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August 11, 2026

Kade Moncur, Director
Flood Control Engineering Division
2001 S. State Street, Ste. N3-120
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Moncur:

The Salt Lake County Council, at its meeting held this day, approved the attached RESOLUTION NO. 6414, adopting the Salt Lake County Integrated Watershed Plan.

Pursuant to the above action, you are hereby authorized to effectuate the same.

Respectfully Yours

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By 
Deputy Clerk

ap

pc: Bridget Romano /District Attorney's Office

RESOLUTION NO.

6414

August 11, 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE
SALT LAKE COUNTY INTEGRATED WATERSHED PLAN.

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the "Salt Lake County Integrated Watershed Plan 2025" ("IWP") is an update of the existing "Salt Lake Countywide Water Quality Management Plan" ("2015 Plan"), which was approved by the Salt Lake County Council in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the IWP is written and directed to build upon the framework of goals and policies of the 2015 Plan, and toward the development and completion of specific implementation activities designed to restore and protect water quality in the Salt Lake Countywide Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the State of Utah has delegated to Salt Lake County the authority to plan water quality related activities, provide for consistency of water-quality related activities, and enforce water quality related ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County Council recognizes the importance of water quality planning and stewardship activities throughout Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, significant opportunities exist to protect and improve water quality and watershed function in Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County, through its Flood Control Engineering Division of its Public Works Department, has worked collaboratively with various stakeholders to implement water quality enhancement projects in the past and anticipates further collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County recognizes the need for a wide range of policies, planning, and implementation activities researched and proposed by many agencies as necessary to maintain and improve water quality and watershed function; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County Council has determined that the IWP is in the public interest, as it will contribute to protection of water quality and public health, safety, and welfare.

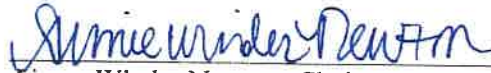
R E S O L U T I O N

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council:

1. That the attached Salt Lake County Integrated Watershed Plan is approved and adopted, replacing the Salt Lake Countywide Water Quality Stewardship Plan of 2015; and
2. That the Salt Lake County Council supports the policies and recommendations contained in the Salt Lake County Integrated Watershed Plan and seeks to work

- collaboratively with regulatory agencies, citizens, and other relevant organizations to continue water quality planning efforts over the next ten years and beyond; and
3. That the Salt Lake County Council urges the citizens of Salt Lake County to actively participate in water quality planning and enhancement activities.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah, this 11
day of August, 2026.



Aimee Winder Newton, Chair

ATTEST:



Lannie Chapman
Salt Lake County Clerk

Voting:

Council Member Harrison
Council Member Johnson
Council Member Moreno
Council Member Pinkney
Council Member Romero
Council Member Stewart
Council Member Stringham
Council Member Theodore
Council Member Winder Newton

Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: Ryan Lambert Digitally signed by Ryan Lambert
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Ryan W. Lambert,
Deputy District Attorney

Overview of the 2025 Salt Lake County Integrated Watershed Plan
Prepared for Mayor/County Council for June XX Meeting

Background

- In December 2024, SLCo began the process of a 10-year update to the 2015 Salt Lake County Water Quality Stewardship Plan (WaQSP)
- The updated plan is now called the 2025 Salt Lake County Integrated Watershed Plan (IWP).
 - Why the name change?
 - The plan no longer includes requirements of Section 208 of the Clean Water Act (CWA)
 - CWA 208 requirements now covered by other permits like stormwater
 - The plan includes all components of a Watershed Plan, per CWA, which is required to obtain grant funding
- The plan serves as guidance for protection and restoration of water resources throughout the County, and summarizes current watershed conditions and identifies watershed improvement strategies
- To quote the 2009 Plan: “...it provides a framework of goals and policies that will forge water quality stewardship consistent with the Clean Water Act and the representative needs of local residents.”
- Salt Lake County is the area wide water quality planning authority, as designated by Governor Matheson in 1978.

Plan Update Process

1. We evaluated the implementation projects and tasks called for in the 2015 Plan (completed from 2016 through 2025)
 - Reviewed 15 priority implementation tasks outlined in the 2015 plan, and where we are today
 - Task categories included:
 - Expand water quality data collection program
 - Stream restoration and bank stabilization
 - Public outreach and involvement
 - **Completed 22 projects** (some are ongoing)
 - Total costs **\$4.75M**; County investment **\$350K**
 - leveraged \$4.4 million
 - 2 new stream gauges, 12 water quality gauges, over 40 public involvement and outreach events
2. SLCo **updated the current watershed conditions** to reflect changes over the past 10 years
 - Includes:
 - *current and projected land use & population*
 - *pollution sources*
 - *waters supply demands and future sources*
 - *habitat*
 - *streamflow and channel modifications*
 - *headwaters protection*

3. SLCo **divided the plan into three geographic regions** to more accurately diagnose water quality and watershed challenges
 - Northeast: City Creek, Red Butte, Emigration and Parley's Creek watersheds
 - Arid, mostly perennial flow, mostly urban and rain driven hydrology.
 - Tri-Canyons: Millcreek, Big Cottonwood and Little Cottonwood Creek watersheds
 - Semi-arid, perennial flow, snow driven hydrology, less urban headwater regions
 - West side: Rose Creek, Midas Creek, Bingham Creek and the Great Salt Lake watersheds
 - Highly arid, ephemeral/intermittent flow, rain driven hydrology, highly urbanized and significant urban land use changes

4. We **included additional components** to address current and salient issues within Salt Lake County:
 - Three new pollution studies
 - *Jordan river E. coli TMDL*
 - *Emigration E. coli TMDL*
 - *Jordan River DO TMDL*
 - Significant stormwater updates including Salt Lake County's jurisdictional changes
 - *Millcreek incorporation, continued loss of jurisdictional areas*
 - Current water quality trends
 - *Nutrient loading*
 - *E. coli contamination*
 - *Low dissolved oxygen*
 - *Total dissolved solids*

5. We **identified 44 new priority** Implementation Recommendations
 - 16 Structural Implementation tasks
 - 18 Educational Implementation tasks
 - 20 Planning Implementation tasks
 - Over 30 funding sources identified to help pay for Implementation Strategies

Next steps...the Plan Approval Process

- **Comments have been incorporated into the final plan and we are now seeking a Resolution of Approval from County Council**
 - A final draft was sent to Stakeholders and the Public for 30-day comment period, ending March 3, 2026
- Once approved, the County will then forward the final document to the Governor for Approval
- The Governor forwards the Final document to the EPA for Approval



SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Agenda Item

Item ID: 26-781

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Requested Agenda Date:

8/11/2026

Requested Agenda Title:

Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Adopting the Salt Lake County Integrated Watershed Plan

Requested Agenda Item Description:

Consideration of a Resolution approving the 2025 Salt Lake County Integrated Watershed Plan (IWP), the County's updated 10-year watershed planning document. The IWP provides a comprehensive framework for protecting and restoring water resources throughout Salt Lake County by evaluating current watershed conditions, identifying priority implementation strategies, and supporting future watershed restoration and water quality improvement efforts. Following County Council approval, the Plan will be submitted to the Governor of Utah and subsequently to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for final approval.

Requested Action: Discussion - Vote Needed

Presenter(s) with Titles: Kade Moncur, Flood Control Engineering Director; Bob Thompson, Watershed Section Manager

Time Needed: 10 minutes

Is this Item Time-Sensitive and/or Requesting a Time-Certain? No

Requesting Staff Member:

Amber Andersen, Exempt Secretary

Attachments:

IWPPProjectSummary_forCouncil
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Watershed Plan Resolution (080526) ratf