

212 (iv) water collection, storage, or delivery;

213 (v) a project for water collection, storage, or delivery; and

214 (vi) water facilities that the lake authority does not own.

215 (2) The lake authority may coordinate the efforts of all applicable state and local
216 government entities, property owners, owners of water rights, and other private parties, and
217 other stakeholders to:

218 (a) develop and implement a management plan for Utah Lake, including:

219 (i) an environmental sustainability component, developed in conjunction with the
220 Department of Environmental Quality and the Division of Wildlife Resources incorporating
221 strategies and best ~~H~~→ **management** ←~~H~~ practices to meet applicable federal and state standards,
221a including:

222 (A) water quality monitoring and reporting; and

223 (B) strategies that use the best available technology and practices to mitigate
224 environmental impacts from management and uses on Utah Lake;

225 (ii) strategies that enhance the aesthetic qualities and recreational use and enjoyment of
226 Utah Lake; and

227 (iii) strategies that enhance economic development in communities adjacent to Utah
228 Lake;

229 (b) plan and facilitate the management of Utah Lake uses; and

230 (c) manage any land owned or leased by the lake authority that is not sovereign land.

231 (3) The lake authority has primary responsibility and authority for the management of
232 Utah Lake, subject to and in accordance with this chapter.

233 (4) The lake authority may:

234 (a) engage in education efforts to encourage and facilitate:

235 (i) the improvement of water and environmental quality;

236 (ii) the use of Utah Lake for recreation;

237 (iii) the improvement of economic development on Utah Lake; and

238 (iv) other management of Utah Lake consistent with the policies and objectives
239 described in Subsection (2);

240 (b) facilitate and provide funding for the management of Utah Lake, including the
241 development of publicly owned infrastructure and improvements and other infrastructure and
242 improvements on or related to Utah Lake;

429 2023.

430 (2) In preparing a management plan, the board shall:

431 (a) consult with and seek and consider input from the legislative or governing body of
432 each adjacent political subdivision;

433 (b) work cooperatively with and receive input from the Division of Forestry, Fire, and
434 State Lands; and

435 (c) consider how the interests of adjacent political subdivisions would be affected by
436 implementation of the management plan.

437 (3) A management plan shall:

438 (a) describe in general terms the lake authority's:

439 (i) vision and plan for achieving and implementing the policies and objectives stated in
440 Section 11-65-203; and

441 (ii) overall plan for the management of Utah Lake, including an anticipated timetable
442 and any anticipated phases of management;

443 (b) accommodate and advance, without sacrificing the policies and objectives stated in
444 Section 11-65-203, the compatible interests of adjacent political subdivisions;

445 (c) describe in general terms how the lake authority anticipates cooperating with
446 adjacent political subdivisions to pursue mutually beneficial goals in connection with the
447 management of Utah Lake;

448 (d) identify the anticipated sources of revenue for implementing the management plan;
449 and

450 (e) be consistent with management planning conducted by the Division of Forestry,
451 Fire, and State Lands, to pursue the objectives of:

452 (i) improving the clarity and quality of the water in Utah Lake;

453 (ii) not interfering with water rights or with water storage or water supply functions of
454 Utah Lake;

455 (iii) removing ~~H~~→ **[invading] invasive** ←~~H~~ plant and animal species, including phragmites
455a and carp, from

456 Utah Lake;

457 (iv) improving littoral zone and other plant communities in and around Utah Lake;

458 (v) improving and conserving native fish and other aquatic species in Utah Lake;

459 (vi) cooperating in the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program;

553 by Title 63E, Independent Entities Code.

554 (2) A department, division, or other agency of the state and a political subdivision of
555 the state is encouraged, upon the board's request, to cooperate with the lake authority to provide
556 the support, information, or other assistance reasonably necessary to help the lake authority
557 fulfill the lake authority's duties and responsibilities under this chapter.

558 (3) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to affect or impair ~~H→~~ :

558a (a) ←H the authority of the

559 Department of Environmental Quality, created in Section 19-1-104, to regulate under Title 19,
560 Environmental Quality Code, consistent with the purposes of this chapter ~~H→~~ [] ; or

560a (b) the authority of the Division of Wildlife Resources, created in Section 23-14-1, to
560b regulate under Title 23, Wildlife Resources Code of Utah, consistent with the purposes of this
560c chapter. ←H

561 (4) In accordance with Utah Constitution, Article XVII, Section 1, nothing in this
562 chapter may be construed to override, supersede, interfere with, or modify:

563 (a) any water right in the state;

564 (b) the operation of a water facility or project; or

565 (c) the role or authority of the state engineer.

566 (5) (a) Except as otherwise explicitly provided, nothing in this chapter may be
567 construed to authorize the lake authority to interfere with or take the place of another
568 governmental entity in that entity's process of considering an application or request for a
569 license, permit, or other regulatory or governmental permission for an action relating to water
570 of Utah Lake or land within the lake authority boundary.

571 (b) The lake authority shall respect and, if applicable and within the lake authority's
572 powers, implement a license, permit, or other regulatory or governmental permission described
573 in Subsection (5)(a).

574 (6) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to allow the authority to:

575 (a) consider an application for the disposal of land within the lake authority boundary
576 under Title 65A, Chapter 15, Utah Lake Restoration Act; or

577 (b) issue bonding or other financing for a project under Title 65A, Chapter 15, Utah
578 Lake Restoration Act.

579 (7) The attorney general shall provide legal services to the ~~H→~~ [~~lake authority and~~] ←H
579a board.

580 Section 10. Section **11-65-301** is enacted to read:

581 **Part 3. Lake Authority Board**

582 **11-65-301. Utah Lake Authority board -- Delegation of power.**

583 (1) The lake authority shall be governed by a board which shall manage and conduct

708 **11-65-305. Executive director.**

709 (1) (a) The director of the Utah Lake Commission shall be the initial full-time
710 executive director of the authority.

711 (b) Subsection (1)(a) does not affect the status of the executive director as an at-will
712 employee.

713 (2) (a) The executive director is the chief executive officer of the lake authority.

714 (b) The role of the executive director is to:

715 (i) manage and oversee the day-to-day operations of the lake authority;

716 (ii) fulfill the executive and administrative duties and responsibilities of the lake
717 authority; and

718 (iii) perform other functions, as directed by the board.

719 (3) The executive director shall have the education, experience, and training necessary
720 to perform the executive director's duties in a way that maximizes the potential for successfully
721 achieving and implementing the strategies, policies, and objectives stated in Section 11-65-203.

722 (4) An executive director is an at-will employee who serves at the pleasure of the board
723 and may be removed by the board at any time.

724 (5) The board shall establish the duties, compensation, and benefits of an executive
725 director.

726 Section 15. Section **11-65-306** is enacted to read:

727 **11-65-306. Development of standards and criteria to measure progress toward**
728 **achieving lake authority policies and objectives -- Annual report.**

729 (1) The board shall develop standards and criteria by which to measure:

730 (a) the condition of Utah Lake as of 2022; and

731 (b) the extent to which efforts of the lake authority improve the condition of Utah Lake
732 and achieve the policies and objectives of Section 11-65-203.

733 (2) In developing the standards and criteria, the board shall consult with and consider
734 recommendations by:

735 (a) the Department of Environmental Quality;

736 (b) the ~~H~~→ [Department] Division ←~~H~~ of Water Quality;

737 (c) the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands;

738 (d) the Division of Wildlife Resources;