to create  
33 some good video content to help promote the lake. Nathan Riley of Vineyard City said he has some connections that  
34 might be helpful.

### 35 36 **6. General comments from the committee members and the public**

37 Reed Price mentioned that it is important for the developers in the Vineyard area to understand compromise  
38 elevation of the lake and what the implications might be for their project. It is important for them to know how high the  
39 water can get.

### 40 41 **7. Confirm next meeting time**

42 Richard Nielson announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> during the Utah Lake  
43 Water Quality Kickoff event.

### 44 45 **8. Adjourn.**

46 The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.