

59 (3) "State council" means the Utah Watersheds Council created in Section 73-10g-304.

60 (4) "Utah Water Task Force" means a task force created by the Department of Natural  
 61 Resources to review and make recommendations regarding water issues.

62 Section 3. Section **73-10g-303** is enacted to read:

63 **73-10g-303. Watersheds.**

64 For the purposes of this part, the state is divided into the following watersheds,  
 65 corresponding to those found on hydrologic basin maps maintained by the division:

66 (1) the Bear River Watershed, comprised of the portions of Box Elder, Cache, Rich,  
 67 and Summit counties that drain into the Bear River or Great Salt Lake;

68 (2) the Weber River Watershed, comprised of the portions of Weber, Davis, Morgan,  
 69 and Summit counties that drain into the Weber River or Great Salt Lake;

70 (3) the Jordan River Watershed, comprised of the portions of Salt Lake and Utah  
 71 counties that drain into the Jordan River or Great Salt Lake;

72 (4) the Utah Lake Watershed, comprised of the portions of Utah, Wasatch, Juab, and  
 73 Summit counties that drain into Utah Lake;

74 (5) the West Desert Watershed, comprised of the portions of Box Elder, Tooele, Juab,  
 75 Millard, Beaver, and Iron counties that drain into Great Salt Lake or have no outlet, as well as  
 76 the portion of Box Elder County that drains into the Columbia River watershed;

77 (6) the Sevier River Watershed, comprised of the portions of Kane, Garfield, Wayne,  
 78 Ĥ→ [Paiute] Piute ←Ĥ, Emery, Sevier, Sanpete, Carbon, Utah, Juab, Tooele, Millard, and Beaver  
 78a counties that  
 79 drain into the Sevier River;

80 (7) the Cedar-Beaver Watershed, comprised of the portions of Washington, Iron,  
 81 Beaver, Garfield, Ĥ→ [Paiute] Piute ←Ĥ, and Millard counties that historically drained into Sevier  
 81a Lake;

82 (8) the Uintah Watershed, comprised of the portions of Daggett, Summit, Duchesne,  
 83 Uintah, Wasatch, Carbon, Grand, and Emery counties that drain into the Green and Colorado  
 84 ivers;

85 (9) the West Colorado River Watershed, comprised of the portions of Duchesne,  
 86 Wasatch, Carbon, Sanpete, Sevier, Emery, Grand, Wayne, San Juan, Garfield, and Kane  
 87 counties that drain into the Colorado River;

88 (10) the Southeast Colorado River Watershed, comprised of the portions of Grand,  
 89 Wayne, San Juan, and Garfield counties that drain into the San Juan and Colorado rivers;

90 (11) the Kanab Creek-Virgin River Watershed, comprised of the portions of Iron,  
 91 Washington, and Kane counties that drain into the Colorado River; and

92 (12) the Great Salt Lake Watershed, comprised of the West Desert, Bear River, Weber  
 93 River, Jordan River, and Utah Lake watersheds.

94 Section 4. Section 73-10g-304 is enacted to read:

95 **73-10g-304. Utah Watersheds Council -- Creation and governance.**

96 (1) Within the Department of Natural Resources, there is created the "Utah Watersheds  
 97 Council" consisting of the following members who are residents of the state:

98 (a) the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources;

99 (b) the executive director of the Department of Environmental Quality;

100 (c) the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food;

101 (d) the director of the Utah Division of Indian Affairs;

102 (e) the Utah State University Extension vice president;

102a **Œ→ (f) the director of the Division of Emergency Management within the Department of**

102b **Public Safety; ←Œ**

103 **Œ→ [(ff)] (g) ←Œ** a representative designated by the Utah Association of Counties;

104 **Œ→ [(g)] (h) ←Œ** a representative designated by the Utah League of Cities and Towns;

105 **Œ→ [(hr)] (i) ←Œ** a representative designated by the Utah Association of Special Districts;

106 **Œ→ [(ti)] (j) ←Œ** a representative of reclamation projects located in the state selected by the

106a governor

107 from a list of three persons nominated jointly by the local sponsors of reclamation projects

108 located in the state and the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources;

109 **Œ→ [(ti)] (k) ←Œ** a representative of agricultural interests selected by the governor from a list

109a of three

110 persons nominated jointly by the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food, the

111 president of the Utah Farm Bureau, and the Utah State University Extension vice president;

112 **Œ→ [(k)] (l) ←Œ** a representative of environmental conservation interests selected by the

112a governor

113 from a list of three persons nominated jointly by the executive directors of the Department of

114 Environmental Quality and Department of Natural Resources;

115 **Œ→ [(ff)] (m) ←Œ** a representative of business and industry water interests selected by the

115a governor

115a **Œ→ from a list of three individuals nominated jointly by the Utah Manufacturers Association,**

115b **Utah Mining Association, and Utah Petroleum Association ←Œ ;**

116 and  
117     ~~§~~→ [(m)] (n) ←~~§~~ the designated individual selected by a local watershed council certified  
117a under  
118 Section [73-10g-306](#).  
119     (2) (a) The division is directed, by no later than ~~§~~→ [~~May 12, 2021~~] July 1, 2020 ←~~§~~ , to  
119a organize a meeting of  
120 the individuals identified in Subsections (1)(a) through ~~§~~→ [(t)] (m) ←~~§~~ , in which those  
120a individuals shall:

121 (i) organize the state council as provided in this part;

122 (ii) select a chair and at least one vice-chair from among the members of the state  
123 council to have powers and duties provided in the organizing documents adopted by the state  
124 council; and

125 (iii) adopt policies to govern the state council's activities, including policies for the  
126 creation of subcommittees that may be less than a quorum of the state council and may include  
127 persons of suitable expertise who are not state council members.

128 (b) The state council shall make the organizing documents and policies created under  
129 Subsection (2)(a) available:

130 (i) to the public;

131 (ii) at each meeting of the state council; and

132 (iii) on a public website maintained by the division for council business.

133 (3) The state council may invite federal agencies to name representatives as liaisons to  
134 the state council.

135 (4) The state council shall stagger the initial terms of the state council members listed  
136 in Subsections (1) ~~Œ→ [(ff)] (g) ←Œ through Œ→ [(tt)] (m) ←Œ , after which members will be~~  
136a replaced according to policies  
137 adopted by the state council.

138 (5) After the state council's initial organization, the state council may hold regular and  
139 special meetings at such locations within the state and on a schedule as the state council  
140 determines, provided that the state council shall meet at least semi-annually.

141 (6) A majority of the members of the state council constitutes a quorum.

142 (7) The action of the majority of the council constitutes the action of the state council.

143 (8) (a) The state council policies may allow that a properly authorized representative of  
144 a voting member of the state council may act in the place of that voting member if the voting  
145 member is absent or unable to act.

146 (b) The state council shall enter in the record of a meeting proper documentation of a  
147 representative's authority to act on behalf of the voting member under this Subsection (8).

148 (c) Authorization to act on behalf of a voting member may be given for more than one  
149 meeting.

150 (d) Authorization to act on behalf of a voting member shall comply with the policies  
151 adopted by the state council.

183 (i) provide for an open and equitable system of governance;

184 (ii) encourage participation by a water user or group of water users, other watershed  
 185 groups, mutual irrigation companies, distribution system committees, and other stakeholders  
 186 within the watershed; and

187 (iii) require that:

188 (A) a majority of the members of the local council constitutes a quorum; and

189 (B) an action of the local council be approved by no less than a majority of the  
 190 members of the local council;

191 (b) in a balance appropriate for the watershed, the proposed local council membership  
 192 includes watershed stakeholders who reside or work within the watershed or own or control the  
 193 right to divert or use water within the watershed and is representative, where feasible, of at  
 194 least these interests:

195 (i) agriculture;

196 (ii) industry;

197 (iii) Indian tribes;

198 (iv) public water suppliers, as defined in Section [73-1-4](#);

199 (v) water planning and research institutions;

200 (vi) water quality;

201 (vii) fish and wildlife;

202 (viii) water dependent habitat and environments;

203 (ix) watershed management, such as distribution system committees functioning within  
 204 the watershed;

205 (x) mutual irrigation companies; and

206 (xi) local sponsors of reclamation projects;

207 (c) for each of the five watersheds that drain into Great Salt Lake, the proposed local  
 208 council includes a person ~~§~~→ [from] designated by ←~~§~~ the Great Salt Lake watershed  
 208a council, if the Great Salt  
 209 Lake local watershed council is certified; and

210 (d) for the Great Salt Lake watershed, the proposed local council includes a person  
 211 ~~§~~→ [from] designated by ←~~§~~ each of the five watersheds that drain into Great Salt Lake that has a  
 211a certified local  
 212 watershed council.

213 (2) A local council may invite state and federal agencies to name representatives as