

**MINUTES OF THE  
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday , January 23, 2018 • 8:00 a.m. • 210 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Senate Chair  
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, 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  
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht  
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson  
Rep. Susan Duckworth  
Rep. Stephen G. Handy

Rep. Karen Kwan  
Rep. Lee B. Perry  
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers  
Rep. Keven J. Stratton  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Rep. Michael E. Noel

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Ivan D. Djambov, Fiscal Analyst  
Mr. Alexander R. Wilson, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Katiemarie Harmon, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Chew called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

Chair Chew introduced the committee.

**1 . Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Rep. Kwan moved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2017. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6 .

Yeas-13

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. M. Dayton  
Rep. S. Handy  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Sen. R. Okerlund  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. S. Duckworth  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Rep. M. Noel  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Sen. E. Vickers

**2 . Subcommittee Overview**

Mr. Ivan Djambov, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA) explained the following documents:

[2a- Road Map for General Session](#)

[2b- Base Budget Review for the 2018 General Session](#)

[2c- Linked NRAEQ Base Budget Bill \(HB0005\)](#)

[2d- Historic Trends](#)

[2e- Options to Consider for Reallocations](#)

[2f- Report on How FY 2017 Building Blocks Were Used](#)

### **3 . DNR Admin Base Budget**

[3- DNR Administration, State Funds Reduction Concepts](#)

Mr. Djambov explained the DNR Admin Base Budget.

Mr. Djambov responded to a question from Rep. Duckworth.

Rep. Christofferson encouraged agencies to understand their fees and costs and increase their efficiency.

Rep. Sagers commented on surpluses in agency budgets.

Mr. Djambov responded to a question about lapsing balances from Rep. Sagers.

Mr. Djambov resumed his presentation after answering questions.

Sen. Dabakis asked Mr. Djambov how to best appropriate money.

Mr. Djambov responded to Sen Dabakis' question about the budget.

Rep. Christofferson commented on agency budget surpluses.

Rep. Stratton commented on budget surpluses and the efficiency of some organizations.

Mr. Mike Styler, Director, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), spoke on the issue of year-end spending. He gave a presentation on water, fun, and fire. The 2018 DNR pamphlet was distributed and he responded to questions from Rep. Albrecht and Sen. Dabakis.

### **4 . Geological Survey Base Budget**

Mr. Djambov gave a presentation on the Geological Survey Base Budget and "Utah Geological Survey, State Funds Reduction Concepts."

#### 4- Utah Geological Survey, State Funds Reduction Concepts

Mr. Rick Allis, Director, Utah Geological Survey, distributed a document entitled, "Utah Geological Survey" and gave an update on his agency.

Mr. Allis responded to questions from Rep. Barlow regarding geological hazards and the performance measures. He also answered questions from Rep. Duckworth and Rep. Sagers.

#### **5 . Energy Office Base Budget**

Mr. Alex Wilson, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, recommended improved performance measures for the Office of Energy Development (OED).

Dr. Laura Nelson, Director of the Office of Energy Development, spoke of the OED's accomplishments and goals.

Mr. Gregory Todd, Chairman, Duchesne County Commissioner, spoke of the Utah Energy Infrastructure Authority Board.

Mr. Wilson spoke on possible fund reductions to the OED.

Mr. Mike McKee, Executive Director, Seven County Infrastructure Coalition, spoke on lost revenue.

Dr. Nelson gave closing remarks.

**MOTION:** Rep. Duckworth moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 7 .

#### Yeas-12

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Sen. M. Dayton  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. S. Handy  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. L. Perry

#### Nays-0

#### Absent-7

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Rep. M. Noel  
Sen. R. Okerlund  
Sen. E. Vickers

Rep. D. Sagers

Rep. K. Stratton

Rep. C. Watkins

Chair Chew adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.