



This document provides a summary of the sunset provisions scheduled for consideration at the May interim meeting. The information is intentionally brief; for more detailed information, please contact NRAE staff.

Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant Program

Basics of Program

Core Statutory Provisions

- [79-8-401](#). Creation and purpose of infrastructure grant program.
- [79-8-402](#). Rulemaking and requirements for awarding an infrastructure grant.

Objectives

- Expand low-cost access to outdoor recreation for residents
- Encourage both residents and visitors to engage with Utah's outdoors
- Support economic development (e.g., attracting residents and businesses)
- Promote health and exercise through outdoor activity
- Increase access for underserved communities

Oversight & Rulemaking

- The program is administered by the Division of Outdoor Recreation.
- An advisory committee provides recommendations to the division on grant decisions.
- Division must create rules governing the grant program
- Rules define application process, eligibility, project types, funding formula, reporting
- Projects must be open to the public, priority may be given to underserved communities

General Legislative History

- 2016: Created in [\(H.B. 52\)](#)
- 2023: For-profit entities excluded from eligibility [\(H.B. 93\)](#)

Additional Materials

- [Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant Program Guide](#)

Utah Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Basics of Committee

Core Statutory Provisions

- [79-7-206](#). Utah Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Advisory Committee
- [79-2-201\(2\)\(o\)](#). Regarding the Utah Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Statutory Membership

The Utah Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Advisory Committee (advisory committee) consists of 17 members, including:

- The director of the Division of Outdoor Recreation



- The director of the Division of State Parks
- 15 members serving four-year terms, appointed by the executive director of the Division of Natural Resources (DNR), to represent various recreational, wellness, and rural interests in the state.

The advisory committee is staffed by the Division of Outdoor Recreation.

Powers and Duties

The advisory committee advises and makes recommendations to the Division of Outdoor Recreation on:

- Nonmotorized recreational trails and related grants under [Title 79, Chapter 5, Recreational Trails](#)
- Utah Outdoor Recreation Grants issued under Title 79, Chapter 8:
 - [Part 2](#), Recreation Restoration Infrastructure Grant Program
 - [Part 3](#), Utah Children's Outdoor Recreation and Education (UCORE) Grant Program
 - [Part 4](#), Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant Program

General Legislative History

- 2022: Created, sunset added upon enactment ([H.B. 305](#))
- 2025: Removed reference to the Utah Children's Outdoor Recreation and Education Fund ([S.B. 283](#))

Great Salt Lake Advisory Council

Basics of Council

Core Statutory Provisions

- [73-32-302](#). Advisory council created -- Staffing -- Per diem and travel expenses -- Annual conflict of interest disclosure statement -- Exception -- Penalties.
- [73-32-303](#). Duties of the council.

Statutory Membership

- The Great Salt Lake Advisory Council (council) is an advisory council consisting of 11 members who serve four-year terms and are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of Senate:
 - One representative of industry representing the extractive industry
 - One representative of industry representing aquaculture
 - One representative of conservation interests
 - One representative of a migratory bird protection area
 - One representative who is an elected official from municipal government or designee
 - Five representatives who are elected officials from county government or designee, representing Box Elder County, Davis County, Salt Lake County, Tooele County, and Weber County
 - One representative of a publicly owned treatment works.
- Staffed by DNR and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).
- The council has conflict of interest disclosure requirements.



Powers and Duties

- Advises the governor, DNR, DEQ, and the Great Salt Lake Commissioner on the sustainable use, protection, and development of the Great Salt Lake, balancing:
 - Sustainable use
 - Environmental health
 - Reasonable access for existing and future development
- Assists the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands (FFSL) in FFSL’s responsibilities regarding the Great Salt Lake and may recommend appointments to the technical team created by FFSL. The council shall use technical support from the technical team.
- Assists DNR, DEQ, and applicable boards in accomplishing responsibilities for the Great Salt Lake.
- Reports annually to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee.
- Directs the expenditure of \$125,000 in the Sovereign Lands Management Account for the benefit of the Great Salt Lake.

Functions

- The council also functions as the Great Salt Lake Watershed Council with liaisons from the five watersheds that drain into the Great Salt Lake.

General Legislative History

- 2010: Created ([HB 343](#))
 - Note: A previous advisory council existed approximately 1983 to 1994
- 2020: Sunset added ([HB 10](#))
- 2023: Included in Great Salt Lake Commissioner Act ([HB 491](#))
- 2025: Amended as part of move of the Office of Great Salt Lake Commissioner to DNR ([HB 520](#))

Additional Materials

- [Watershed Councils webpage](#)
- [Great Salt Lake Watershed Council webpage](#)
- [2025 Great Salt Lake Advisory Council Annual Summary](#)

Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC)

Basics of Committee

Core Statutory Provisions

- [63L Chapter 11 Part 4](#). Resource Development Coordinating Committee

Statutory Membership

The RDCC consists of 26 members, including the state science advisor and one representative from each of the following, appointed by the respective director, executive director, or commissioner:



- Dept. of Agriculture & Food
- Dept. of Environmental Quality
- Dept. of Natural Resources
- Dept. of Transportation
- Dept. of Cultural & Community Engagement
- Governor’s Office of Economic Development
- Utah Historical Society
- Utah Geological Society
- Division of Forestry, Fire, & State Lands
- Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining
- Division of State Parks
- Division of Outdoor Recreation
- School & Institutional Trust Lands Administration
- Division of Facilities Construction & Management
- Division of Emergency Management
- Division of Community Services
- Division of Conservation
- Division of Air Quality
- Division of Water Quality
- Division of Drinking Water
- Division of Environmental Response & Remediation
- Division of Waste Management & Radiation Control
- Division of Water Resources
- Division of Water Rights
- Division of Water Resources

The RDCC may, by majority vote, appoint temporary ex officio members to participate in discussions and vote on specific issues.

Powers and Duties

The RDCC assists the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO) in:

- the development and implementation of a procedure to expedite the review of proposed energy and industrial facilities that require permits from more than one state agency; and
- the review of proposed state actions affecting physical resources, the review of federal actions that require state review, and the review of proposed federal regulations or policies related to natural resource issues.

The PLPCO reviews and forwards the RDCC’s comments and recommendations to the governor, the initiating state agency (in the case of proposed state action), and the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

The PLPCO advisor administers RDCC and must inform political subdivisions of all RDCC meetings in advance.

General Legislative History

- 1981: Created (H.B. 267)
 - Note: Previously established by executive order
- 2021: Moved to PLPCO from the Office of Management and Budget ([H.B. 368](#))
- 2022: Added representative of Division of Conservation to RDCC membership ([H.B. 305](#))

Additional Materials

- [RDCC website](#)
- [Project dashboard](#)