

# Great Salt Lake Tech Team

April 7, 2015

## In attendance:

Laura Vernon  
Tanna Fullenkamp  
Joe Havasi  
Thayne Clark  
Ann Neville  
Kathleen Anderson  
Erica Gaddis  
Mike Bradley  
Cory Angeroth  
Tom Tripp  
Lynn de Freitas  
Becka Downard  
Wayne Wurtsbaugh  
Wally Gwynn

Pam Kramer  
Karin Kettenring  
Gertrudys Adkins  
Don Leonard  
Bill Johnson  
Frank Black  
Randy Kaufman  
Sach yo Mukherji  
Ramesh Goel  
Chris Shope  
Andrew Rupke  
Toby Hooker  
John Luft

## Welcome: 9:00 am

Laura Vernon welcomed all and went over the Agenda.

~Introductions~

## Updates:

**Great Salt Lake Advisory Council Update:** Brian Cottam gave a legislative update. \$500,000.00 was allocated for Phragmites treatments. They are hopeful to have this amount over the next few years. Last year over 2,000 acres were aerial treated. They are now in the process of trampling approximately 1,000 acres at Farmington Bay Wildlife Management Area with a snowcat and roller.

**Railroad Causeway Update:** FFSL continues to work through lease conditions with the Railroad. They are in the process of getting an appraisal on the causeway portion that would be under the lease in order to determine lease rate. DWQ issued their Water Quality Certification on March 2. The Railroad has appealed the DWQ's Certification. The Army Corps of Engineers has not yet issued their permit for the Railroad.

**Phragmites working group update:** The Phragmites working group is taking off. The last meeting was held on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. There are several treatments planned for the 2015 year and the funding as mentioned above. USU presented their Grazing Research. They are doing a 2-year grazing study that will integrate grazing with use of herbicide. Tracy Dunford, Acting Deputy Director for FFSL presented challenges faced for burning Phragmites. Please submit any projects to Laura Vernon for funding opportunities.

Huge thanks to Dan Tuttle for leading the charge in getting the legislature to understand the importance of continuing treating phragmites.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge to look at the burn they recently completed.

DEQ announced a job opening for a GSL Coordinator position. Laura will distribute link in an email.

**GSL IWRM Update:** After review of 5 proposals, FFSL selected CH2MHill to complete the IWRM. The project was kicked off in March with a meeting with the Technical Committee (consisting of the contractors and DNR and DEQ resource specialists). A presentation to the GSL Tech Team is probable as the project moves further along.

**Presentations:**

Becka Downard, USU

Determining the impacts and water management

**Looking ahead:**

GSL Tech Team Grants:

Hot Topics include: Bioherms and Stromatolites, Dust: Exposed lake bed, Effects of increased salinity on GSL biota, Mercury, Salinity balance and cycle, Phragmites: Revegetation  
The Tech Team Grant RFP will be sent out April 20<sup>th</sup>, and will be funded mid-June.

Division of Water Resources- PIO was hired for the Bear River Project

**Possible topics for next meeting:**

Salinity Effects- Wayne

Mercury and Selenium- Josh Ackerman

Salt and Sea- Jon

Dust Issue- Randy Julander

Decreasing Lake Levels- Craig Miller

Dredging of the GSL Marina- Dave Sheer

Archeology on the Lake Shore

Bioherms relocated

Extended Intake Canal- Morton Salt

**Next meeting set for August 18th, 2015. Same time, same place.**

**Meeting adjourned: 10:45 am**