

**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE**

February 4, 1998 - 2:00 P.M.

Room 305, State Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Alarik Myrin, Co-Chair
 Rep. Evan L. Olsen, Co-Chair
 Sen. Joseph Hull
 Rep. Craig W. Buttars
 Rep. James R. Gowans
 Rep. Tom Hatch
 Rep. Dennis H. Iverson
 Rep. Michael R. Styler
 Rep. Jordan Tanner
 Rep. Daniel H. Tuttle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Craig Peterson
 Rep. Melvin R. Brown

STAFF PRESENT: Stephen Ogilvie, Fiscal Analyst
 Jean Holyoak, Committee Secretary

VISITORS: Attached to and made a part of these minutes

Rep. Evan Olsen called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

Department of Natural Resources - Oil, Gas and Mining

Lowell Braxton, Acting Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, reported on the status of the Division. Assisting Mr. Braxton was Carl Roberts, Division Budget Officer. Mr. Tom Bingham, Utah Mining Assn., also addressed the Committee.

Mr. Stephen Ogilvie, Fiscal Analyst, presented the Analyst's budget recommendations for FY 99 for the Division which amounted to \$5,784,100, of which \$1,081,800 is from the General Fund and \$3,333,800 is from Federal Fund.

MOTION: Rep. Craig Buttars made a motion to tentatively adopt the Analyst's budget recommendations including the fee structure for the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote were Rep. Hatch and Iverson.

Department of Natural Resources - Utah Geological Survey

Mr. Lee Allison, Director, Utah Geological Survey, spoke to the Committee of the progress of the Division and its current status. Assisting Mr. Allison were Dan Kelly, Budget Officer and Kim Hardy, Deputy Director.

Mr. Ogilvie presented the Analyst's budget recommendations for FY 99 for the Division. The recommendation of the Analyst is \$3,485,600 of which \$1,996,600 is from the General Fund.

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MOTION: Rep. Jordan Tanner made a motion to tentatively adopt the Analyst's budget recommendations for the Division of Utah Geological Survey in the amount of \$3,485,600 for FY 99. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Rep. Hatch.

The Committee discussed issues surrounding the preservation of the Great Salt Lake. Mr. Jim Carter of the Department of Natural Resources answered questions from the Committee

Rep. Dennis Iverson made a motion to approve the minutes of February 3. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion by Rep. Tuttle, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Rep. Evan Olsen, Co-Chairman

Sen. Alarik Myrin, Co-Chairman