

Utah Lake Commission

Resolution 2022-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE UTAH LAKE COMMISSION CONFIRMING ITS SUPPORT FOR SCIENCE-BASED CONSERVATION, RESTORATION, AND ENHANCEMENT OF UTAH LAKE

WHEREAS the Utah Lake Commission recognizes Utah Lake as a focal point of natural resource systems that contributes to the environmental health, economic prosperity and quality of life of area residents and visitors;

WHEREAS through collaborative restoration, conservation, protection and sustainable use efforts, the lake and its multiple-use amenities are fully recognized and enjoyed by current and future generations;

WHEREAS many of the issues facing the lake are human caused; decades of nutrient pollution, industrial pollution, upstream erosion issues from historical impacts of wildfires, development or grazing, the introduction of invasive fish species and plant species as well as the extirpation of many native aquatic species;

WHEREAS natural conditions; a geographically arid state, the stresses of changing climate and weather patterns which can negatively impact water availability and that the lake's 97,000 acre of surface area causes evaporative losses of ~400,000 acre' per year; equal to or greater than downstream uses;

WHEREAS the forecasted tripling of Utah County's population by 2065 will increase demand for municipal and industrial water and respectively cause the percentage of inflows to the lake from wastewater treatment facilities to effectively triple;

WHEREAS the State has a broad bank of lake related research as well as ongoing research to guide needed restoration and enhancement projects and;

WHEREAS effective water restoration techniques and scientifically proven implementation practices exist, and have been developed and successfully executed around the globe;

WHEREAS state and nationally developed environmental policies have been created to ensure scientifically driven, open and public processes when evaluating and thoughtfully considering any large-scale restoration efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as members of the Utah Lake Commission and as residents of the great state of Utah, we have a stewardship and obligation to care for, conserve, restore and enhance Utah lake so that our generation and future generations can enjoy this amazing natural resource.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Utah Lake Commission supports the process and policies set forth by the Utah Legislature, the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, the Utah Division of Water Quality, US Army Corps of Engineers, The US Environmental Protection Agency and the National Environmental Policy Act, which combined with sound scientific review, can successfully guide and vet current and future projects and proposals on Utah Lake.



Mayor Michelle Kaufusi, Chair
Utah Lake Commission

14 January 2022

Date