

# Southwest Utah Planning Authorities Council (SUPAC)

3 MARCH 2009

12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Festival Hall, 105 N. Main  
Cedar City

## Field trip--8:30 a.m. to noon

The SUPAC toured CICWCD water projects in the Three Peaks area and around Iron County. Scott Wilson provided the tour.

1. **Welcome and Introductions-** Brian Cottam, Associate Director of SUU Regional Services welcomed everyone to the meeting. Brian said that the CICWCD Water System booklet Scott Wilson provided may be taken for the group's use.
2. **Utah Prairie Dog Recovery Implementation Program (UPDRIP)** – Reed Erickson gave an overall presentation regarding economic development planning for the power plants. The county provided new ordinances to include wind farms, solar, and geothermal generation on a commercial scale. Permitting processes were included. They've already received applications for all three types of energy.

**UPDRIP** – It started a year ago and the first meeting was in February. It evolved from endangered species in the HCP for Iron County. It was insufficient for all the development in the County. The biggest obstacle was the limitation for building. They applied for funding to finish an HCP which would be more manageable. They weren't as coordinated as they wanted to be and are trying to craft the larger three recovery areas. Iron County addressed recovery, rather than take on the previous HCP. The relocated dogs are not currently managed actively for HCP, when it should be occurring in their natural habitat. They are trying to identify how we recover while still allowing development to go on balancing both. 19 partners will be participating. They applied for funding for 50% salary for a one-year program coordinator to help this program get off the ground. Coordinated efforts will include a habitat exchange program and a \$400,000 earmark from Senator Bennett went to the R,C, & D. The second safe harbor agreement is to purchase a property, and the owner improves his property by providing in exchange a preserving habitat within the property. The last effort is a section 7 consultation with FAA and UDOT working on 5 airports managed for prairie dogs. What the HCP is trying to do and who is responsible for implementing the HCP and how it will be managed.

3. **Iron County Resource Management Planning** – Mike Worthen distributed the County Resource Management Planning Tool for Iron County. Mike is charged with developing the CRMP; communicate and collaborate with the partners and land management agencies; responds to NEPA; and provides other planning documents affecting Iron County. He also attends all meetings involving natural resources. He also provides the county with information regarding the county, state and federal guidelines in natural resource planning. He has formed partnerships with federal and state to understand the relationship and the county's role in the new economy. He acknowledges current and desired management settings and defines ways to overcome obstacles to planning; establishes implementation and a monitoring process; and provides a basis for site/resource specific planning. There is a natural resource advisory council appointed by the Iron County Commission. It is representative of most natural resource interests in the county and they serve as advisors and planning leaders in implementation and monitoring the CRMP. They have had three meetings so far. They have reviewed a legal basis for cooperation; reviewed socio-economic information; roles and responsibilities of the NRS and NRAC; and are reviewing current and future conditions. A few issues identified are communication; cooperation/participation; public awareness; recreation; tribal interaction; pooling resources; and recognition of accomplishments. The resources identified are specific trails for ohv, hiking, biking, etc. Also grazing, timber management, water, wildlife, energy (i.e. solar, geothermal, oil and gas). Mike Worthen recognized how well our Iron County partnerships with federal, state and local agencies work.

4. **Iron Mission State Park & Iron Works Homestead Project** – Todd Prince is the park manager and provided information on the Iron Works homestead project. The sheep shed has been done; Paiute village is done. They are getting a new roof on the Hunter House. Keith Seegmiller said through grants obtained from Historic preservation and the National Endowment for the Humanities they were able to work on these projects. They delivered an inventory sheet outlining the needs. #1 Sheep Shed \$25k; Paiute Native camp #2 \$3,500; Small Activity Stations #3 \$200 - \$500; Hunter House #4 \$365,000; Iron Foundry #5 \$147,000; Wagon Barn Expansion #7 \$563,000; Schoolhouse Community Center #8 \$232,000; Sawmill #9 \$15,000; Melling Building granary #10 \$28,380 (attached as part of these minutes).
5. **Southern Utah Visitor Profile Study** – Dr. Emmett Steed presented data on tourism visitors to southern Utah. Most favorite for visitors are the Summer Games Opening Ceremonies. 51 % stay in hotels; 33 % stay with friends; 82% ate breakfast; 22 % used quick-service and 36% casual dining. Daily average expenditure for meals and lodging is \$238 per day. Visitor profile for southern Utah. National Park gateway cities - 63 % enjoy hiking. For additional information please contact Dr. Emmett Steed at [steed@suu.edu](mailto:steed@suu.edu) or 435/586-5409.
6. **SUU Intergovernmental Internship Cooperative** – Steve McCarthy and Anne Smith, SUU Regional Services worked on a project to bring together students to work with community planning. Partnerships have been formed with local, state, and federal agencies. The National Park Service provided a grant which allows job placement opportunities for student internships in the local, state, and federal agencies. Robyn Pearson, DNR is interested in developing a Youth Conservation Corps in Southern Utah. He said that Southern Utah student interns that work for DNR maintain a 70% staying rate as opposed to a student from the Wasatch front.
7. **60 second Round Table** –  
Alma Adams said the mine is stockpiling ore to be shipped to China but the port is full and they are awaiting another port to ship. Unemployment rate is 5.2% in Iron County.

Jim Crisp said that ZC3 corridor (Hurricane and Virgin) is currently being worked on. The Rockville corridor future analysis for anticipated growth will be finished shortly. A corridor management plan includes designation for National Scenic Byway on Hwy 9.

Todd Stowell is here. We have two circuit rider planners now for the Five County AOG.

Scientific verification at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> conference will be hosted by the GSENM. Paleontologists from the Museum of Northern Arizona conducted an excavation of the first crested hadrosaur ever discovered in southwestern Utah and noticed what appeared to be patterns of thumb-sized impressions on the tail and pelvic areas. It resembles a crocodile.

Marreen Casper said there is a stimulus package divided into two agencies for federal and state. Contact the Utah State planner Walt Baker at 801/538-6047; Drinking Water - Ken at 801-536-4207 or Division of Water resources 801/538-7300.

Bryan Thiriot – Senator Bennett is on the natural resource committee and they met to put together their agenda. The Washington Land bill passed the senate and thought it would pass the House as an omnibus public land bill. There was some controversy but they believe they will work through it.

Congressman Matheson is on the energy committee. He's concerned about lack of input on energy development. Otherwise the house is expecting to pass another house seat for Utah.

Todd Stowell said thanks for the warm welcome.

NRCS is taking applications for Environmental Quality; Wildlife incentives; and agricultural incentive programs.

Ron Wilson, UFFSL is busy getting requests in for stimulus money, (i.e. hazards, fuels reduction and re-vegetation in assisting community forestry programs). They received \$300K to work on a project to

restore the Aspen with private landowners. Currently a reduction of fuels is going on at Dammon Valley. They have also re-seeded the area as well.

Robyn Pearson represents 7 divisions who have “shovel ready” projects including watershed initiative, re-seeding and fuel programs, etc. to use the stimulus money.

Don Willden said they got a regional training center resolution. Enell (sic) will ramp up production for 50 megawatts and 3 injection wells are going in at the county line. Utah Western Copper is in.

Randy Markell – Grazing improvement coordinator and works on farm rangeland. They have money to assist farms. They received 16 applications totaling \$1.3 million in assistance.

Randy Taylor – DEQ wastewater programs for drinking water and water quality. Their stimulus money will be funneled through these two programs.

Dayle Flanigan – USDA FS Cedar City Ranger District – Rural schools projects – recovery and stimulus package will cover possible projects of Navajo Lake road construction and paving; Cascade Falls trails hiking and walking needs reconstruction. One project at Panguitch Lake for the parking lots and restroom facilities needs improvements. One trail for snowmobiles in Kane county and one in Iron County totaling \$1.5 million.

Pat McQueary, US Army Corps of Engineers – She’ll do site visits for wetlands and she wants to do outreach to keep from having violations of clean water act.

SITLA – There is continuing interest in developing west desert with wind and solar energy. They had an application for exotic animal preserve next to the Aman Giri Resort.

Tamara Maxwell – Project manager for stimulus projects for UDOT – Go to website for detailed information. They are doing 6 pavement preservations on US 89 29.9 – 37.8 mileposts ; Millard county I-15 158.5 – 169 overlay; US 191; 2 in Sevier one on I-70 and SR 118 between 6.9 – 10 milepost; and SR 9 milepost 0 – 9 1 bridge at Valley View; Enhancement projects safe sidewalks cedar price and Richfield. 2 NPO projects 600 N in Hurricane new roadway.

8. Other Business - There was no other business.
9. Calendar Next meeting – May 5, 2009 may be in Kane County. Lake Powell pipeline discussions.
10. Adjourn

APPENDIX "A"  
ATTENDANCE

Kevin Carter, SITLA  
Todd Prince, Iron Mission State Park  
Keith Seegmiller, Iron Mission State Park  
Anne Smith, SUU Regional Services  
Steve McCarthy, NPS & SUU Regional Services  
Reed Erickson, Iron County  
Alma Adams, Iron County Commissioner  
Doug Heaton, Kane County Commissioner  
Mike Worthen, Iron County  
Jim Crisp, SUU Regional Services  
Ken Sizemore, Five County AOG  
Rene Berkhoudt, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument  
Marreen Casper, Senator Orrin Hatch's Office  
Bryan Thiriot, Senator Bennett's Office  
Mike Empey, Congressman Matheson's Office  
Todd Stowell, Iron County/Five County AOG  
Lee Woolsey, USDA – NRCS  
Ron Wilson, UFFSL  
Robyn Pearson, Utah DNR  
Donald Willden, Beaver County Commissioner  
Randy Marshall, UDAF/UACD Grazing Improvement Program Coordinator  
Randy Taylor, Utah DEQ  
Dayle Flanigan, USDA Forest Service  
Pat McQueary, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Tamerha Maxwell, Utah DOT