

(Draft-Awaiting Approval)
MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, January 30, 2017 • 8:00 a.m. • 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Senate Chair
Rep. Ken Ivory, House Chair
Rep. Scott H. Chew, House Vice Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Brian M. Greene

Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Lee B. Perry
Rep. Marc K. Roberts
Rep. Keven J. Stratton

Members Absent:

Rep. Michael E. Noel

Staff Present:

Mr. Ivan D. Djambov, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Alexander R. Wilson, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Greta G. Rodebush, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

House Vice Chair Scott H. Chew called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

2. DEQ Admin Base Budget

Mr. Alex Wilson, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), discussed the base budget for the Executive Director's Office within the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) using the online budgeting tools presented during the January 24, 2017 meeting.

2a-Linked NRAEQ Base Budget Bill (SB0005)

2b-COBI 2017 - Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality

2c-Historic Trends Tools

2d-Report on How the Funding Appropriated for FY 2016 was Used

2e-Options to Consider When Reviewing the Base Budgets

2f-Intent Language for Performance Measures

Mr. Alan Matheson, Executive Director, DEQ, gave an overview of the agency that included agency initiatives and strategic planning. He was joined by Mr. Craig Silotti, Finance Director, Office of Support Services, DEQ.

2g-DEQ Base Budget Presentation

2h-DEQ Appropriations Handout

The subcommittee viewed a short video, "Ask DEQ not Phil," that DEQ uses to educate the public about clean drinking water.

DEQ Base Budget Presentation

Rep. Ken Ivory asked about areas where the jurisdictional balance between the state and the federal government needs improving. Mr. Matheson responded.

Mr. Matheson continued his presentation.

Sen. Ralph Okerlund commented on the quality of the water in Monroe City, Utah.

3. Air Quality Base Budget

Mr. Wilson presented the base budget for the Division of Air Quality (DAQ).

Sen. Margaret Dayton commented on the good and bad air days in Utah.

Mr. Bryce Bird, Director, DAQ, discussed core air quality programs and responded to questions about the fugitive dust control plan, air quality issues related to wildfires, and federal standards and state regulations that have helped improve Utah's air quality.

4. Water Quality Base Budget

Mr. Wilson presented the base budget for the Division of Water Quality.

Mr. Walt Baker, Director, Division of Water Quality, DEQ, presented the report and responded to questions about federal regulations on Utah's fresh water systems and saline water systems, waste water treatment plants, EPA funding, the time frame for cleaning up Utah Lake, and treatment solutions for harmful algae blooms.

Chair Chew asked if the division had budgeted for the oversight of air quality at Utah's recently designated national monument. Mr. Bird responded.

Rep. Ivory was interested in knowing if the federal government had placed any restrictions or conditions on Utah's latest national monument designation.

5. Drinking Water Base Budget

Mr. Wilson presented the base budget for the Division of Drinking Water.

Mr. Matheson introduced the new director for the Division of Drinking Water, Ms. Marie Owens.

Ms. Owens gave an overview of the division. She also discussed efforts to improve programs and responded to questions about federal funding.

6. Waste Management Base Budget

Mr. Wilson presented the base budget for the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control.

Mr. Scott Anderson, Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, DEQ, presented the report.

Rep. Dayton noted that a bill was passed last year that consolidated radiation control with waste management. She asked if the consolidation had any effects on the division's budget. Mr. Anderson responded.

Rep. Brian M. Greene asked what the division was doing to ensure that fees do not exceed the actual cost of delivering services. Mr. Anderson responded.

7. Environmental Response and Remediation Base Budget

Mr. Wilson reviewed the base budget for the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation.

Mr. Brent Everett, Director, Division of Environmental Response and Remediation, DEQ, presented the report that included a slide presentation.

8. Other Business

MOTION: Rep. Karen Kwan moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 15-0-4. Voting in the affirmative were: Hinkins D, Ivory K, Chew S, Dayton M, Ipson D, Knudson P, Christofferson K, Duckworth S, Greene B, Handy S, Hawkes T, Kwan K, Perry L, Roberts M, Stratton K Absent or not voting were: Dabakis J, Okerlund R, Vickers E, Noel M The motion passed with a vote of 15-0-4.

Yeas-15

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. M. Dayton
Rep. S. Duckworth

Nays-0

Absent-4

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Chair Chew adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.