

## S.B. 202 - Conservation Commission Employees - Sponsor: Okerlund

### Performance Note Report

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#### Funding For:

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New Agency  
New Services or benefit  
Serving a new or larger population

#### Public Benefit

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purpose : The funds to do, plan, and execute conservation work at the conservation district level have been passing through UDAF to UACD, but it was determined by the Legislature and Governor's office that it would be more efficient and productive if the funds came

Services : To continue supporting local conservation districts in meeting their statutory requirements of providing measures to conserve the state's natural resources (Title 17D Chapter 3) by employing the district planners and staff, meet the recommendations of the legislative audit, and empower the conservation districts in their responsibilities to meet future conservation challenges.

Expected Outcome : The Utah Conservation Commission and Utah Department of Agriculture and Food will be looking to establish a baseline of efficiencies and employee effectiveness for the districts during the first year of employing conservation district staff, then will assess and implement strategies to achieve and increase in efficiency and effectiveness.

Implementations and Resources : The Utah Conservation Commission and UDAF Utah Conservation Commission staff will implement and manage the new conservation district employees. This will be implemented on July 1, 2015.

How : It has been determined that the conservation district planners and staff will receive more oversight, management, support, and direction from the Utah Conservation Commission if those employees are managed by the Commissioner of the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food and her staff.

### Performance Measures

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#### Goal

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Title : To conserve Utah's natural resources by empowering the conservation districts.

Description : UCC and UDAF staff will work with conservation districts and district employees to identify opportunities for increased efficiencies, meet requirements of the legislative audit, and get conservation districts more involved in conservation effort and decision making, if not already doing so. The first year of operation will allow us to determine what constitutes a baseline and what targets or benchmarks need to set to make the goal useful and measurable.

Collection Method : UDAF conservation Conservation Commission staff will collect numbers of projected planned by district planners and how many of the planned/implemented projects are initiated by conservation district supervisors. This will provide the UCC with the baseline of projects being planned, level of quality of projects, and how involved the districts

are in the planning process. After this baseline is established, the UCC and UDAF staff will then be able to identify districts around the state that need improvements and efficiencies and can then implement methods of improvement.

	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Target or BenchMark			
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