



Hyatt Hotels Corporation will manage the Hyatt Escala Lodge at The Canyons Resort near Park City, Utah (Summit County) - Ski-in--Ski-out via the Sunrise Chairlift - 85 private residences/178 hotel suites full-service hotel. Photo is the luxury Hyatt Escala Lodge at dusk.

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What would Utah's Ski Industry (JOBS) be today - If Salt Lake City Public Utilities had not hoarded water (buying and holding more water than the current and future needs of SLC) and corrupted Utah's water policies and laws enabling extreme environmentalist employees the ability to blight Utah's Ski Industry for 40 years unlike Colorado?

Colorado 26 Ski Resorts - 12 Million Skier Days - \$3 Billion - 54,000 Jobs

Utah 14 Ski Resorts - 4 Million Skier Days - \$1 Billion – 18,000 Jobs

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One of the primary differences between Utah and Colorado is the way, unlike Denver, Salt Lake City has manipulated water law to weaponize water meters enabling environmental activist city employees

absolute power to dictate development (all economic activity) on 200 square miles including 4 of Utah's premier ski resorts. The cost of 40 years of SLC saying, "NO" to development is clearly visible in job loss, and economic opportunity loss. SLC even told the 2002 Olympic Committee, "NO."



It appears there is no other city in the United States that has manipulated a state's water law to develop an environmental-activists' dream super-weapon – the ability to take over the State Engineer's control of water rights and policy to such an extent that SLC can forcibly deprive land owners of their ability to either obtain water rights or to use water rights on their own land they have obtained independent of SLC.

That's Salt Lake City Public Utilities' water super-weapon in action.

The power companies like Rocky Mountain Power, and the gas companies like Questar have not been allowed black ball power over land owners' rights to develop and use their property. Salt Lake City has unlimited money on tap from vast water profits to buy political influence, and pay legions of lawyers to litigate and intimidate bonafide water users.

Commercial and private land owners including the ski resorts worried that SLC would terminate their water. SLC comforted them by saying that they'd never terminate those "surplus" water sales contracts, but they did terminate a 1975 water contract on November 1, 2010. These are the very same tenuous "terminable at will" "surplus" water contracts that Snowbird, Alta, Solitude, and Brighton (Utah's Ski Industry) rely on.

Could you imagine the job loss, economic impact, and chaos, if environmental- activist city employees could cut power lines and gas lines to lands outside their city's boundaries?

Imagine being in a costly and lengthy lawsuit with Salt Lake City employee (environmentalist ideologues) disputing over water connections to 7 lots in Alta some 20 miles from Salt Lake City, and Salt Lake City terminates your 1975 "surplus" water contract to your land. It happened on November 1, 2010 in Shrontz vs. Alta, SLC (Judge Kennedy Civil No. 090921163), where SLC counter sued the Shrontz Estate and terminated Shrontz's 1975 "surplus" water contract after 35 years.

Salt Lake City Public Utilities employees can cut a person's water line with impunity and without recourse. In fact, they act without city council prior approval and knowledge. A city employee cannot bind a city. Ergo, an city employee cannot un-bind the city as Salt Lake City Public Utilities. But they do.

That's Salt Lake City's super-weapon water right/meter power in action. Plus, the weapon is super-sized with the tacit approval of the mayor Ralph Becker, SLC Public Utilities director Jeffery T. Niermyer unilaterally goes straight to the lawyers to initiate and file litigation including 1750 water protests (leads to litigation) prior council approval, then excludes the city council on the basis of "on pending/going litigation." (i.e. Council members can not talk to the public thereby short circuiting and circumventing the Council's elected oversight function.) **This is a beautiful city employee technique on "How to get around the council oversight box without getting caught."** This serves as political payback to Salt Lake City's environmental constituent base using millions of public funds for un-limited environmental litigation without pre-council approval or public benefit – under the guise of "protecting the city's water."

Salt Lake City's lobbying efforts have paid off in silver dollars not only in order to acquire massive amounts of water rights beyond SLC's current and future needs, but also to develop an environmental-activist super-weapon (absolute control over development using water rights).

The corruption of both Utah's water law and Division of Water Rights administrative processes (17,500 protests) enables Salt Lake City to charge huge sums of monies for so-called "surplus" water sold under a loop hole Utah Code 10-8-14. This ability to sell \$25 million worth of "surplus" enables Salt



Lake City to control development of an additional 110 square miles outside SLC boundaries. This in turn empowers water employees to enact their special brand of environmental activism on the rest of us.

Salt Lake City, acting as a major Utah water cartel player, has systematically hijacked Utah's citizenry using water rights against so-called "un-desirable" private and government development. Salt Lake City has uniquely weaponized water rights/meters for employee environmental activism and cold hard cash.

How? Salt Lake City is less than candid in disclosing its complete portfolio of water assets. It is time for the Utah State Engineer Kent L. Jones to hold Salt Lake City accountable for all of the public's water held by Salt Lake City. Salt Lake City abused its municipal privilege to create a Billion dollar, self-regulated water company whose profits are utilized to pay expensive



lobbyists and lawyers (subtle economic violence) to maintain SLC's water empire – the ability to charge the public more for less water, and exercise control over more of Utah than other city.

Salt Lake City Public Utilities self-regulated, operation of a multi-million dollar "surplus" water business in three counties outside Salt Lake City 90 square mile boundaries is not in the public interest. SLC claims it makes no profit. Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County "surplus" water residents, Wasatch County, and Summit County are over charged for use of "surplus" public water rights.

These SLC's "surplus" water millions are taken from SLC residents and non-SLC residents alike. SLC Public Utilities eliminates competition by - 1) suing small water users (i.e. small land owners owning water independent of SLC, 2) suing irrigation companies to either take their water or put them out of business, 3) suing the Division of Water rights to intimidate state water employees from taking a position contrary to SLC interests, 4) cross pollinating water boards (stacking water boards - Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy 5 of 7 board seats; Provo River Water Users Association (Deer Creek) 9 of 11 board seats; Board of Canal Presidents (Utah Lake) 2 of 5 board seats; and the Utah Legislative Water Task Force with Salt Lake City water cronies), 5) concentrating water into the hands of a few, 6) weakening the state's control over water (SB 51), and 7) threatening suits against water companies like Holliday Water Company which could break SLC canyon water monopoly. These actions fund Salt Lake City's water empire which enables environmental activist employees to make Utah into the image of activist ideologies (Pine Cones Over People and Junk Science Over Jobs)

with impunity and self-oversight.

Today we have Utah's "jobshed" taken to the woodshed by SLC's "walletshed."

Solution to hydro-malicious activity (15 of 29 State Senators and 38 of 75 State Representatives):

1-The State Engineer Kent L. Jones who has the current Utah statutory authority could and should require a complete and transparent water inventory from Salt Lake City.

2-The State Engineer Kent L. Jones who has the current Utah statutory authority could and should grant applications to appropriate small amounts of water for domestic use which are virtually non-consumptive without politicizing the applications or change applications for small amounts of water without politicizing these applications.

3-The Utah Legislature can restore the rights Utah's nine sister states have which grant all land a little water without a permit. This alone would put an end to the ability of Salt Lake City to cut a person's access to water to enforce junk science and employee ideologies.

4-Add water right authority to the property right ombudsman office which is something Utah's water cartel opposes.

Is it too much to ask for Utah's un-employed and under-employed for government to restore and preserve the job capacity of Utah's canyons? No city owns any Utah canyon. Utah's land and water are to be managed for the benefit of all Utahns not the coffers and employees of one city – Salt Lake City.

In Summary, the issues are simple – 1) people over pine cones, 2) jobs over junk science, 3) and restoring equal protection of all land's right to a small amount of its naturally occurring water.

**JOBS
over
junk science**

**People
over
pine cones**



Let's put Utah's Ski Industry on par with Colorado's Ski Industry- JOBS.

Let's de-weaponize SLC water meters like Utah's sister states - Colorado, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Let's put Salt Lake City's environmental activists on par with the rest of the nation's 49 states by restoring a land's right to a little water without SLC's water permission.

Utah - We got jobs.

We call upon the leaders of Utah to stop the ongoing corrupt practices of Salt Lake City Public Utilities which include:



- Using water as a weapon to stop the proper economic development of Utah ski resorts
- Using water to stop private property owners from building cabins on their land
- Using water profits by overcharging to fund political power expansion onto an additional 110 square miles outside SLC 90 square mile boundary
- Politicizing the public utility general budget to fund an extreme brand of environmental activism on the backs of general “surplus” rate payers with no voice and no choice (A form of political payback to extreme environmental supporter using public utilities)

Denver Public Utilities' employees who are environmental-activist could not blight Colorado's Ski Industry, because Colorado's water laws have not been corrupted by Denver Public Utilities.

That's the difference. Salt Lake City Public Utilities is more clever than the Utah Legislature. The Colorado Legislature does not allow cities to control the state's water or economics.

Let's put Utah to work. Let's get serious about green ski jobs – Inter-mountain-Tram travel between multi-county ski villages with international admiration. The destination is clear – Utah – The American Alps. Utahwater.net