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Chair Message

By: Del K. Barney

It has been an honor serving as Chair of the Utah Association of Special Districts for the past two years. The association and people who serve on the Board of Trustees are truly advocates for all districts in the State of Utah. The board shares a common vision and mission of good governance as we serve the people of this great state in various capacities. It is refreshing to serve among individuals who share a common vision and work hard to achieve success toward that vision. There have been several issues that arise during the year that are solved by all concerned parties with the help of the association that build a better understanding of the role of districts and

strengthen relationships. The time and effort put in at the legislature in behalf of districts is impressive. It is a privilege to serve alongside the good quality of people on the board and association members. I will continue to serve in the capacity as immediate past chair with our vision and mission as my guide. I look forward to the leadership of Chris Finlinson as the new association chair. She has years of experience at the legislature and with districts that is invaluable. She will lead us further toward our shared vision with much success. She has my full support and respect.

Thank you for an experience I will cherish for years to come. I consider all of you my friends.



Sand Hollow Reservoir

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Legislation analysis, bylaws and personnel manual templates, member resources and news, an event calendar and more! The website is a resource designed to benefit our member districts.

District Spotlight:

SLC Mosquito Abatement District

By: Karry Rathje

Founded in 1924, the Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement District works to control mosquito populations to protect citizen health and enhance quality of life. "When most people hear about mosquito abatement, they think of trucks driving around town spraying pesticides in the evening," said Sam Dickson, PhD, district manager. "That's only about five-percent of what we do."

Other activities include dispatching bicyclists who log approximately 4,500 miles a year to treat more than 19,000 catch basins and gutters monthly from May to September. In addition, technicians are dispatched to wetlands via ATVs, tracked vehicles or boats to treat water containing mosquito larvae. Technicians also set up traps, monitor populations, treat tree holes, stock mosquito-eating fish in ornamental ponds and the list continues. Regular aerial spray missions over the wetlands between Salt Lake City International Airport and Great Salt Lake are also coordinated by the district.

Mosquito abatement districts also test thousands of captured mosquitoes for a number of diseases including



Sam Dickson dipping for mosquito larvae.

West Nile Virus, which first occurred in Utah in 2003. Efforts to control the two mosquito species that can transmit this virus is an ongoing priority.

Dickson offers the following tips for all homeowners seeking to reduce mosquito populations:

1. Empty containers that hold water such as buckets and tires
2. Use water responsibly; avoid over watering your yard
3. Keep street gutters free of debris
4. Change the stagnant water in ornamental features, such as bird baths, weekly
5. Remember there are only two mosquito species that transmit the West Nile Virus in Salt Lake

City and they only bite from dusk to dawn so plan outdoor activities accordingly

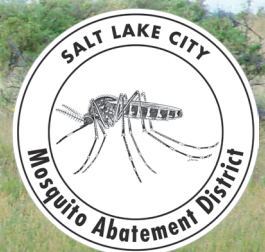
6. Wear repellent from dusk until dawn

Throughout Utah, mosquito abatement districts have been involved in UASD since the organization's founding. "There hasn't been a year the association hasn't helped us in some capacity," said Dickson. "They give us a voice on the hill, provide needed compliance training and more. We're grateful to be involved in this organization."

For more information on the Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement District, visit www.slcmad.org.



John Feragen drives a tracked vehicle in Salt Lake City while Andrew Dewsnap sprays a liquid bacterial formulation that only kills mosquito larvae.



2014 Legislative Session Summary

By: *LeGrand Bitter*

UASD is preparing a review of selected bills passed during the 2014 Legislative Session. The review will analyze many of the most important bills affecting districts.

The most recent legislative update is available on the UASD website, reflecting more than 175 bills UASD analyzed and addressed during the session. The update also reflects the current disposition of each bill (passed or failed) as well as UASD's position on each bill.

Senate Bill 51 was the main bill run by the association in 2014. Many important and useful provisions are included in the bill. The effective date for bills passed during the Legislative Session is May 13th, 2014.

Procurement

During the past three years, the

association has invested substantial resources of time and money in working with legislators, state purchasing and other stake holders in addressing the difficult and complex task of recodifying the state procurement code. Three of many important elements are noted here.

1. The association was successful in extending the deadline for districts to adopt purchasing rules from May 2014 to January 1, 2015.
2. With the state approaching the adoption of its purchasing rules, the association will be able to finalize a purchasing-rules template that will provide a roadmap for districts in adopting their own purchasing rules before January 1, 2015. Once finalized, the template will be available to association members

at no cost and non-members for \$1,000.

3. The State Procurement Code requires certain types of information related to the procurement process, particularly with respect to procurements that involved the bidding process, be maintained as private information. The association was successful in working with the Press Association in expanding the provisions of the closed meetings law to allow for discussion of that type of information in a closed meeting.

Additional information and training will be available to districts at the UASD Annual Convention in November 2014. Districts will be notified of other training events that may also be scheduled.

Board Member Spotlight: Richard J. Scott

By: *Jon Bronson*

Richard Scott's term as an associate member of the UASD Board of Trustees came to an end in March 2014. His assistance has been extraordinary and we extend to him our most sincere thanks for the dedicated service he has given to the special service districts and local districts of the State of Utah.

In 2006, Scott was appointed to the board after serving many years as a prominent bond attorney in Utah. From 1973 to 2013, he was employed by Chapman and Cutler, a national law firm headquartered in Chicago with an emphasis in public finance. He has been a partner and the anchor of that firm's Utah practice since they opened its Salt Lake City office in 1981.

Scott represented all types of municipal issuers as bond counsel, underwriter's counsel or disclosure counsel on a wide variety of municipal transactions; he shared that experience on the UASD Board, bringing explanation and accumulated wisdom.

He also served on the Utah Water Coalition, State Legislature's Revenue and Taxation Committee and State's Private Activity Board. He always set the pace of innovation in his profession and has participated in the drafting of municipal finance legislation adopted by several western states.

Scott completed undergraduate studies at Brigham Young University. He received his law degree (1973) and

masters of business administration (1975) from University of Chicago.

Most people would describe him using words such as: professional, smart, loyal, patient, mild, kind, and gentleman. He is all of that and more. It would be difficult to overstate his many contributions to our organization. He has been professional in the best sense of that word and has brought honor to himself and UASD.

We are indebted to him and are fortunate that he shared his time and talents with us.

We wish him and his wife, Shonnie, the very best as they move forward into the new adventures, opportunities and challenges.



Calendar of Events

UASD 26th Annual Convention

November 5-7, 2014

Davis Conference Center, Layton, Utah

Board of Trustees Meeting

May 1

Bear River Water Conservancy
102 W. Forest St., Brigham City

June 27

Wasatch County Recreation Center
(Park in west parking lot)
345 West 600 South, Heber City

July 11

Weber Fire District
2023 West 1300 North, Farr West

August 8

Unitah Transportation District
320 N. Aggie Blvd. Conf. Rm 101, Vernal

September 12

Washington County Water Conservancy
533 E. Waterworks Dr., St. George

District Board Member and Management Training Events

April 29: 6-9 p.m.,

Capitol West Bldg., Salt Lake City

June 19: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.,

Grand Center, 182 N 500 W, Moab

State Auditor's Office

May 6 (north region), **May 7** (central region) and **May 8** (south region).

Will be broadcast from 1 – 5 p.m. on the Utah Education Network (UEN).

Visit auditor.utah.gov/local-government/training/ for more information.

Visit uasd.org and click on the training tab to view a schedule of training events and resources.



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