

EXECUTIVE WATER TASK FORCE BULLETS

May 8, 2008, 10:00 a.m.
Room 1060, Natural Resources Complex

Task Force Members:

Mike Styler, Department of Natural Resources
Betty Barela, Department of Natural Resources
Lee Brown, US Magnesium LLC
Dallin Jensen, Parsons, Behle & Latimer
Ed Bowler, Washington County Water Conservancy District
Steve Clyde, Sessions & Swenson
Tage Flint, Weber Basin Water Conservancy
Voneen Jorgensen, Bear River Water Conservancy District
Craig Johansen, Emery Water Conservancy District
Merril Bingham, Provo City Public Works/Water Resources
Warren Peterson, Farmland Reserve, Inc.

Ex-Officios:

Boyd Clayton, Division of Water Rights
Emily Brown, Legislative Research and General Counsel
John Bennett, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
Norm Johnson, Attorney General's Office
Mike Quealy, Attorney General's Office
Jerry Olds, Division of Water Rights
Todd Adams, Division of Water Resources

Guests:

Fred W. Finlinson, Utah Water Coalition
Patty Henetz, *The Salt Lake Tribune*
John Mabey, Mabey, Wright & James
Terel H. Grimley, Ogden River Water Users Association
Carly Burton, Utah Water Users Association
Dan Davidson, Bear River Canal Company
Justin Record, Reclamation
Jonathan Jones, Reclamation
Alan Packard, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
Richard Bay, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District

I - Welcome and Introductions

Mike Styler welcomed everyone. He asked whether any changes were needed in the bullets from the last meeting. No changes requested.

II - Results of Prioritization of Study Items

Mike reported that items chosen by the committee as #1 were given five points, #2 items were given four points, etc. After adding up each items, these are the results:

1. #1 received 74 points
2. #3 received 35 points
3. #5 received 35 points
4. #7 received 19 points
5. #12 received 18 points
6. #9 received 15 points
7. #15 received 13 points

Mike asked for suggestions on how to tackle some of the more difficult issues? DISCUSSION.

III. Decision on Discussion Order of Study Items

Comments received included: 1) combining similar items, 2) it was suggested that another sift through the items to clear up simple issues. The task force went through several of the items and decisions were made on several:

1. Norm Johnson suggested his office put together a presentation first on item #2 and if we can complete in time, a presentation on item #3.
2. Warren Peterson and Emily Brown will take item #7. Warren suggested it be divided into two parts which can include item #15. Warren and Emily will investigate #15 and bring a decision to the next meeting on whether it can be completed quickly.
3. Warren Peterson moved for the task force to repeal Section 73-3-21. Mike Styler did not accept the motion.
4. Discussion on Representative Painter's House Bill 225. Betty was asked to include that bill along with the bullets in an e-mail to the task force. The task force will review the bill and discuss at the next meeting.
5. Items #1 and #12 will be combined and the decision made to tackle this item immediately.
6. Item #5 was discussed with the possibility of combining with the water rights ombudsman. It was generally agreed to by the task force. Betty will include the "highlighted provisions" from that bill in the e-mail to the task force.

7. Item #8 has many issues, including Colorado River over-appropriations, CUP issues, protecting public appropriations, etc. No further discussion.

IV. Begin Work on First Study Item

More discussion is needed on the items.

V. Other Business

The next two meetings were scheduled:

May 22, 1:00 p.m., in **room 1040**. This room is two doors east of room 1060.

June 19, 1:00 p.m., **room 3710**. This room is located on the third floor in the administration area.

Mike Styler expressed his thanks and appreciation to the task force, especially those that travel a long distance to attend.