

# City Council Announcements

## March 1, 2005

### A. Decisions, Feedback & Information needed by staff

1. **Solid Waste Management's** Operational Goals and Program Objectives for 2005. Attached is an informational quarterly update  
**Would Council Members like to schedule a briefing?**
2. Upcoming **Utah League of Cities and Towns conferences**.  
ULCT Mid Year Conference "Spring Thing", April 14-15 at St. George - A full day of this conference covers current municipal issues. The second day is spent reviewing the outcome of the most recent legislative session and its impact on local government. Hotel reservations need to be made right away.  
ULCT Road School, April 27-29 in St. George - ULCT, in cooperation with UDOT, is presenting this conference specifically for public works personnel. Speakers present state-of-the-art techniques, money-saving alternatives, EPA compliance regulations, safety procedures and management skills.
3. **Ground Transportation Study**  
Dr. Ray Mundy will be in Salt Lake City on March 2 and 3 to conduct a final series of interviews with people involved in the ground transportation industry. Dr. Mundy would like to return March 8 to discuss the study with either members of the City Council Taxi Subcommittee or the full City Council. The discussion on March 8 would include an overview of Salt Lake City's current situation and a comparative analysis, including policy alternatives. After the March 8 discussion, Dr. Mundy would prepare a final report for public comment. **Would the City Council prefer that the Taxi Subcommittee or the full Council hold discussions with Dr. Mundy on March 8? If March 8 would not work, is there an alternate date?**
4. Currently as part of a **Special Improvement District (SID) process**, community members are informed as part of the Notice of Intention that written protests against proposed improvements, assessments or against the creation of a District must be presented and filed in the Office of the Chief Deputy City Recorder on or before 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the protest hearing. According to bond counsel, Ballard Spahr, this is not a legal requirement. The intent of the deadline for written protests is an approach to collect all protests in a timely manner for the Council's review at the time of the scheduled protest hearing date. Therefore, in actuality, a written protest can be accepted up to the time the protest hearing takes place.

Taking into account that protest responses are not tabulated on the night of the hearing and since the action the Council takes after a protest hearing is "close

hearing and refer to Engineering for tabulation” –a message that the protest hearing is not valid could be perceived.

**Would the Council like to discuss changing the deadline to the time of the public hearing?**

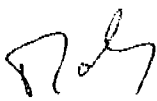
## **B. For Your Information**

1. Response to Council Inquiry: Web site hits for audio of council meetings

In response to an inquiry from last Thursday’s work session, Bill Haight reports that there has been a total of 3,871 hits and downloads of Council packet documents, or individuals logging into the audio recordings of work session meetings since July 1, 2004.


**COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL**

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**TO:** Rocky Fluhart   
Chief Administration Officer **DATE:** February 2, 2005

**FROM:** Rick Graham, Director  
Public Services Department

**SUBJECT:** Salt Lake Valley Solid Waste Management Facility Update

**STAFF CONTACT:** Rick Graham  535-7774  
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**DOCUMENT TYPE:** Information Only

**RECOMMENDATION:** No Action Requested

**FUNDING:** None

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** The City Council has requested a quarterly update on the operation of the Landfill facility. Attached are the Operational Goals and Program Objectives for 2005 relating to the daily operation of the facility. The Solid Waste Management Facility Council approved these goals and objectives in its January 2005 Council meeting. This report is submitted to you for informational purposes only. If the Council would like additional information I will be happy to provide it.

**PUBLIC PROCESS:** None Required

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**SALT LAKE VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY  
MAJOR GOALS AND PROGRAMS FOR 2005**

**Institutional and Administrative:**

- 1. Staff shall monthly assess market related waste trends and their potential impact on the Long Term Strategic Plan. Steps will be initiated to adjust expenditures based on incoming tonnage revenue. The Council shall quarterly evaluate organizational structure and program budget categories to ensure that we are in line with market conditions.**
  
- 2. Updating the Salt Lake Valley Landfill Master Plan will enable us to professionally renew our DEQ permit in March 2005, ensure ongoing regulatory compliance, maximize landfill life capacity, follow the preferable sequence for module excavation and landfilling, and phase the development of a beneficial end use plan. The master plan will provide a valuable data base to determine the impact of increasing/decreasing the amount of tonnage landfilled or exported through the transfer station.**
  
- 3. Re-evaluate our designated reserve funds. Review fund objectives, cap amounts, and annual contribution amounts based on projected tonnage inflow and the updated landfill master plan. Consider fund adjustments if there is substantial loss of commercial waste at the Salt Lake Valley Landfill and the use of fund resources to purchase additional property to extend life of the landfill.**
  
- 4. To retain our customer base and waste flow at a preferable level for Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County consider measures such as reducing & adjusting tipping fees, entering into contracts with commercial haulers, and/or modifying the Geographical Limitation Ordinance.**
  
- 5. Continually assess the future impact of anticipated decreases in tonnage to be landfilled, calculate the financial impacts of revenues and expenditures, determine the pros and cons of various options and then determine the next step to take in order to keep our landfill a viable disposal operation.**

**Environmental, Technical & Construction Services:**

- 1. Ensure compliance with the updated Landfill Master Plan as tonnages change due to the export or loss of incoming waste to newly developed regional landfills.**
- 2. Jointly work with DTE Energy Biomass in a cooperative and aggressive manner to accommodate installing the reciprocating engines in a timely manner and to consistently maximize the collection and sale of our landfill methane gas.**
- 3. Monitor closely the soils regeneration contractor's ongoing odor reduction and relocation efforts so that inbound waste assessment, soil processing, and soil amendment delivery arrangements are mutually beneficial.**
- 4. Insure the proper design and timely completion of capital improvement and maintenance projects especially the installation of perforated methane gas lines in Module 6.**
- 5. Obtain the necessary permits for the continued operation of the Salt Lake Valley Landfill and the Salt Lake Valley Transfer Station.**
- 6. Evaluate more efficient and environmental beneficial methods for leachate treatment, storage, and disposal. Determine the pros & cons of each.**
- 7. Complete a written preventative maintenance plan for the Solid Waste Facilities. Finalize and implement the maintenance plan for the remaining facility equipment.**

**Operations:**

- 1. Continue to landfill in Module 7 to complete the bottom layer and then start a second layer on Module 7. Stockpile all gravel products on Modules 3,4,& 5.**
- 2. Maintain a good driving surface at the tipping face for customers, keep the incoming roads at the landfill in good visual appearance, and insure proper drainage throughout the year.**
- 3. Increase the recycling tonnage recovered from the landfill tipping face, citizen unloading station, and the transfer station over the amount in 2004. Evaluate new recycling opportunities and continually have premium compost available for sale.**
- 4. Continue to work closely with Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, and West Valley City's residential bulky waste and weekly collection services.**
- 5. Purchase all budgeted operational equipment in a timely manner and consistently conduct preventative maintenance on all equipment.**
- 6. Continue to maintain a good neighborly working relationship with landfill (Brashers Auto & Legacy Subdivision) and transfer station neighbors (Quikrete, Golf in the Round, and Central Valley Water Reclamation).**
- 7. Keep the landfill office area and the transfer station free of weeds and litter. Also add new garden grade mulch to landscaped areas and keep the interior of the transfer station building clean.**
- 8. Assess the value and cost of a GPS system to track disposal locations and purchase an appropriate system to track disposal locations.**

**Public Information and Recycling Office:**

- 1. Promote and market Solid Waste Facility services and products, HHW, compost, woodchips, recycling drop-off center, wildlife overlook to the public.**
- 2. Improve and update the content of tours and presentation for groups and publicize the services and programs of the Recycling Information Office.**
- 3. Encourage and support valley-wide recycling activities, e.g. America Recycles Day, Christmas Tree Recycling, and Earth Day.**
- 4. Continue developing programs with local government entities and increase the frequency of events to reduce the amount of electronic waste e.g. computers, monitors, televisions, etc. coming to the landfill for disposal.**
- 5. Educate businesses on the advantages of recycling and alternatives to disposing of recyclable materials in the landfill.**
- 6. Evaluate more efficient ways to save space in the landfill and implement new and updated recycling programs for the landfill, citizen unloading facility and break room.**



**ULCT Mid Year Conference  
AKA - "Spring Thing"**

**Agenda  
Registration**

**This two-day conference is held each spring in St. George. A full day of this conference covers current municipal issues. The second day is spent reviewing the outcome of the most recent legislative session and its impact on local government. A program for spouses is also included in this conference. The conference registration fee includes Thursday evening dinner and entertainment as well as breakfasts and lunches on Thursday and Friday.**

**Make your hotel reservations today!**

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## ULCT Road School

### Agenda Registration

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