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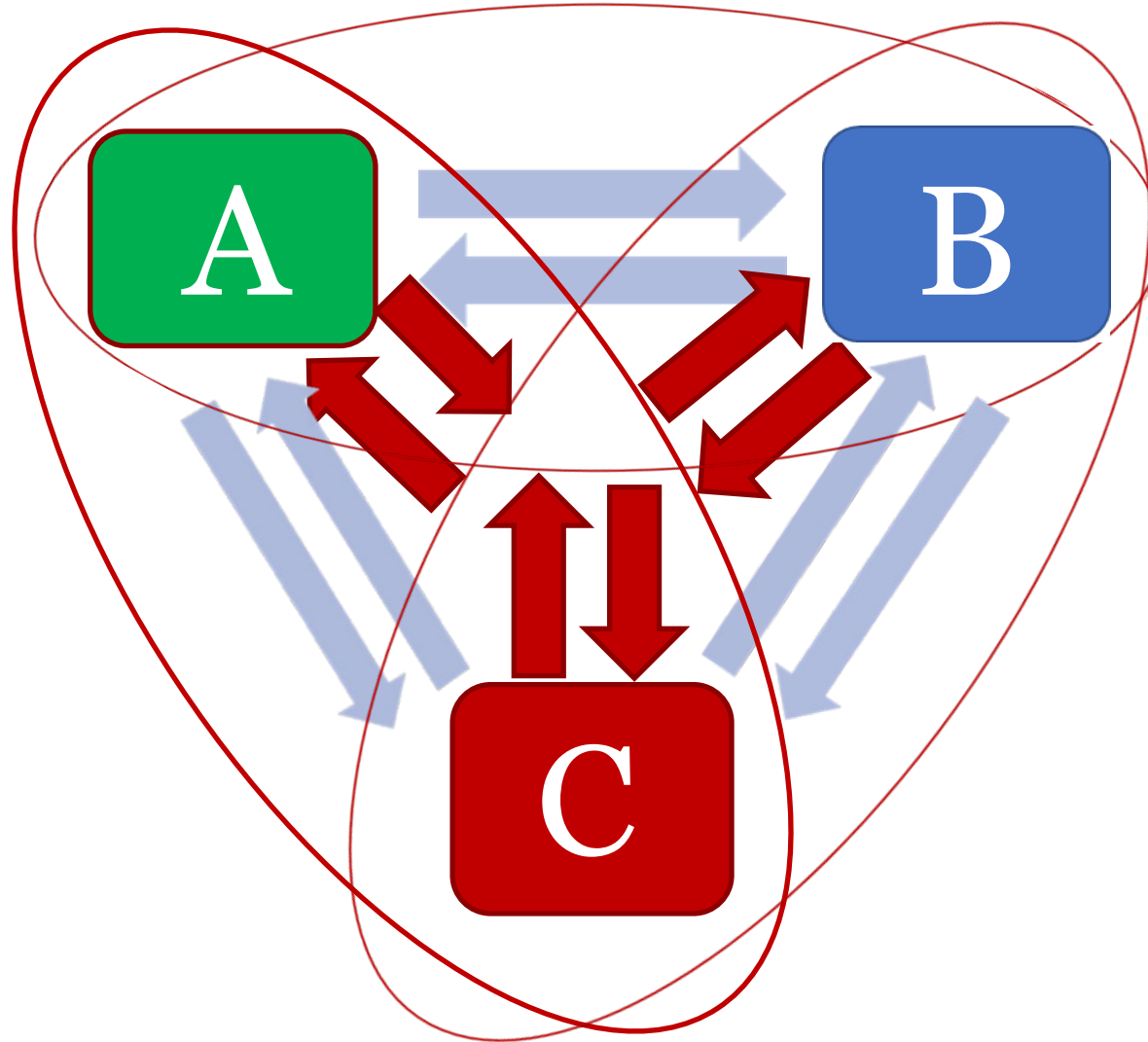
Legislative Water Development Commission

Watershed Councils



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Communication Chaos



Coordinated Communication



Envision Utah Values Studies: 2014 & 2021

Top priorities for Utah are water, housing/cost of living and education.

Housing/cost of living increased slightly in importance since 2014 while air quality slightly decreased.

Mean Importance of Priorities for the State of Utah

		2014's Mean Score	Movement
Water	6.5	6.4	
Housing and cost of living	6.2	6.0	+2
Education	6.2	6.2	
Air quality	6.1	6.2	
Healthcare	6.1	6.1	
Economic development/job	6.0	6.0	
Healthy living	5.9	5.9	
How our towns and cities grow	5.9	5.7	+2
Energy	5.9	5.9	
Preparation for disaster	5.8	5.8	
Agriculture	5.7	5.5	+2
Public land management	5.6	NA	
Outdoor recreation	5.6	5.6	-
Transportation	5.6	5.7	
Diversity and inclusion	5.3	NA	
Climate change	5.2	NA	
Arts and culture	5.0	5.0	



9-14 BASE: All Respondents (n=800) Q215. Thinking about the community where you live, please rate each of the following issues where 1 means "not at all important to Utah's future" and 7 means "extremely important to Utah's future".

*Natural lands was asked in 2014. However, these are not directly comparable to 2021 data.

HB 166 - 2020 General Session

3/12/2020 (10:48:38 AM)	Senate/ passed 2nd & 3rd readings/ suspension	Clerk of the House	26 0 3
3/12/2020 (10:48:39 AM)	Senate/ to House with amendments	Clerk of the House	
3/12/2020 (2:25:08 PM)	House/ received from Senate	Clerk of the House	
3/12/2020 (2:25:09 PM)	House/ placed on Concurrence Calendar	House Concurrence Calendar	
3/12/2020 (2:32:38 PM)	House/ concurs with Senate amendment	Senate President	74 0 1
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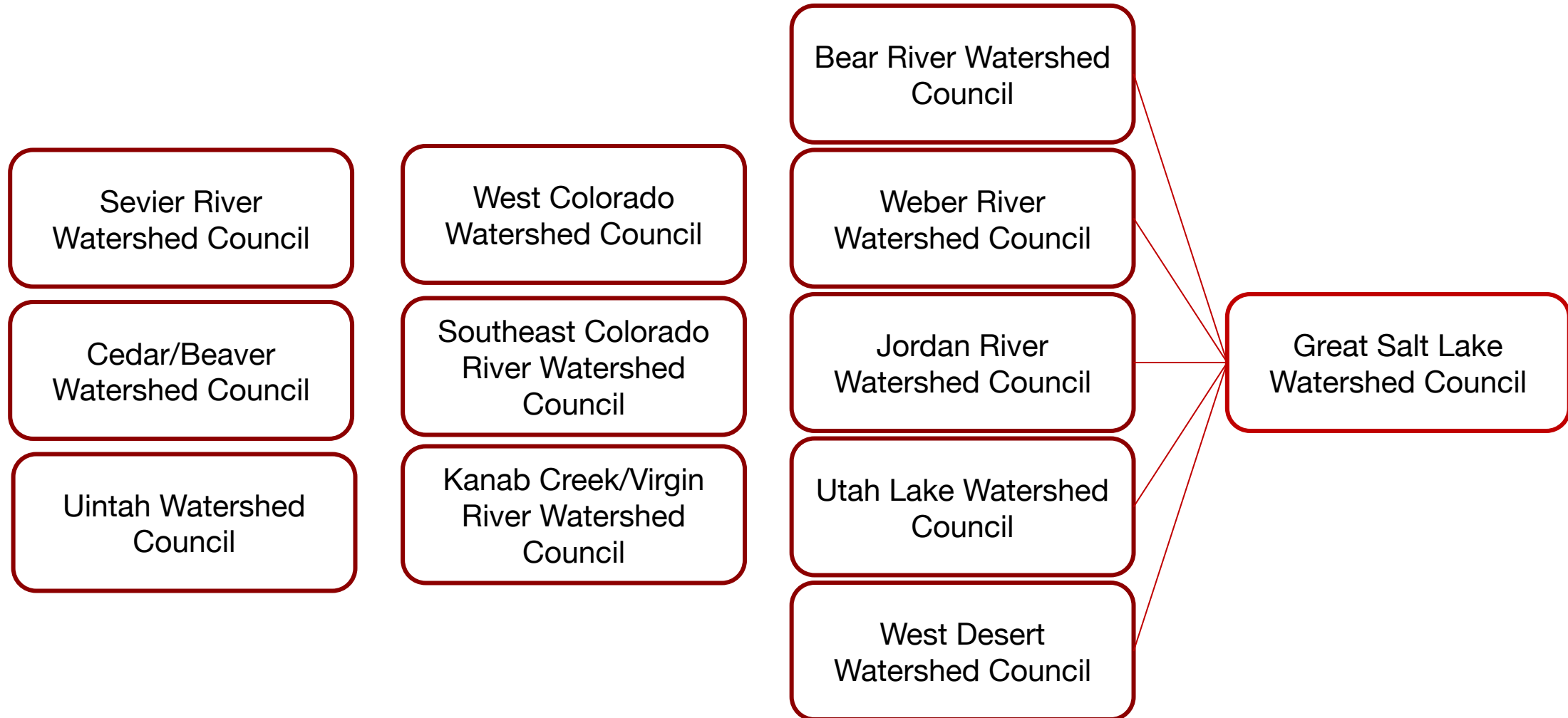
Coordinated Communication x 4+

1. Among council stakeholders, including state agencies and local councils represented on the Watersheds Council. *Section 73-10g-304*
2. Consult and seek counsel from local watershed councils. *Section 73-10g-305 (1)*
3. “[D]irected to . . . provide advice to the governor and Legislature on water issues.” *Section 73-10g-305 (1) (f)*
4. Report annually, or as invited, to:
 - NRAE Interim Committee
 - Leg. Water Dev. Commission
 - Utah Water Task Force

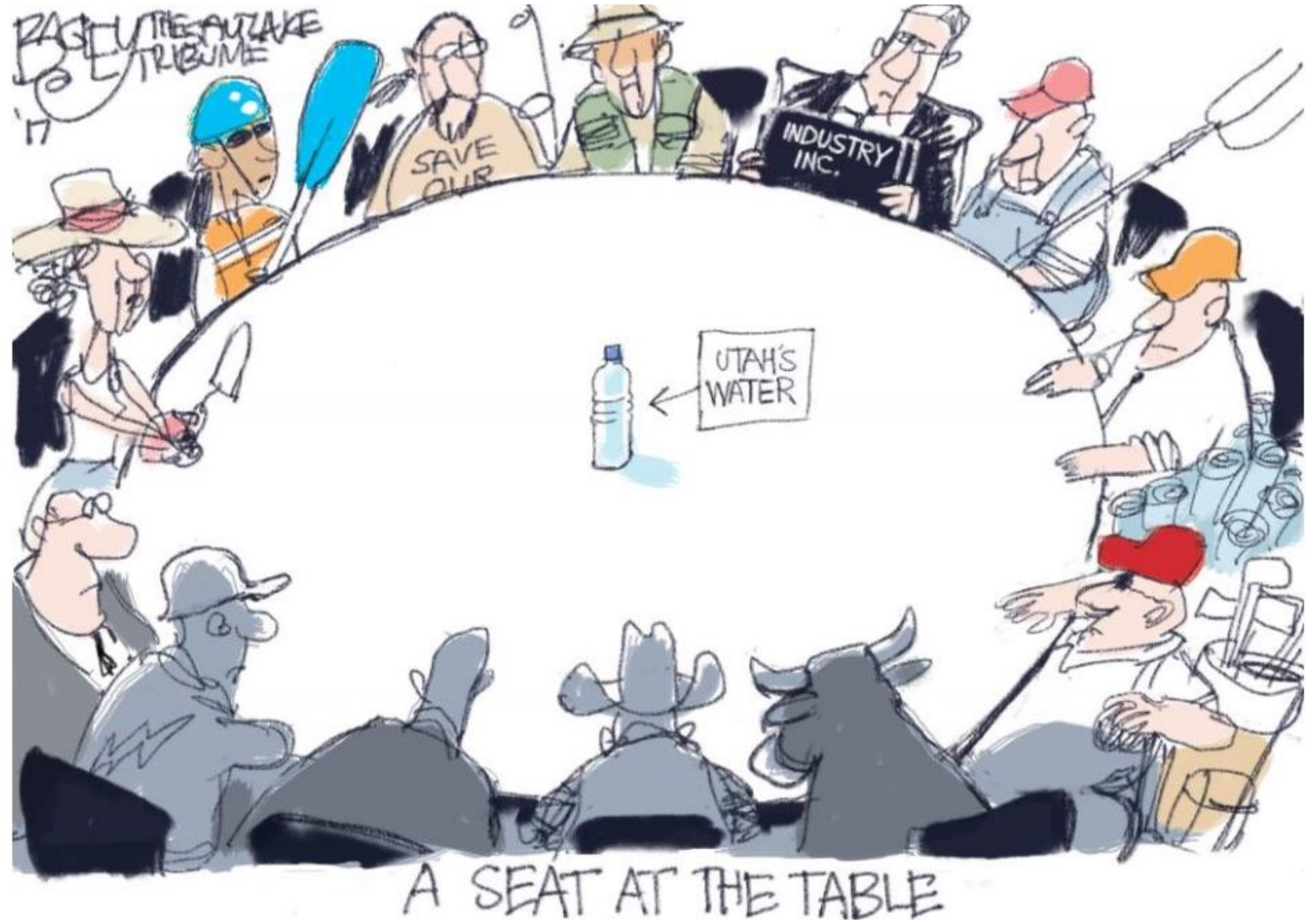
Section 73-10g-305 (2)



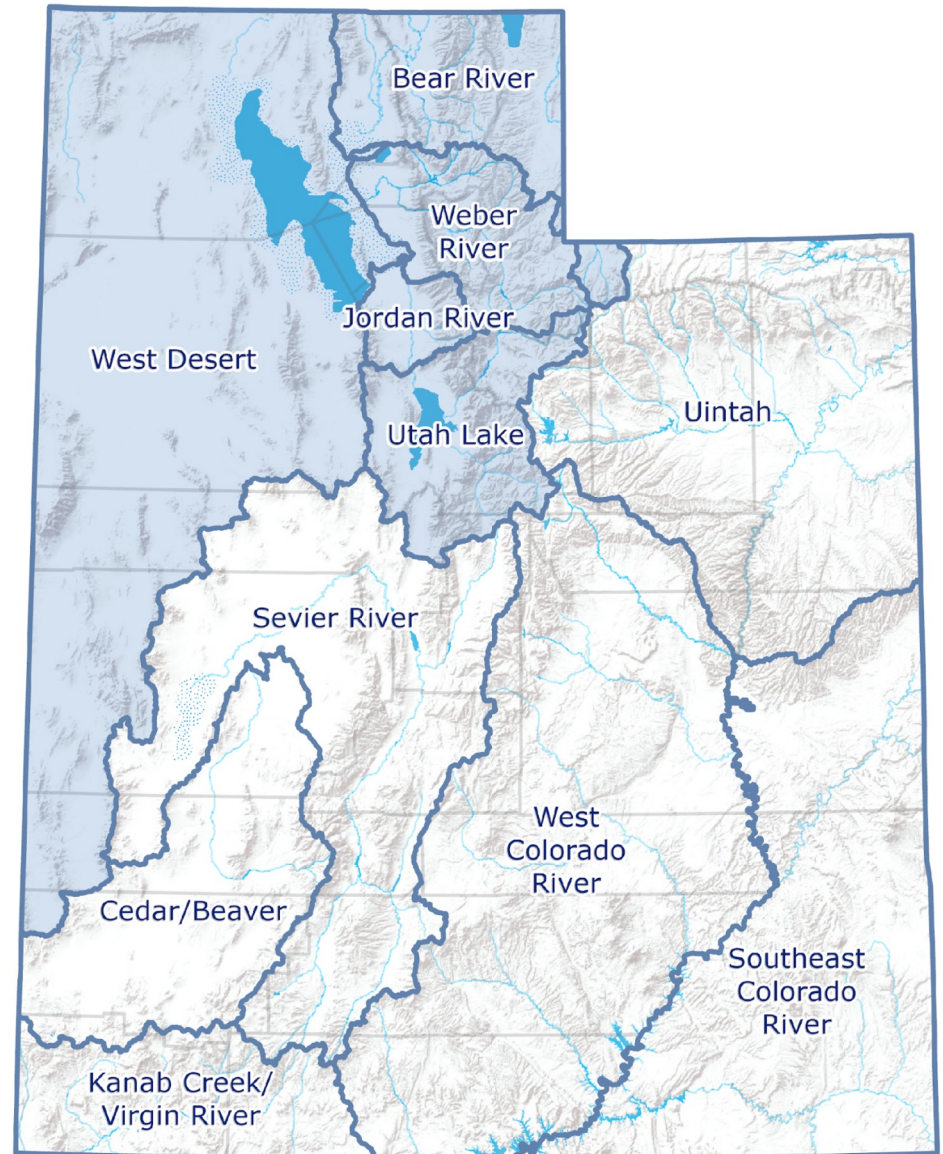
Local Watershed Councils



What Happens If We Don't Work Together?



Local Watershed Council Boundaries



- 11 Utah Watershed Councils
- Great Salt Lake Watershed Council

Watershed Councils Act Summary

(Utah Code §73-10g-Part 3)

Purpose:

To “develop diverse and balanced stakeholder forums for discussion of water policy and resource issues at watershed and state levels...”

Other Important Details:

Councils “are not vested with regulatory, infrastructure financing, or enforcement powers or responsibilities...”

Councils are encouraged to “use local expertise and resources found in universities and other research institutions or in regional, state, and federal agencies.”



Utah Watersheds Council

Members:

DNR Executive Director
DEQ Executive Director
DAF Commissioner
Director of the Utah Division of Indian Affairs
USU Ext. Vice President
Director of Div. Em. Mgmt.
Rep. designated by the UAC
Rep. designated by the ULCT
Rep. designated by the UASD
Rep. of Reclamation projects
Rep. of agricultural interests
Rep. of business and industry water interests
Rep. of environmental conservation interests
Water attorney rep.
Rep. of each watershed council

Joel Ferry (pending confirmation)
Kim Shelley
Craig Buttars
Dustin Jansen
Ken White
Kris Hamlet
Victor Iverson
Mark Stratford
Corey Cram (Chair)
Scott Paxman (Vice chair)
Wade Garrett
Rikki Hrenko-Browning
Marcelle Shoop
Warren Peterson
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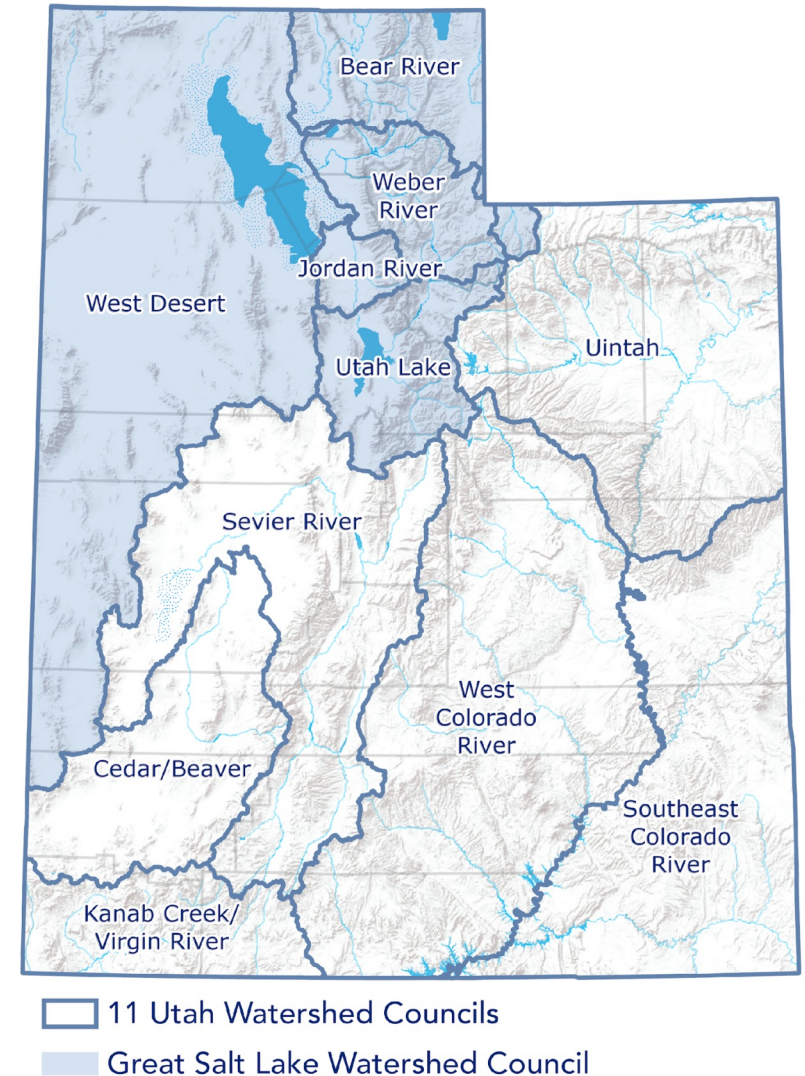


Local Watershed Councils

In “a balance appropriate for the watershed” and “where feasible,” **members*** shall represent the following interests:

- Agriculture
- Industry
- Indian tribes
- Public water suppliers
- Water planning and research institutions
- Water quality
- Fish and wildlife
- Water dependent habitat and environments
- Watershed management
- Mutual irrigation companies
- Local sponsors of Reclamation projects

A local council may also invite state and federal agencies to designate a liaison to the local watershed council.



*** Members must “reside or work within the watershed or own or control the right to divert water within the watershed.”**

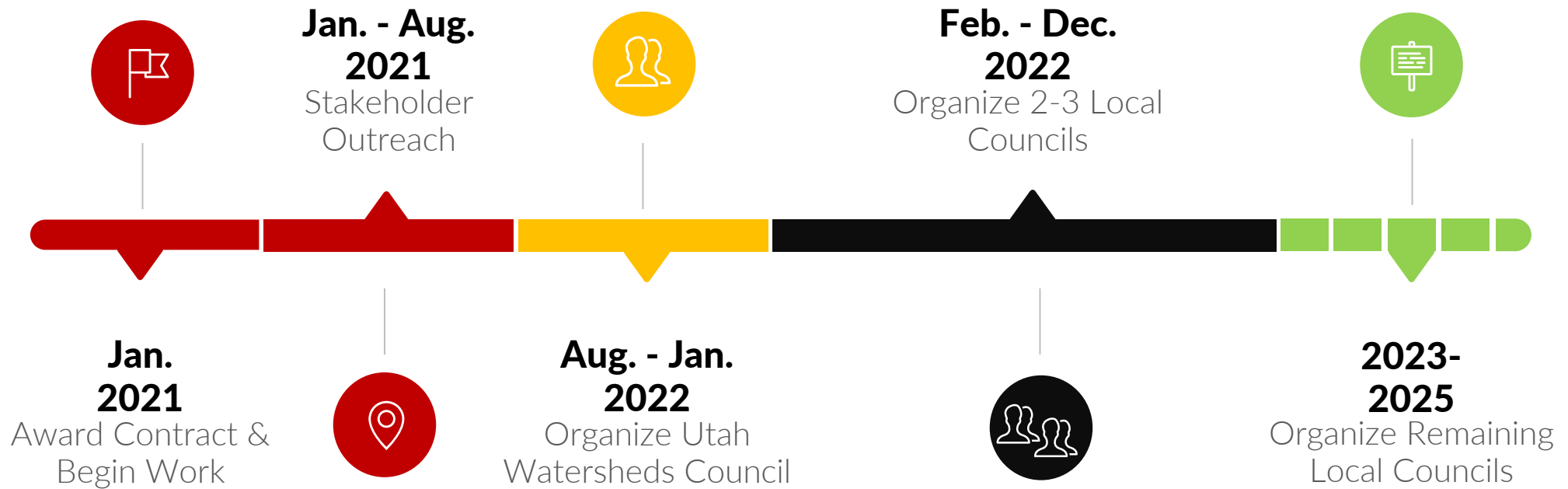
Local Watershed Councils (Cont.)

Role:

- Similar to Utah Watersheds Council, but at local level:
 - Encourage and facilitate discussion and collaboration.
 - Facilitate communication and coordination among state and federal agencies in the implementation of water-related activities.
- Communicate local issues, concerns, and priorities to the Utah Watershed Council.
- Those located in the Colorado River Basin are also to advise the newly created Colorado River Authority.



Timeline



Budget

- \$133,000 ongoing from restricted account
 - Administration
 - Facilitation and creation of watershed councils
- 2021 \$80,000
- 2022 \$125,000



For long term success...

- Build upon the Utah Watersheds Council
- Increased communication and coordination of water needs
- Development of relationships
- Meaningful projects that make a difference
- Potential funding needs

