

Great Salt Lake Advisory Council

Water Users

What are your organizations interest and activities on Great Salt Lake?

As the regional water supplier for Davis and Weber Counties along with other upper mountain counties, the rivers and reservoirs we manage are all in the GSL Basin and flow to the lake. We are committed to making current and future water development projects compatible with the needs of the lake. How an increasing urban population will use and reuse water supplies has an impact on the lake and care must be taken to preserve both needs.

What permits or approvals do you need and from whom?

We are not currently seeking permits. Future water development projects may, at a minimum require coordinated operations with users and stewards of the lake.

What pressures on the lake affect your organization?

Lake water quality must be maintained so that future effects of urban growth and water supply projects can still return flows to the lake and meet discharge criteria. High lake levels also impact Willard Bay Reservoir as water will be against the back side of our dam. In the future, as the Utah Div. of Water Resources develops water supplies on the Bear River or from other river basins, the effects of the lake level and water quality will play a major role in decision making and setting water policy for the growing communities.

Are there opportunities for improvement with regards to agency management or impacts to the resource?

The best opportunity is a coordinated approach to water management and development so that all parties are informed of the variables and needs.