



**LEGISLATURE**

# MINUTES

## NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

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**Members Present:**

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Senate Chair  
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Chair  
Rep. Scott H. Chew, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Don L. Ipson  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
Sen. Scott D. Sandall  
Sen. Ronald Winterton  
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht  
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson  
Rep. Stephen G. Handy  
Rep. Suzanne Harrison

Rep. Karen Kwan  
Rep. Phil Lyman  
Rep. Lee B. Perry  
Rep. Casey Snider  
Rep. Keven J. Stratton  
Rep. Logan Wilde

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher

**Staff Present:**

Ivan D. Djambov, Finance Manager  
Lacey K. Moore, Financial Analyst  
Christopher Vizcardo, 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 Hinkins called the meeting to order.

### **1 . RFA: Bear Lake State Park, Marina Construction and Ongoing Marina Operations**

Sen. Hillyard presented the appropriation request.

Rep. Chew asked if the environmental impact statement for the Bear Lake Marina had been started. Sen. Hillyard responded.

### **2 . Department of Environmental Quality Executive Director's Office**

Lacey Moore, Financial Analyst, Office the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), gave a presentation on the Department of Environmental Quality Executive Director's Office.

Rep. Christofferson asked a question and commented on the breakdown of fees. Lacey Moore responded.

Scott Baird, Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), responded to the presentation.

#### [2\) DEQ Executive Director's Office Presentation](#)

Rep. Wilde asked a question regarding fees. Scott Baird responded.

Rep. Barlow asked about the shift in sources of funding. Scott Baird responded.

Rep. Snider asked a question regarding the use of appropriated funds. Scott Baird responded.

### **3 . Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control**

Ty Howard, Director of the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, DEQ, presented on the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control.

[3\) Division of Waste Mgmt. and Radiation Control Presentation](#)

Rep. Stratton asked whether the smell from the Geneva Coal Tar Ponds is toxic. Ty Howard responded. Discussion followed.

**4 . Division of Environmental Response and Remediation**

Brent Everett, Director of the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation, DEQ, presented on the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation.

[4\) Division of Environmental Response and Remediation Presentation](#)

Sen. Hinkins asked about the amount of money currently on the Response and Remediation fund. Brent Everett responded.

**5 . Division of Air Quality**

Bryce Bird, Director of the Division of Air Quality, DEQ, presented on the Division of Air Quality.

[5\) Division of Air Quality Presentation](#)

Rep. Barlow asked a question on sources of pollution. Bryce Bird responded.

Rep. Albrecht asked a question on metrics of Emissions Reductions from 2002-2017. Bryce Bird responded.

Sen. Sandall asked a question regarding the effects of the rule prohibiting Nitrogen Oxide in water heaters. Bryce Bird responded.

Rep. Barlow assumed the chair.

Rep. Christofferson congratulated the Division of Air Quality on the reduction of pollution from wood stoves.

Rep. Snider complimented the Division on the results oriented payment approach taken in their Science for Solutions research program.

**6 . RFA: Freight Switcher Locomotive Mitigation (Rep. Handy)**

Rep. Handy presented the appropriation request with support from Glade Sowards, Division of Air Quality, DEQ.

[6\) Freight Switcher Locomotive Mitigation White Paper](#)

Rep. Christofferson asked about the purpose of railroad incentives. Rep. Handy and Glade Sowards responded. Discussion followed.

Rep. Kwan asked about the purpose of freight switchers. Rep. Handy responded. Discussion followed.

**7 . RFA: Carbon Capture Demonstration (Sen. Okerlund)**

Sen. Okerlund presented the appropriation request with support from Andrew Baxter, CEO, Sustainable Energy Solutions.

Rep. Albrecht asked the location of the proposed Carbon Capture Demonstration. Andrew Baxter responded.

Rep. Chew assumed the chair.

**8 . RFA: Great Salt Lake Coordinator Request (Rep. Barlow)**

Rep. Barlow presented the appropriation requests.

**9 . RFA: Box Elder County Airshed (Rep. Wilde)**

Rep. Wilde presented the appropriation with support from Stan Summers, Box Elder County Commissioner.

**10 . RFA: Utah Lake Ecosystems (Rep. Stratton)**

Rep. Stratton presented the appropriation request with support from Richard Michelson, District Manager for Timpanogos Special Service District, and LaVere Merritt, Professor Emeritus, Brigham Young University.

[10\) a. Utah Lake Water Quality Handout](#)

[10\) Utah Lake Ecosystems RFA Presentation](#)

[10\) b. Guest opinion: The wasted resources in Utah water treatment](#)

Rep. Iwamoto asked on the proposal of building an island on Utah Lake. Rep. Stratton responded.

**11 . RFA: Jordanelle State Park Perimeter Trail Expansion and Crandall Point Trailhead**

Sen. Winterton presented the appropriation request with support from Tyler Aldous, Skyridge Mountain Committee.

Rep. Chew asked for clarification on the map presented by Tyler Aldous. Tyler Aldous responded.

Rep. Chew asked about the purpose of the newly proposed trails. Tyler Aldous responded. Discussion followed.

**12 . RFA: Monroe Mountain Data Request (Sen. Hinkins)**

Sen. Hinkins presented the appropriation request with the support of Darrin Bushman, Piute County Commissioner.

Rep. Chew asked which federal organization was in control of the grazing allotments.

Rep. Albrecht spoke in support of the appropriation request.

Sen. Okerlund spoke in support of the appropriation request.

Sen. Hinkins assumed the chair.

**13 . RFA: Carbon Canal Lining (Sen. Hinkins)**

Chair Hinkins presented the appropriation request.

**14 . RFA: Wildlife Resources Restricted (Rep. Schultz)**

Rep. Schultz presented the appropriation request.

Rep. Wilde commented on the price of out-of-state permits.



**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht moved to adjourn.

Senate Chair Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.