

## EXECUTIVE WATER TASK FORCE BULLETS

September 4, 2008, 1:00 PM  
Room 2000, Natural Resources Complex

### Task Force Members:

Mike Styler, Department of Natural Resources  
Tage Flint, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District  
Voneen Jorgensen, Bear River Water Conservancy District  
Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau  
Dale Pierson, Rural Water Association of Utah  
Ed Bowler, Washington County Water Conservancy District  
Lee Brown, US Magnesium LLC  
Dallin Jensen, Parsons, Behle & Latimer  
Steve Ruppe, Uintah Water Conservancy District  
Notes: Kaelyn Anfinsen, Division of Water Rights

### Ex-Officios:

Jerry Olds, Division of Water Rights  
Boyd Clayton, Division of Water Rights  
Todd Adams, Division of Water Resources  
Norm Johnson, Attorney General's Office  
Mike Quealy, Attorney General's Office

### Guests:

Ivan Djambov, Legislative Analyst  
Alan Packard, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District  
Jared Hansen, Central Utah Water Conservancy District  
John Mabey, Mabey, Wright & James  
Scott Martin, Snow, Christensen and Martineau  
Bob Fotheringham, Cache County  
Fred W. Finlinson, Utah Water Coalition  
Chris Finlinson, Cental Utah Water Conservancy District  
David Hartvigsen, Smith Hartvigsen  
The Honorable Pat Painter, House of Representatives  
Wendy Crowther, Clyde, Sessions & Swenson  
Jonathan Jones, Bureau of Reclamation  
Craig Peterson  
Rusty Vettor, Salt Lake City  
Dave Davidson, Bear River Canal  
Grant Cooper, LDS Church

#### **IV – Sole Supply**

Jerry Olds announced the publishing of the Sole Supply rule and its efforts to define “what a water right is worth.” The comment period is over but Jerry agreed upon the need to extend the comment period until November 3, 2008, and will hold a hearing on September 16, 10:30 a.m., Natural Resource Complex room 1060 for further discussion.

The committee was appreciative of Jerry’s willingness to hear further comment and John Mabey addressed the need of concerns and discussion.

#### **V – A) Conaster Case**

Mike Styler explained that Mike Mower has conveyed a Governor’s Task force with Rep. Ben Ferry and others. A meeting has been scheduled to work through this issue and clarify issues not addressed by the court system. Legislature and government must come to an agreement and both compromise and the hope is that they will also address water quality issues.

#### **V – B) Taxing Water Twice**

Representative Painter distributed a document and stated the Tax Commission and Legislative Research agreed that this should be fixed by an amendment. Discussion was held as to whom may be affected. Representative Painter said his goal was to exempt conveyance systems to get to property. Fred Finlinson will obtain wording from the coalition and present to Representative Painter for final language and present to task force during their October meeting.

#### **V – C) Water Board**

After a discussion as to why have a Water Board and what was to be accomplished by the board it was agreed that Senator Stowell would be invited to the next task force meeting to explain his reasoning for a board and at that time a vote would be held to support or oppose.

Discussion was made for scheduling the next task force meetings in order to present their findings to the Interim Committee in November.

The September 18 meeting will be moved to September 16 at 1:00 p.m., to accommodate Senator Stowell. And the October meeting was scheduled for October 21, at 1:00 p.m., room 2000.

Meeting was adjourned until September 16, 1:00 PM, room 2000.