



2024 Reports

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT | May 15, 2024

Scheduled Reports

Report	Description	Authority	Due
R.S. 2477 Plan	The Constitutional Defense Council and the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office shall present an R.S. 2477 plan and any updates to the NRAE Interim Committee.	63C-4a-403	Annual July 1
Federal Land Disposal Applications	The Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office shall present a written and verbal report on: 1) the office's and coordinator's activities under Section 63J-4-608; 2) land applications and potential land applications under federal land disposal law requesting the Secretary of the Interior to sell or lease federal lands; 3) decisions of the secretary on land applications submitted by government entities in the state; and 4) the quantity of land acquired under the land applications.	63L-11-305	Annual/Invited Aug. 31
Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program	On or before October 1 each year, the Department of Agriculture and Food shall submit a report of the program's revenues, expenditures, and outcomes to the NRAE Interim Committee.	4-2-902	Annual Oct. 1
Food Security Council	The council shall prepare and submit an annual written report that contains a description of the council's operations, activities, programs, and services; and any recommendations on how the state should act to address issues relating to food security.	53B-18-1703	Annual Oct. 1
Unified Water Infrastructure Plan	The Utah Watersheds Council shall compile reports concerning funds or accounts administered by relevant agencies by no later than October 1 and distribute the compiled report to the NRAE Interim Committee.	73-10g-602 H.B. 280	Annual Oct. 1
Brine Mining Operations Study	The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining shall report the results of the study, including any recommendations for legislation, to the NRAE Interim Committee on or before the committee's 2024 October meeting.	40-8-24 H.B. 433	Oct. 2024 interim
Study of Funding for Water Infrastructure Costs	The Department of Natural Resources shall study the use of property tax revenue for payment of costs related to supplying drinking and irrigation water, including infrastructure, treatment, and delivery. On or before October 30, 2024, the department shall provide a written report of the department's findings, including any recommended legislative action, to the NRAE Interim Committee.	79-2-407	Oct. 2024 interim



Watershed Restoration Initiative	The Watershed Restoration Initiative shall annually report on the total resources, historical funding for year to year, total state funds used to leverage non-state partner resources, total administrative costs, and performance metrics that demonstrate the initiative's impact and effectiveness.	79-2-605	Annual Nov. 1
Recreation Coordinated Investment Initiative	The initiative staff shall compile data and provide a performance report to the NRAE Interim Committee on or before November 1 of each year.	79-7-502	Annual Nov. 1
Soil Health Program	The commissioner of the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food shall report annually regarding money received and spent by the Soil Health Program, a description of activities undertaken, and any recommendations for legislative action.	4-18-308	Annual Nov. interim
Critical Infrastructure Materials Operations	The Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining shall complete the initial findings of the study required by this section by no later than November 1, 2024, and report the division's initial findings to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee by no later than the November 2024 interim meeting of that committee. The division shall complete the study required by this section and report the division's findings to the Legislature by no later than the first day of the 2025 legislative annual general session.	17-41-102 H.B. 502	Nov. 2024 interim
Emission Reductions	The Division of Air Quality shall report to the NRAE Interim Committee regarding the status of the air emissions inventory, the best available control technology emissions reduction plan, and the recommendations for a standard.	19-2a-107	Nov. 2024 interim
Funding for Air Rifle Hunting	The Division of Wildlife Resources shall review available funding to pay the costs of regulating hunting with pre-charged pneumatic air rifles, including eligibility for federal excise taxes, and report the division's findings to the NRAE Interim Committee by no later than the November 2024 interim committee meeting.	23A-4-702	Nov. 2024 interim
Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project	The USU Bingham Entrepreneurship and Energy Research Center shall report on the results of the following air quality research in the Uintah Basin: (i) developing and improving computer models to simulate ozone formation and determine its cause; (ii) measuring pollutants in the ambient air to: (A) track how emissions are changing over time; and (B) verify the accuracy of computer models; and (iii) characterizing pollutant emissions from various sources.	53B-18-1401	Annual Nov. 30
Utah Wilderness Act	The PLPCO director shall report on any recommendations for future action related to Utah wilderness preservation.	63L-7-109	Annual Nov. 30



Wildfire Risk Assessment	The Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands shall report the results of the division's analysis of adding an additional high-risk category within the wildfire risk assessment mapping tool to the NRAE Interim Committee by no later than the 2024 November interim meeting of that committee.	65A-8-203 H.B. 437	Nov. 2024 interim
Utah Lake and Great Salt Lake Study	The Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands shall report the findings of the study and a proposed plan to implement the findings to the NRAE Interim Committee by no later than the November 2025 interim meeting.	65A-10-5 S.B. 270	Nov. 2025 interim
Agricultural Water Optimization Committee	On or before November 30 of each year, the Agricultural Water Optimization Committee, the Division of Water Resources, and the Division of Water Rights shall jointly present the annual report to the Legislative Water Development Commission and the NRAE Interim Committee.	73-10g-207	Annual Nov. 30
Water Infrastructure Financing – Funds/Accounts and Council Membership	The Division of Water Resources shall complete the study by October 31, 2024, and report findings and recommendations to the NRAE Interim Committee by no later than the November 2024 interim committee meeting.	73-10-39 H.B. 280	Nov. 2024 interim
Water Infrastructure Financing – Fee	The Division of Water Resources shall complete the study by October 31, 2025, and report findings and recommendations to the NRAE Interim Committee by no later than the November 2025 interim committee meeting.	73-10-39 H.B. 280	Nov. 2025 interim
Water Banking Amendments	The Board of Water Resources shall report annually by the November Interim meeting on the implementation of water banks and shall submit a written report by October 31, 2029, recommending actions.	73-31-601	Annual Nov. interim
Water District Water Development Council	The Water District Water Development Council shall annually report findings and recommendations to the NRAE Interim Committee.	11-13-228 S.B. 211	Annual Not specified
Predator Control Measures Report	The Division of Wildlife Resources shall annually give a status report on predator control measures.	23A-11-302	Annual Not specified
State Agency Air Quality Best Practices	The State Coordinator of Resource Stewardship shall annually report on state agency best practices and stewardship efforts to improve air quality.	63A-1-116	Annual Not specified



PLPCO Activities and Expenditures	PLPCO and the Constitutional Defense Council shall report on the office’s activities and expenditures.	63L-11-202	Annual Not specified
Utah Water Agent Report	The water agent shall annually report findings and recommendations to the NRAE Interim Committee.	73-10g-603 S.B. 211	Annual Not specified
Utah Watersheds Council Report	The state council shall update the NRAE Interim Committee “annually or as invited” on the council’s activities.	73-10g-305	Annual/Invited Not specified
Great Salt Lake Integrated Water Assessment	The Division of Water Resources shall report annually on the progress and findings from the integrated water assessment. The assessment shall be completed by November 20, 2026, with a final report by December 31, 2027.	73-10G-404	Annual Not specified
Great Salt Lake Commissioner Annual Report	The commissioner shall annually report to the NRAE Interim Committee regarding the activities of the commissioner.	73-32-202	Annual Not specified
Utah Water Ways	Utah Water Ways shall annually report to the NRAE Interim Committee.	79-2-408	Annual Not specified
Sage Grouse Listing as an Endangered Species	The contractor shall provide written, quarterly reports on efforts to delay possible sage grouse listing as an endangered species. Contract 146311 between DNR and Stag Consulting.	Contract 146311	Quarterly

Conditional Reports

Utah Dairy Commission	If the commission acts under Section 4-22-103(5), it shall report the changes to the NRAE Interim Committee.	4-22-103	Conditional
Total Maximum Daily Load Review	The Water Quality Board shall submit the total maximum daily load for review if the total maximum daily load will require a public or private expenditure in excess of \$10,000,000 but less than \$100,000,000. The NRAE Interim Committee will also review all rules and standards created by the Water Quality Board. If there are suspensions of a director facility, the director of the Water Quality Board shall report any suspensions to the NRAE Interim Committee.	19-5-104.5 19-6-108	Conditional



Radioactive Waste Classification	The director of the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control shall notify the NRAE Interim Committee when making findings to authorize the classification and characteristics of waste on a specific basis.	19-3-103.7	Conditional
Natural Resources Legacy Funding Report	If the board is activated under this section, the Division of Wildlife Resources shall annually report to the governor and the NRAE Interim Committee on or before September 1 with respect to federal grants, state appropriations, and other contributions, grants, gifts, transfers, bequests, and donations received and credited to the legacy fund during the preceding fiscal year; and expenditures from the legacy fund under Section 23-31-203.	23A-3-303	Annual Sep. 1
Aquatic Invasive Species Emergency Response Plan	If an event requires the implementation of the emergency response plan, the Division of Wildlife Resources shall report on that event and the implementation of the emergency response plan to the NRAE Interim committee.	23A-10-501	Conditional
Wildlife Board Rule	The Division of Wildlife Resources shall provide an annual report to the NRAE Interim Committee regarding any rules made or changed relating to the Waterfowl Management Areas Act.	23A-12-303	Conditional
Energy Council	Council members shall, upon request, report on their activities to the NRAE Interim Committee.	36-7a-601	Upon request
Medical Cannabis Governance Structure Working Group	The working group may make recommendations to the NRAE Interim Committee regarding medical cannabis governance before or at the October interim meeting.	36-12-8.2	Conditional (Oct. interim)
Commission on Federalism	The Commission on Federalism shall report on any action taken by the commission under Section 63C-4a-303 and on any proposed legislation recommended by the commission.	63C-4a-303	Conditional
Federal Land use within a County	PLPCO shall deliver an evaluation, including county's report, the proposed congressional land use legislation, and draft of concurrent resolution, no later than 30 days after receiving the county's report.	63J-8-106	Conditional
Federal Lands Designation	Before legally binding the state to an agreement to sell or transfer to the U.S. government less than 500 acres of any governmentally controlled land or school and institutional trust land, a government entity shall notify the NRAE Interim Committee.	63L-2-201	Conditional



Utah Public Land Management Act	The director of the Department of Land Management shall report on a list of programs and specific information relating to public lands that shall be developed by the NRAE Interim Committee.	63L-8-312	Conditional Oct. 31
Water Forfeiture	The state engineer shall present the rule for a written plan to the NRAE Interim Committee if the Legislature is not in session.	73-1-4	Conditional
Claim to Surface/ Underground Water	If the claimant is the federal government/federal agency, the state engineer must provide a copy of the claim to NRAE Interim Committee members.	73-5-13	Conditional

Reports Due from the NRAE Interim Committee

State Water Policy Review	The NRAE Interim Committee shall review state water policy and make recommendations.	73-1-21	Annual Not specified
Review of Watershed Councils Act	The NRAE Interim Committee shall direct a review of the Watershed Councils Act no later than October 1, 2024, and end before September 30, 2025. The committee shall submit a report to the Legislature before January 1, 2026.	73-10g-309	Jan. 1, 2026