

SALT LAKE CITY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities

Prepared by the Bear West Consulting Team • **Recommendation:** Continue to research options for utilizing water rights.

Implementation: Ongoing.

• **Recommendation:** Maintain current water rights with the state engineer.

Implementation: Ongoing.

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2. Acquisition of water stock.

Recommendation: Actively acquire stock in mutual irrigation companies with which Salt Lake City has exchange contracts.

Implementation: Ongoing.

EXCHANGE CONTANTS

• Recommendation: Develop a program by which Salt Lake City can accept donations of water stock.

Implementation: Salt Lake City will have a donation mechanism in place by June 1, 2000.

3. Irrigation Exchange Contracts.

• **Recommendation:** Eliminate the exchanges and purchase the contracts outright.

Implementation: Ongoing.

Explanation: Increase communication and public relations with contract holders and irrigation companies. Publicize the price Salt Lake City is willing to pay for shares of water.

4. Currently not utilizing Millcreek as a culinary source of water.

• **Recommendation:** Continue to preserve water rights in Millcreek Canyon and maintain the current water right with the state engineer.

Implementation: Ongoing.

• Recommendation: Manage Millcreek Canyon to maintain optimal water quality.