

Chapter 12

Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council

63C-12-101 Title.

This chapter is known as the "Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council."

Enacted by Chapter 262, 2009 General Session

63C-12-102 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Council" means the Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council created in Section 63C-12-103.
- (2) "Research team" means the Snake Valley Research Team created in Section 63C-12-107.

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63C-12-103 Council creation -- Members -- Terms.

- (1) There is created a state advisory council known as the "Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council."
- (2) The advisory council is composed of the following seven members:
 - (a) the governor or the governor's designee; and
 - (b) six members appointed by the governor as follows:
 - (i) two county commissioners, from individuals recommended by an organization that represents counties in the state, who are residents of:
 - (A) Tooele County;
 - (B) Juab County;
 - (C) Millard County; or
 - (D) Beaver County;
 - (ii) one elected representative of Salt Lake County government, from individuals recommended by an organization that represents counties in the state;
 - (iii) two residents of:
 - (A) Tooele County;
 - (B) Juab County;
 - (C) Millard County; or
 - (D) Beaver County; and
 - (iv) a representative of the Confederate Tribes of Goshute Reservation.
- (3) A member appointed under Subsection (2)(b) is appointed to a two-year term.
- (4) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (3), the governor shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of council members appointed under Subsection (2)(b) are staggered so that approximately half of the council is appointed every two years.
- (5) The governor shall appoint a chairperson.
- (6) If a vacancy occurs in council membership for any reason the replacement shall be appointed for the unexpired term in the same manner as the vacated member was appointed.

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63C-12-104 Advisory council duties -- Meetings.

- (1) The council shall:
 - (a) meet at least annually but may also meet at the call of:
 - (i) the chair; or
 - (ii) at least two council members;
 - (b) provide advice to the research team, including recommendations concerning the type of data and information gathered by the research team;
 - (c) review the data and information gathered and reported by the research team, including baseline data and changes from baseline data; and
 - (d) act as liaison between the research team and the persons represented by the council.
- (2) A majority of the council members constitute a quorum for the transaction of council business.
- (3) The council may advise the governor and the Legislature on any issue relating to its review under Subsection (1)(c).

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63C-12-105 Compensation of members -- Expenses.

A member of the council may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

- (1) Section 63A-3-106;
- (2) Section 63A-3-107; and
- (3) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

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63C-12-106 Staff.

The director of the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office shall provide staff services to the council.

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63C-12-107 Research team.

- (1) There is created a Snake Valley Aquifer Research Team composed of the following four members:
 - (a) a representative of the Division of Air Quality, appointed by the executive director of the Department of Environmental Quality;
 - (b) a representative of the Department of Agriculture and Food, appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food;
 - (c) the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources or the executive director's designee; and
 - (d) the director of the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office.
- (2) The director of the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office shall coordinate and direct the research team's data and information compilation and reporting required by Section 63C-12-108.

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63C-12-108 Research team duties.

The research team shall:

- (1) compile existing scientific research baseline data on the potential impact of the use of water resources in the interstate groundwater flow system specified in the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-424, including the impact on:
 - (a) surface water and groundwater;
 - (b) vegetation, including invasive species;
 - (c) agriculture;
 - (d) soils;
 - (e) air quality;
 - (f) wildlife;
 - (g) the geologic integrity of the aquifer; and
 - (h) socioeconomic conditions;
- (2) compile changes to the baseline data compiled under Subsection (1);
- (3) seek to enter into cooperative agreements with governmental entities to share relevant data and information;
- (4) provide an annual data and information report to the council; and
- (5) seek the voluntary participation of experts in academia and the private sector in the activities of the research team.

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