WATER AMENDMENTS
2023 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Scott D. Sandall
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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill addresses coordination of planning related to water.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
 addresses grants for environmental improvement projects;
 requires certain municipal and county planning commissions to consult with the
Division of Water Resources in development of general plans;
 addresses consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Food;
 requires notification of irrigation and canal companies in certain circumstances;
 requires counties to notify certain public water systems and request feedback on
how elements of the general plan affect certain water planning;
 requires counties to consider planning for regionalization of public water systems;
 provides for action by the director of the Division of Drinking Water to establish
regional source and storage minimum sizing standards or adjust system-specific
sizing standards;
 provides what may be included in a water conservation plan;
 modifies requirements related to the Division of Water Resources making rules for
regional water conservation goals;
requires the Division of Water Resources to consult with watershed councils under
certain circumstances;



28	 changes the membership of the Water Development Coordinating Council;
29	 directs the Water Development Coordinating Council to take actions related to the
30	coordination of growth and conservation planning; and
31	 makes technical changes.
32	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
33	This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2024:
34	► to the Department of Natural Resources Water Resources Planning, as a
35	one-time appropriation:
36	• from the General Fund, One-time, \$500,000;
37	► to the Department of Natural Resources Water Resources Planning, as an
38	ongoing appropriation:
39	• from the General Fund, \$130,000;
40	► to the Department of Environmental Quality – Drinking Water, System Assistance,
41	as an ongoing appropriation:
42	• from the General Fund, \$130,000; and
43	► to the Department of Agriculture and Food Resource Conservation, as an ongoing
44	appropriation:
45	• from the General Fund, \$130,000.
46	Other Special Clauses:
47	None
48	Utah Code Sections Affected:
49	AMENDS:
50	4-18-108, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 79
51	10-9a-403, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 282, 406 and last amended
52	by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 406
53	17-27a-403, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 282, 406
54	19-4-114, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 256
55	73-10-32, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 90
56	73-10-36, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 282
57	73-10c-3, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 66
58	ENACTS:

59	73-10c-11, Utah Code Annotated 1953
60 61	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
62	Section 1. Section 4-18-108 is amended to read:
63	4-18-108. Grants for environmental improvement projects Criteria for award
64	Duties of commission.
65	(1) The commission may make a grant from the Agriculture Resource Development
66	Fund, or from funds appropriated by the federal government, Legislature, or another entity, to
67	an eligible entity, as defined by the department by rule made in accordance with Title 63G,
68	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, for:
69	(a) control or eradication of noxious weeds and invasive plant species in cooperation
70	and coordination with a local weed board;
71	(b) the costs of plans or projects to improve manure management, control surface water
72	runoff, or address other environmental issues on a farm or ranch operation, including the costs
73	of preparing or implementing a nutrient management plan;
74	(c) the improvement of water quality;
75	(d) the improvement of water quantity and flows;
76	[(d)] (e) the development of watershed plans; or
77	[(e)] (f) a program to address other environmental issues.
78	(2) (a) In awarding a grant, the commission shall consider the following criteria:
79	(i) the ability of the grantee to pay for the costs of proposed plans or projects;
80	(ii) the availability of:
81	(A) matching funds provided by the grantee or another source; or
82	(B) material, labor, or other items of value provided in lieu of money by the grantee or
83	another source; and
84	(iii) the benefits that accrue to the general public by the awarding of a grant.
85	(b) The commission may establish by rule additional criteria for the awarding of a
86	grant.
87	(3) The commission shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
88	Administrative Rulemaking Act, to implement this section.
89	(4) The commission may appoint an advisory board to:

90 (a) assist with the grant process;

- 91 (b) make recommendations to the commission regarding grants; and
- 92 (c) establish policies and procedures for awarding loans or grants.
- 93 Section 2. Section **10-9a-403** is amended to read:

10-9a-403. General plan preparation.

- (1) (a) The planning commission shall provide notice, as provided in Section 10-9a-203, of the planning commission's intent to make a recommendation to the municipal legislative body for a general plan or a comprehensive general plan amendment when the planning commission initiates the process of preparing the planning commission's recommendation.
- (b) The planning commission shall make and recommend to the legislative body a proposed general plan for the area within the municipality.
- (c) The plan may include areas outside the boundaries of the municipality if, in the planning commission's judgment, those areas are related to the planning of the municipality's territory.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided by law or with respect to a municipality's power of eminent domain, when the plan of a municipality involves territory outside the boundaries of the municipality, the municipality may not take action affecting that territory without the concurrence of the county or other municipalities affected.
- (2) (a) At a minimum, the proposed general plan, with the accompanying maps, charts, and descriptive and explanatory matter, shall include the planning commission's recommendations for the following plan elements:
 - (i) a land use element that:
- (A) designates the long-term goals and the proposed extent, general distribution, and location of land for housing for residents of various income levels, business, industry, agriculture, recreation, education, public buildings and grounds, open space, and other categories of public and private uses of land as appropriate;
- (B) includes a statement of the projections for and standards of population density and building intensity recommended for the various land use categories covered by the plan;
- (C) except for a city of the fifth class or a town, is coordinated to integrate the land use element with the water use and preservation element; and

121 (D) except for a city of the fifth class or a town, accounts for the effect of land use 122 categories and land uses on water demand; 123 (ii) a transportation and traffic circulation element that: 124 (A) provides the general location and extent of existing and proposed freeways, arterial 125 and collector streets, public transit, active transportation facilities, and other modes of 126 transportation that the planning commission considers appropriate; 127 (B) for a municipality that has access to a major transit investment corridor, addresses 128 the municipality's plan for residential and commercial development around major transit investment corridors to maintain and improve the connections between housing, employment, 129 130 education, recreation, and commerce; 131 (C) for a municipality that does not have access to a major transit investment corridor, 132 addresses the municipality's plan for residential and commercial development in areas that will 133 maintain and improve the connections between housing, transportation, employment, 134 education, recreation, and commerce; and 135 (D) correlates with the population projections, the employment projections, and the 136 proposed land use element of the general plan; 137 (iii) for a specified municipality as defined in Section 10-9a-408, a moderate income 138 housing element that: 139 (A) provides a realistic opportunity to meet the need for additional moderate income 140 housing within the next five years; 141 (B) selects three or more moderate income housing strategies described in Subsection 142 (2)(b)(iii) for implementation, including one additional moderate income housing strategy as 143 provided in Subsection (2)(b)(iv) for a specified municipality that has a fixed guideway public 144 transit station; and 145 (C) includes an implementation plan as provided in Subsection (2)(c); and 146 (iv) except for a city of the fifth class or a town, a water use and preservation element 147 that addresses:

and water infrastructure;

development;

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(A) the effect of permitted development or patterns of development on water demand

(B) methods of reducing water demand and per capita consumption for future

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152	(C) methods of	reducing water demand and per capita consumption for existing
153	development; and	
154	(D) opportuniti	es for the municipality to modify the municipality's operations to
155	eliminate practices or c	onditions that waste water.
156	(b) In drafting	he moderate income housing element, the planning commission:
157	(i) shall consid	er the Legislature's determination that municipalities shall facilitate a
158	reasonable opportunity	for a variety of housing, including moderate income housing:
159	(A) to meet the	needs of people of various income levels living, working, or desiring to
160	live or work in the com	munity; and
161	(B) to allow pe	ople with various incomes to benefit from and fully participate in all
162	aspects of neighborhoo	d and community life;
163	(ii) for a town,	may include, and for a specified municipality as defined in Section
164	10-9a-408, shall includ	e, an analysis of how the municipality will provide a realistic
165	opportunity for the dev	elopment of moderate income housing within the next five years;
166	(iii) for a town,	may include, and for other municipalities, shall include, a
167	recommendation to imp	element three or more of the following moderate income housing
168	strategies:	
169	(A) rezone for	densities necessary to facilitate the production of moderate income
170	housing;	
171	(B) demonstrat	e investment in the rehabilitation or expansion of infrastructure that
172	facilitates the construct	ion of moderate income housing;
173	(C) demonstrat	e investment in the rehabilitation of existing uninhabitable housing
174	stock into moderate inc	ome housing;
175	(D) identify an	dutilize general fund subsidies or other sources of revenue to waive
176	construction related fee	s that are otherwise generally imposed by the municipality for the
177	construction or rehabili	tation of moderate income housing;
178	(E) create or al	low for, and reduce regulations related to, internal or detached accessory
179	dwelling units in reside	ntial zones;

(F) zone or rezone for higher density or moderate income residential development in

commercial or mixed-use zones near major transit investment corridors, commercial centers, or

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- (G) amend land use regulations to allow for higher density or new moderate income residential development in commercial or mixed-use zones near major transit investment corridors;
- (H) amend land use regulations to eliminate or reduce parking requirements for residential development where a resident is less likely to rely on the resident's own vehicle, such as residential development near major transit investment corridors or senior living facilities;
 - (I) amend land use regulations to allow for single room occupancy developments;
 - (J) implement zoning incentives for moderate income units in new developments;
- (K) preserve existing and new moderate income housing and subsidized units by utilizing a landlord incentive program, providing for deed restricted units through a grant program, or, notwithstanding Section 10-9a-535, establishing a housing loss mitigation fund;
 - (L) reduce, waive, or eliminate impact fees related to moderate income housing;
- (M) demonstrate creation of, or participation in, a community land trust program for moderate income housing;
- (N) implement a mortgage assistance program for employees of the municipality, an employer that provides contracted services to the municipality, or any other public employer that operates within the municipality;
- (O) apply for or partner with an entity that applies for state or federal funds or tax incentives to promote the construction of moderate income housing, an entity that applies for programs offered by the Utah Housing Corporation within that agency's funding capacity, an entity that applies for affordable housing programs administered by the Department of Workforce Services, an entity that applies for affordable housing programs administered by an association of governments established by an interlocal agreement under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, an entity that applies for services provided by a public housing authority to preserve and create moderate income housing, or any other entity that applies for programs or services that promote the construction or preservation of moderate income housing;
- (P) demonstrate utilization of a moderate income housing set aside from a community reinvestment agency, redevelopment agency, or community development and renewal agency to create or subsidize moderate income housing;

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214	(Q) create a housing and transit reinvestment zone pursuant to Title 63N, Chapter 3,
215	Part 6, Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone Act;
216	(R) eliminate impact fees for any accessory dwelling unit that is not an internal
217	accessory dwelling unit as defined in Section 10-9a-530;
218	(S) create a program to transfer development rights for moderate income housing;
219	(T) ratify a joint acquisition agreement with another local political subdivision for the
220	purpose of combining resources to acquire property for moderate income housing;
221	(U) develop a moderate income housing project for residents who are disabled or 55
222	years old or older;
223	(V) develop and adopt a station area plan in accordance with Section 10-9a-403.1;
224	(W) create or allow for, and reduce regulations related to, multifamily residential
225	dwellings compatible in scale and form with detached single-family residential dwellings and
226	located in walkable communities within residential or mixed-use zones; and
227	(X) demonstrate implementation of any other program or strategy to address the
228	housing needs of residents of the municipality who earn less than 80% of the area median
229	income, including the dedication of a local funding source to moderate income housing or the
230	adoption of a land use ordinance that requires 10% or more of new residential development in a
231	residential zone be dedicated to moderate income housing; and
232	(iv) in addition to the recommendations required under Subsection (2)(b)(iii), for a
233	municipality that has a fixed guideway public transit station, shall include a recommendation to
234	implement:
235	(A) the strategy described in Subsection (2)(b)(iii)(V); and
236	(B) a strategy described in Subsection (2)(b)(iii)(G), (H), or (Q).
237	(c) (i) In drafting the implementation plan portion of the moderate income housing
238	element as described in Subsection (2)(a)(iii)(C), the planning commission shall establish a
239	timeline for implementing each of the moderate income housing strategies selected by the
240	municipality for implementation.
241	(ii) The timeline described in Subsection (2)(c)(i) shall:
242	(A) identify specific measures and benchmarks for implementing each moderate
243	income housing strategy selected by the municipality, whether one-time or ongoing; and
244	(B) provide flexibility for the municipality to make adjustments as needed.

245	(d) In drafting the land use element, the planning commission shall:
246	(i) identify and consider each agriculture protection area within the municipality;
247	(ii) avoid proposing a use of land within an agriculture protection area that is
248	inconsistent with or detrimental to the use of the land for agriculture; and
249	(iii) consider and coordinate with any station area plans adopted by the municipality if
250	required under Section 10-9a-403.1.
251	(e) In drafting the transportation and traffic circulation element, the planning
252	commission shall:
253	(i) (A) consider and coordinate with the regional transportation plan developed by the
254	municipality's region's metropolitan planning organization, if the municipality is within the
255	boundaries of a metropolitan planning organization; or
256	(B) consider and coordinate with the long-range transportation plan developed by the
257	Department of Transportation, if the municipality is not within the boundaries of a
258	metropolitan planning organization; and
259	(ii) consider and coordinate with any station area plans adopted by the municipality if
260	required under Section 10-9a-403.1.
261	(f) In drafting the water use and preservation element, the planning commission:
262	(i) shall consider:
263	(A) applicable regional water conservation goals recommended by the Division of
264	Water Resources; and
265	(B) if Section 73-10-32 requires the municipality to adopt a water conservation plan
266	pursuant to Section 73-10-32, the municipality's water conservation plan;
267	(ii) shall include a recommendation for:
268	(A) water conservation policies to be determined by the municipality; and
269	(B) landscaping options within a public street for current and future development that
270	do not require the use of lawn or turf in a parkstrip;
271	(iii) shall review the municipality's land use ordinances and include a recommendation
272	for changes to an ordinance that promotes the inefficient use of water;
273	(iv) shall consider principles of sustainable landscaping, including the:
274	(A) reduction or limitation of the use of lawn or turf;
275	(B) promotion of site-specific landscape design that decreases stormwater runoff or

276 runoff of water used for irrigation	76	runoff of water	used for	irrigatio	n;
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- (C) preservation and use of healthy trees that have a reasonable water requirement or are resistant to dry soil conditions;
- (D) elimination or regulation of ponds, pools, and other features that promote unnecessary water evaporation;
 - (E) reduction of yard waste; and
- (F) use of an irrigation system, including drip irrigation, best adapted to provide the optimal amount of water to the plants being irrigated;
- (v) shall consult with the public water system or systems serving the municipality with drinking water regarding how implementation of the land use element and water use and preservation element may affect:
- (A) water supply planning, including drinking water source and storage capacity consistent with Section 19-4-114; and
- (B) water distribution planning, including master plans, infrastructure asset management programs and plans, infrastructure replacement plans, and impact fee facilities plans;
- (vi) shall consult with the Division of Water Resources for information and technical resources regarding regional water conservation goals, including how implementation of the land use element and the water use and preservation element may affect the Great Salt Lake;
- [(vi)] (vii) may include recommendations for additional water demand reduction strategies, including:
 - (A) creating a water budget associated with a particular type of development;
- (B) adopting new or modified lot size, configuration, and landscaping standards that will reduce water demand for new single family development;
- (C) providing one or more water reduction incentives for existing development such as modification of existing landscapes and irrigation systems and installation of water fixtures or systems that minimize water demand;
- (D) discouraging incentives for economic development activities that do not adequately account for water use or do not include strategies for reducing water demand; and
- (E) adopting water concurrency standards requiring that adequate water supplies and facilities are or will be in place for new development; and

307	[(viii)] (viii) for a town, may include, and for another municipality, shall include, a
308	recommendation for low water use landscaping standards for a new:
309	(A) commercial, industrial, or institutional development;
310	(B) common interest community, as defined in Section 57-25-102; or
311	(C) multifamily housing project.
312	(3) The proposed general plan may include:
313	(a) an environmental element that addresses:
314	(i) the protection, conservation, development, and use of natural resources, including
315	the quality of:
316	(A) air;
317	(B) forests;
318	(C) soils;
319	(D) rivers;
320	(E) groundwater and other waters;
321	(F) harbors;
322	(G) fisheries;
323	(H) wildlife;
324	(I) minerals; and
325	(J) other natural resources; and
326	(ii) (A) the reclamation of land, flood control, prevention and control of the pollution
327	of streams and other waters;
328	(B) the regulation of the use of land on hillsides, stream channels and other
329	environmentally sensitive areas;
330	(C) the prevention, control, and correction of the erosion of soils;
331	(D) the preservation and enhancement of watersheds and wetlands; and
332	(E) the mapping of known geologic hazards;
333	(b) a public services and facilities element showing general plans for sewage, water,
334	waste disposal, drainage, public utilities, rights-of-way, easements, and facilities for them,
335	police and fire protection, and other public services;
336	(c) a rehabilitation, redevelopment, and conservation element consisting of plans and
337	programs for:

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338	(i) historic preservation;
339	(ii) the diminution or elimination of a development impediment as defined in Section
340	17C-1-102; and
341	(iii) redevelopment of land, including housing sites, business and industrial sites, and
342	public building sites;
343	(d) an economic element composed of appropriate studies and forecasts, as well as an
344	economic development plan, which may include review of existing and projected municipal
345	revenue and expenditures, revenue sources, identification of basic and secondary industry,
346	primary and secondary market areas, employment, and retail sales activity;
347	(e) recommendations for implementing all or any portion of the general plan, including
348	the adoption of land and water use ordinances, capital improvement plans, community
349	development and promotion, and any other appropriate action;
350	(f) provisions addressing any of the matters listed in Subsection 10-9a-401(2) or (3);
351	and
352	(g) any other element the municipality considers appropriate.
353	Section 3. Section 17-27a-403 is amended to read:
354	17-27a-403. Plan preparation.
355	(1) (a) The planning commission shall provide notice, as provided in Section
356	17-27a-203, of the planning commission's intent to make a recommendation to the county
357	legislative body for a general plan or a comprehensive general plan amendment when the
358	planning commission initiates the process of preparing the planning commission's
359	recommendation.
360	(b) The planning commission shall make and recommend to the legislative body a
361	proposed general plan for:
362	(i) the unincorporated area within the county; or
363	(ii) if the planning commission is a planning commission for a mountainous planning
364	district, the mountainous planning district.
365	(c) (i) The plan may include planning for incorporated areas if, in the planning
366	commission's judgment, they are related to the planning of the unincorporated territory or of
367	the county as a whole.
368	(ii) Elements of the county plan that address incorporated areas are not an official plan

or part of a municipal plan for any municipality, unless the county plan is recommended by the municipal planning commission and adopted by the governing body of the municipality.

- (2) (a) At a minimum, the proposed general plan, with the accompanying maps, charts, and descriptive and explanatory matter, shall include the planning commission's recommendations for the following plan elements:
 - (i) a land use element that:
- (A) designates the long-term goals and the proposed extent, general distribution, and location of land for housing for residents of various income levels, business, industry, agriculture, recreation, education, public buildings and grounds, open space, and other categories of public and private uses of land as appropriate;
- (B) includes a statement of the projections for and standards of population density and building intensity recommended for the various land use categories covered by the plan;
- (C) is coordinated to integrate the land use element with the water use and preservation element; and
 - (D) accounts for the effect of land use categories and land uses on water demand;
 - (ii) a transportation and traffic circulation element that:
- (A) provides the general location and extent of existing and proposed freeways, arterial and collector streets, public transit, active transportation facilities, and other modes of transportation that the planning commission considers appropriate;
- (B) addresses the county's plan for residential and commercial development around major transit investment corridors to maintain and improve the connections between housing, employment, education, recreation, and commerce; and
- (C) correlates with the population projections, the employment projections, and the proposed land use element of the general plan;
- (iii) for a specified county as defined in Section 17-27a-408, a moderate income housing element that:
- (A) provides a realistic opportunity to meet the need for additional moderate income housing within the next five years;
- (B) selects three or more moderate income housing strategies described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii) for implementation; and
 - (C) includes an implementation plan as provided in Subsection (2)(e);

400	(iv) a resource management plan detailing the findings, objectives, and policies
401	required by Subsection 17-27a-401(3); and
402	(v) a water use and preservation element that addresses:
403	(A) the effect of permitted development or patterns of development on water demand
404	and water infrastructure;
405	(B) methods of reducing water demand and per capita consumption for future
406	development;
407	(C) methods of reducing water demand and per capita consumption for existing
408	development; and
409	(D) opportunities for the county to modify the county's operations to eliminate
410	practices or conditions that waste water.
411	(b) In drafting the moderate income housing element, the planning commission:
412	(i) shall consider the Legislature's determination that counties should facilitate a
413	reasonable opportunity for a variety of housing, including moderate income housing:
414	(A) to meet the needs of people of various income levels living, working, or desiring to
415	live or work in the community; and
416	(B) to allow people with various incomes to benefit from and fully participate in all
417	aspects of neighborhood and community life; and
418	(ii) shall include an analysis of how the county will provide a realistic opportunity for
419	the development of moderate income housing within the planning horizon, including a
420	recommendation to implement three or more of the following moderate income housing
421	strategies:
422	(A) rezone for densities necessary to facilitate the production of moderate income
423	housing;
424	(B) demonstrate investment in the rehabilitation or expansion of infrastructure that
425	facilitates the construction of moderate income housing;
426	(C) demonstrate investment in the rehabilitation of existing uninhabitable housing
427	stock into moderate income housing;
428	(D) identify and utilize county general fund subsidies or other sources of revenue to
429	waive construction related fees that are otherwise generally imposed by the county for the
430	construction or rehabilitation of moderate income housing;

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- 01-06-23 11:22 AM 431 (E) create or allow for, and reduce regulations related to, internal or detached accessory 432 dwelling units in residential zones; 433 (F) zone or rezone for higher density or moderate income residential development in 434 commercial or mixed-use zones, commercial centers, or employment centers; 435 (G) amend land use regulations to allow for higher density or new moderate income 436 residential development in commercial or mixed-use zones near major transit investment 437 corridors; 438 (H) amend land use regulations to eliminate or reduce parking requirements for 439 residential development where a resident is less likely to rely on the resident's own vehicle, 440 such as residential development near major transit investment corridors or senior living 441 facilities; 442 (I) amend land use regulations to allow for single room occupancy developments; 443
 - (J) implement zoning incentives for moderate income units in new developments;
 - (K) preserve existing and new moderate income housing and subsidized units by utilizing a landlord incentive program, providing for deed restricted units through a grant program, or establishing a housing loss mitigation fund;
 - (L) reduce, waive, or eliminate impact fees related to moderate income housing;
 - (M) demonstrate creation of, or participation in, a community land trust program for moderate income housing;
 - (N) implement a mortgage assistance program for employees of the county, an employer that provides contracted services for the county, or any other public employer that operates within the county;
 - (O) apply for or partner with an entity that applies for state or federal funds or tax incentives to promote the construction of moderate income housing, an entity that applies for programs offered by the Utah Housing Corporation within that agency's funding capacity, an entity that applies for affordable housing programs administered by the Department of Workforce Services, an entity that applies for services provided by a public housing authority to preserve and create moderate income housing, or any other entity that applies for programs or services that promote the construction or preservation of moderate income housing;
 - (P) demonstrate utilization of a moderate income housing set aside from a community reinvestment agency, redevelopment agency, or community development and renewal agency

to create or subsidize moderate income housing;

- (Q) create a housing and transit reinvestment zone pursuant to Title 63N, Chapter 3, Part 6, Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone Act;
- (R) eliminate impact fees for any accessory dwelling unit that is not an internal accessory dwelling unit as defined in Section 10-9a-530;
 - (S) create a program to transfer development rights for moderate income housing;
- (T) ratify a joint acquisition agreement with another local political subdivision for the purpose of combining resources to acquire property for moderate income housing;
- (U) develop a moderate income housing project for residents who are disabled or 55 years old or older;
- (V) create or allow for, and reduce regulations related to, multifamily residential dwellings compatible in scale and form with detached single-family residential dwellings and located in walkable communities within residential or mixed-use zones; and
- (W) demonstrate implementation of any other program or strategy to address the housing needs of residents of the county who earn less than 80% of the area median income, including the dedication of a local funding source to moderate income housing or the adoption of a land use ordinance that requires 10% or more of new residential development in a residential zone be dedicated to moderate income housing.
- (iii) If a specified county, as defined in Section 17-27a-408, has created a small public transit district, as defined in Section 17B-2a-802, on or before January 1, 2022, the specified county shall include as part of the specified county's recommended strategies under Subsection (2)(b)(ii) a recommendation to implement the strategy described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii)(Q).
 - (c) In drafting the land use element, the planning commission shall:
- (i) identify and consider each agriculture protection area within the unincorporated area of the county or mountainous planning district;
- (ii) avoid proposing a use of land within an agriculture protection area that is inconsistent with or detrimental to the use of the land for agriculture; and
- (iii) consider and coordinate with any station area plans adopted by municipalities located within the county under Section 10-9a-403.1.
- (d) In drafting the transportation and traffic circulation element, the planning commission shall:

plans;

493	(i) (A) consider and coordinate with the regional transportation plan developed by the
494	county's region's metropolitan planning organization, if the relevant areas of the county are
495	within the boundaries of a metropolitan planning organization; or
496	(B) consider and coordinate with the long-range transportation plan developed by the
497	Department of Transportation, if the relevant areas of the county are not within the boundaries
498	of a metropolitan planning organization; and
499	(ii) consider and coordinate with any station area plans adopted by municipalities
500	located within the county under Section 10-9a-403.1.
501	(e) (i) In drafting the implementation plan portion of the moderate income housing
502	element as described in Subsection (2)(a)(iii)(C), the planning commission shall establish a
503	timeline for implementing each of the moderate income housing strategies selected by the
504	county for implementation.
505	(ii) The timeline described in Subsection (2)(e)(i) shall:
506	(A) identify specific measures and benchmarks for implementing each moderate
507	income housing strategy selected by the county; and
508	(B) provide flexibility for the county to make adjustments as needed.
509	(f) In drafting the water use and preservation element, the planning commission:
510	(i) shall consider applicable regional water conservation goals recommended by the
511	Division of Water Resources;
512	(ii) shall consult with the Division of Water Resources for information and technical
513	resources regarding regional water conservation goals, including how implementation of the
514	land use element and water use and preservation element may affect the Great Salt Lake;
515	(iii) shall notify the community water systems serving drinking water within the
516	unincorporated portion of the county and request feedback from the community water systems
517	about how implementation of the land use element and water use and preservation element may
518	affect:
519	(A) water supply planning, including drinking water source and storage capacity
520	consistent with Section 19-4-114; and
521	(B) water distribution planning, including master plans, infrastructure asset
522	management programs and plans, infrastructure replacement plans, and impact fee facilities
523	plans;

24	(iv) shall consider the potential opportunities and benefits of planning for
525	regionalization of public water systems;
526	(v) shall consult with the Department of Agriculture and Food for information and
527	technical resources regarding the potential benefits of agriculture conservation easements and
528	potential implementation of agriculture water optimization projects that would support regional
529	water conservation goals;
530	(vi) shall notify an irrigation or canal company located in the county so that the
531	irrigation or canal company can be involved in the protection and integrity of the irrigation or
532	canal company's delivery systems;
533	[(ii)] (vii) shall include a recommendation for:
534	(A) water conservation policies to be determined by the county; and
535	(B) landscaping options within a public street for current and future development that
536	do not require the use of lawn or turf in a parkstrip;
537	[(iii)] (viii) shall review the county's land use ordinances and include a
538	recommendation for changes to an ordinance that promotes the inefficient use of water;
539	[(iv)] (ix) shall consider principles of sustainable landscaping, including the:
540	(A) reduction or limitation of the use of lawn or turf;
541	(B) promotion of site-specific landscape design that decreases stormwater runoff or
542	runoff of water used for irrigation;
543	(C) preservation and use of healthy trees that have a reasonable water requirement or
544	are resistant to dry soil conditions;
545	(D) elimination or regulation of ponds, pools, and other features that promote
546	unnecessary water evaporation;
547	(E) reduction of yard waste; and
548	(F) use of an irrigation system, including drip irrigation, best adapted to provide the
549	optimal amount of water to the plants being irrigated;
550	[v) may include recommendations for additional water demand reduction
551	strategies, including:
552	(A) creating a water budget associated with a particular type of development;
553	(B) adopting new or modified lot size, configuration, and landscaping standards that
554	will reduce water demand for new single family development;

555	(C) providing one or more water reduction incentives for existing landscapes and
556	irrigation systems and installation of water fixtures or systems that minimize water demand;
557	(D) discouraging incentives for economic development activities that do not adequately
558	account for water use or do not include strategies for reducing water demand; and
559	(E) adopting water concurrency standards requiring that adequate water supplies and
560	facilities are or will be in place for new development; and
561	[(vi)] (xi) shall include a recommendation for low water use landscaping standards for
562	a new:
563	(A) commercial, industrial, or institutional development;
564	(B) common interest community, as defined in Section 57-25-102; or
565	(C) multifamily housing project.
566	(3) The proposed general plan may include:
567	(a) an environmental element that addresses:
568	(i) to the extent not covered by the county's resource management plan, the protection,
569	conservation, development, and use of natural resources, including the quality of:
570	(A) air;
571	(B) forests;
572	(C) soils;
573	(D) rivers;
574	(E) groundwater and other waters;
575	(F) harbors;
576	(G) fisheries;
577	(H) wildlife;
578	(I) minerals; and
579	(J) other natural resources; and
580	(ii) (A) the reclamation of land, flood control, prevention and control of the pollution
581	of streams and other waters;
582	(B) the regulation of the use of land on hillsides, stream channels and other
583	environmentally sensitive areas;
584	(C) the prevention, control, and correction of the erosion of soils;
585	(D) the preservation and enhancement of watersheds and wetlands; and

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19-4-104(1)(c)(iv) and (v).

586	(E) the mapping of known geologic hazards;
587	(b) a public services and facilities element showing general plans for sewage, water,
588	waste disposal, drainage, public utilities, rights-of-way, easements, and facilities for them,
589	police and fire protection, and other public services;
590	(c) a rehabilitation, redevelopment, and conservation element consisting of plans and
591	programs for:
592	(i) historic preservation;
593	(ii) the diminution or elimination of a development impediment as defined in Section
594	17C-1-102; and
595	(iii) redevelopment of land, including housing sites, business and industrial sites, and
596	public building sites;
597	(d) an economic element composed of appropriate studies and forecasts, as well as an
598	economic development plan, which may include review of existing and projected county
599	revenue and expenditures, revenue sources, identification of basic and secondary industry,
600	primary and secondary market areas, employment, and retail sales activity;
601	(e) recommendations for implementing all or any portion of the general plan, including
602	the adoption of land and water use ordinances, capital improvement plans, community
603	development and promotion, and any other appropriate action;
604	(f) provisions addressing any of the matters listed in Subsection 17-27a-401(2) or
605	(3)(a)(i); and
606	(g) any other element the county considers appropriate.
607	Section 4. Section 19-4-114 is amended to read:
608	19-4-114. Source and storage minimum sizing requirements for public water
609	systems.
610	(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), upon submission of plans for a
611	substantial addition to or alteration of a community water system, the director shall establish
612	system-specific source and storage minimum sizing requirements for a community water
613	system serving a population of more than 3,300 based on at least the most recent three years of

a community water system's actual water use data submitted in accordance with Subsections

(b) If the water use data required under Subsection 19-4-104(1)(c)(iv) is not available

- to the division, or if the community water system determines that the data submitted does not represent future system use, the director may establish source and storage minimum sizing requirements for the community water system based on:
- (i) an engineering study submitted by the community water system and accepted by the director; or
 - (ii) at least three years of historical water use data that is:
 - (A) submitted by the community water system; and
 - (B) accepted by the director.
- (c) A community water system serving a population of more than 3,300 shall provide the information necessary to establish the system-specific standards described in this Subsection (1) by no later than March 1, 2019.
- (2) (a) By no later than October 1, 2023, and except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), the director shall establish system-specific source and storage minimum sizing requirements for a community water system serving a population of between 500 and no more than 3,300 based on at least the most recent three years of a community water system's actual water use data submitted in accordance with Subsections 19-4-104(1)(c)(iv) and (v).
- (b) If the water use data required under Subsection 19-4-104(1)(c)(iv) is not available to the division, or if the community water system determines that the data submitted does not represent future system use, the director may establish source and storage minimum sizing requirements for the community water system based on:
- (i) an engineering study submitted by the community water system and accepted by the director; or
 - (ii) at least three years of historical water use data that is:
 - (A) submitted by the community water system; and
- (B) accepted by the director.
 - (c) A community water system serving a population of between 500 and no more than 3,300 shall provide the information necessary to establish system-specific standards described in this Subsection (2) by no later than March 1, 2023.
 - (3) The director shall establish system-specific source and storage minimum sizing requirements for a community water system serving a population of fewer than 500 based on:
 - (a) at least the most recent three years of a community water system's actual water use

data submitted to the division and accepted by the director;

- (b) an engineering study submitted by the community water system and accepted by the director;
- (c) standards, comparable to those of established community water systems, as determined by the director; or
 - (d) relevant information, as determined by the director.
- 654 (4) The director shall:

- (a) for community water systems described in Subsection (3), establish a schedule to transition from statewide sizing standards to system-specific standards;
- (b) establish minimum sizing standards for public water systems that are not community water systems;
 - (c) provide for the routine evaluation of changes to the system-specific standards; and
- (d) include, as part of system-specific standards, necessary fire storage capacity in accordance with the state fire code adopted under Section 15A-1-403 and as determined by the local fire code official.
- (5) The director may adjust system-specific sizing standards, established under this section for a public water system, based on information submitted by the public water system addressing the effect of any wholesale water deliveries or other system-specific conditions affecting infrastructure needs.
- (6) [A] Except as provided for under Subsection (7), a wholesale water supplier is exempt from this section if the wholesale water supplier serves:
 - (a) a total population of more than 10,000; and
 - (b) a wholesale population that is 75% or more of the total population served.
- (7) Upon request of a wholesale water supplier and the community water systems receiving water from the wholesale water supplier, the director may establish regional source and storage minimum sizing standards for community water systems receiving water from the wholesale water supplier using actual water use data submitted by the wholesale water supplier and the community water systems served by the wholesale water supplier.
- (8) The director may adjust system-specific sizing standards established under this section for a public water system based on adopted enforceable water conservation measures that are consistent with regional water conservation goals adopted pursuant to Subsection

6/9	<u>/3-10-32 (2)(d)(11)(A) or (B).</u>
680	Section 5. Section 73-10-32 is amended to read:
681	73-10-32. Definitions Water conservation plan required.
682	(1) As used in this section:
683	(a) "Division" means the Division of Water Resources created under Section 73-10-18.
684	(b) "Water conservancy district" means an entity formed under Title 17B, Chapter 2a,
685	Part 10, Water Conservancy District Act.
686	(c) "Water conservation plan" means a written document that contains existing and
687	proposed water conservation measures describing what will be done by a water provider, and
688	the end user of culinary water to help conserve water in the state in terms of per capita use of
689	water provided through culinary water infrastructure owned or operated by the water provider
690	so that adequate supplies of water are available for future needs.
691	(d) "Water provider" means:
692	(i) a retail water supplier, as defined in Section 19-4-102; or
693	(ii) a water conservancy district.
694	(2) (a) A water conservation plan shall contain:
695	(i) (A) a clearly stated overall water use reduction goal that is consistent with
696	Subsection (2)(d); and
697	(B) an implementation plan for each water conservation measure a water provider
698	chooses to use, including a timeline for action and an evaluation process to measure progress;
699	(ii) a requirement that a notification procedure be implemented that includes the
700	delivery of the water conservation plan to the media and to the governing body of each
701	municipality and county served by the water provider;
702	(iii) a copy of the minutes of the meeting regarding a water conservation plan and the
703	notification procedure required in Subsection (2)(a)(ii) that shall be added as an appendix to the
704	water conservation plan; and
705	(iv) for a retail water supplier, as defined in Section 19-4-102, the retail water
706	supplier's rate structure that is:
707	(A) adopted by the retail water supplier's governing body in accordance with Section
708	73-10-32.5; and

(B) current as of the day the retail water supplier files a water conservation plan.

710	(b) A water conservation plan may include information regarding:
711	(i) the installation and use of water efficient fixtures and appliances, including toilets,
712	shower fixtures, and faucets;
713	(ii) residential and commercial landscapes and irrigation that require less water to
714	maintain;
715	(iii) more water efficient industrial and commercial processes involving the use of
716	water;
717	(iv) water reuse systems, both potable and not potable;
718	(v) distribution system leak repair;
719	(vi) dissemination of public information regarding more efficient use of water,
720	including public education programs, customer water use audits, and water saving
721	demonstrations;
722	(vii) water rate structures designed to encourage more efficient use of water;
723	(viii) statutes, ordinances, codes, or regulations designed to encourage more efficient
724	use of water by means such as water efficient fixtures and landscapes;
725	(ix) incentives to implement water efficient techniques, including rebates to water
726	users to encourage the implementation of more water efficient measures; [and]
727	(x) regional conservation planning and shared shortage agreements; and
728	[(x)] (xi) other measures designed to conserve water.
729	(c) The division may be contacted for information and technical resources regarding
730	measures listed in Subsection (2)(b).
731	(d) (i) The division shall adopt by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
732	Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, regional water conservation goals that:
733	(A) are developed by the division;
734	(B) take into consideration goals established in the Colorado River management plan
735	adopted pursuant to Section 63M-14-204;
736	(C) for areas in the Great Salt Lake watershed, take into consideration the Great Salt
737	Lake, including the water budget associated with the integrated surface and ground water
738	assessment described in Section 73-10g-402;
739	(D) take into consideration how growth and regional conservation goals impact
740	agriculture water use;

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- 741 [(B)] (E) are reevaluated by December 31, 2030, and every 10 years after December 742 31, 2030; and 743 [(C)] (F) define what constitutes "water being conserved" under a water conservation 744 goal after considering factors such as depletion, diversion, use, consumption, or return flows. 745 (ii) As part of a water conservation plan, a water provider shall adopt one of the 746 following: 747 (A) the regional water conservation goal applicable to the water provider; 748 (B) a water conservation goal that would result in more water being conserved than 749 would be conserved under the regional water conservation goal; or 750 (C) a water conservation goal that would result in less water being conserved than 751 would be conserved under the regional water conservation goal with a reasonable justification 752 as to why the different water conservation goal is adopted and an explanation of the factors 753 supporting the reasonable justification, such as demographics, geography, lot sizes, make up of 754 water service classes, or availability of secondary water. 755 (3) (a) A water provider shall: 756 (i) prepare and adopt a water conservation plan; and 757 (ii) file a copy of the water conservation plan with the division. 758 (b) (i) Before adopting or amending a water conservation plan, a water provider shall 759 hold a public hearing with reasonable, advance public notice in accordance with this 760 Subsection (3)(b). 761 (ii) The water provider shall provide public notice at least 14 days before the date of 762 the public hearing. 763 (iii) A water provider meets the requirements of reasonable notice required by this 764 Subsection (3)(b) if the water provider posts notice of the public hearing in at least three public 765 places within the service area of the water provider and: 766 (A) if the water provider is a public entity, posts notice on the Utah Public Notice
 - (B) if the water provider is a private entity and has a public website, posts notice on the water provider's public website.
 - (iv) Proof that notice described in Subsection (3)(b)(iii) was given is prima facie evidence that notice was properly given.

Website, created in Section 63A-16-601; or

772 (v) If notice given under authority of this Subsection (3)(b) is not challenged within 30 773 days from the date of the public hearing for which the notice was given, the notice is 774 considered adequate and proper. 775 (c) A water provider shall: 776 (i) post the water provider's water conservation plan on a public website; or 777 (ii) if the water provider does not have a public website, make the water provider's 778 water conservation plan [publically] publicly available for inspection upon request. 779 (4) (a) The division shall: 780 (i) provide guidelines and technical resources to help water providers prepare and 781 implement water conservation plans; 782 (ii) assist water providers by identifying water conservation methods upon request; and 783 (iii) provide an online submission form that allows for an electronic copy of the water 784 conservation plan to be filed with the division under Subsection (3)(a)(ii). 785 (b) The division shall post an annual report at the end of a calendar year listing water 786 providers in compliance with this section. 787 (5) A water provider may only receive state funds for water development if the water 788 provider complies with the requirements of this section. 789 (6) A water provider specified under Subsection (3)(a) shall: 790 (a) update the water provider's water conservation plan no less frequently than every 791 five years; and 792 (b) follow the procedures required under Subsection (3) when updating the water 793 conservation plan. 794 (7) It is the intent of the Legislature that the water conservation plans, amendments to 795 existing water conservation plans, and the studies and report by the division be handled within 796 the existing budgets of the respective entities or agencies. 797 Section 6. Section **73-10-36** is amended to read: 798 73-10-36. Division to provide technical assistance in local government planning. 799 (1) As used in this section: 800 (a) "Division" means the Division of Water Resources.

(i) for a municipality, means the same as that term is defined in Section 10-9a-103; and

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(b) "General plan":

803	(ii) for a county, means the same as that term is defined in Section 17-27a-103.
804	(c) "Local government" means a county or a municipality, as defined in Section
805	10-1-104.
806	(d) "Watershed council" means a council created under Chapter 10g, Part 3, Watershed
807	Councils Act.
808	(2) The division [may] shall provide technical assistance to a local government to
809	support the local government's adoption of a water use and preservation element in a general
810	plan.
811	(3) When consulted by a local government for information and technical resources
812	regarding regional water conservation goals under Subsection 10-9a-403(2)(f)(vi) or
813	17-27a-403(2)(f)(ii), the division may seek input from the appropriate watershed council or
814	councils.
815	Section 7. Section 73-10c-3 is amended to read:
816	73-10c-3. Water Development Coordinating Council created Purpose
817	Members.
818	(1) (a) There is created within the Department of Natural Resources a Water
819	Development Coordinating Council. The council is comprised of:
820	(i) the director of the Division of Water Resources;
821	(ii) the executive secretary of the Water Quality Board;
822	(iii) the executive secretary of the Drinking Water Board;
823	(iv) the director of the Housing and Community Development Division or the director's
824	designee; [and]
825	(v) the state treasurer or the state treasurer's designee[-]; and
826	(vi) the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food, or the
827	commissioner's designee.
828	(b) The council shall choose a chair and vice chair from among [its] the council's own
829	members.
830	(c) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but
831	may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
832	(i) Section 63A-3-106;
833	(ii) Section 63A-3-107; and

834	(iii) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and
835	63A-3-107.
836	(2) The purposes of the council are to:
837	(a) coordinate the use and application of the funds available to the state to give
838	financial assistance to political subdivisions of this state so as to promote the conservation,
839	development, treatment, restoration, and protection of the waters of this state;
840	(b) promote the coordination of the financial assistance programs administered by the
841	state and the use of the financing alternative most economically advantageous to the state and
842	its political subdivisions;
843	(c) promote the consideration by the Board of Water Resources, Drinking Water
844	Board, and Water Quality Board of regional solutions to the water and wastewater needs of
845	individual political subdivisions of this state;
846	(d) assess the adequacy and needs of the state and its political subdivisions with respect
847	to water-related infrastructures and advise the governor and the Legislature on those funding
848	needs; and
849	(e) conduct reviews and reports on water-related infrastructure issues as directed by
850	statute.
851	Section 8. Section 73-10c-11 is enacted to read:
852	73-10c-11. Actions related to coordination of growth and conservation planning.
853	(1) (a) The council shall identify how different agencies may work together to assist the
854	following in coordinating growth and conservation planning related to water:
855	(i) municipalities, as defined in Section 10-1-104;
856	(ii) counties;
857	(iii) water conservancy districts, as defined in Section 17B-1-102; and
858	(iv) public water systems, as defined in Section 19-4-102.
859	(b) To comply with Subsection (1)(a), the council shall consider Sections 10-9a-403,
860	17-27a-403, 19-4-114, and 73-10-32.
861	(2) The council shall identify incentives that are most effective to help the entities
862	described in Subsection (1) to, where feasible:
863	(a) develop and implement conservation plans; and
864	(b) regionalize water systems.

865	Section 9. Appropriation.	
866	The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,	
867	2023, and ending June 30, 2024. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for	
868	fiscal year 2024. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedur	<u>es</u>
869	Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts	
870	indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.	
871	ITEM 1	
872	To the Department of Natural Resources Water Resources	
873	From General Fund	<u>\$130,000</u>
874	From General Fund, One-time	5500,000
875	Schedule of Programs:	
876	<u>Planning</u> <u>\$630,000</u>	
877	The Legislature intends that:	
878	(1) the Division of Water Resources use the one-time appropriation included in this	
879	item to provide water conservation planning grants to cities, counties, districts, and water	
880	providers, and to fund technical support for coordinated planning;	
881	(2) the one-time appropriation be nonlapsing; and	
882	(3) the ongoing General Fund included in this item be used by the Division of Water	
883	Resources to assist cities, counties, districts, and water providers with coordinated water	
884	planning.	
885	ITEM 2	
886	To the Department of Environmental Quality Drinking Water	
887	From General Fund	<u>8130,000</u>
888	Schedule of Programs:	
889	System Assistance \$130,000	
890	The Legislature intends that the ongoing General Fund included in this item be used by	<u>oy</u>
891	the Division of Drinking Water to assist cities, counties, districts, and water providers with	
892	coordinated water planning.	
893	ITEM 3	
894	To the Department of Agriculture and Food Resource Conservation	
895	From General Fund	\$130,000

896 Schedule of Programs:

897 Resource Conservation \$130,000

898 The Legislature intends that the ongoing General Fund included in this item be used by

899 the Division of Conservation to assist cities, counties, districts, and water providers with

900 coordinated water planning.

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