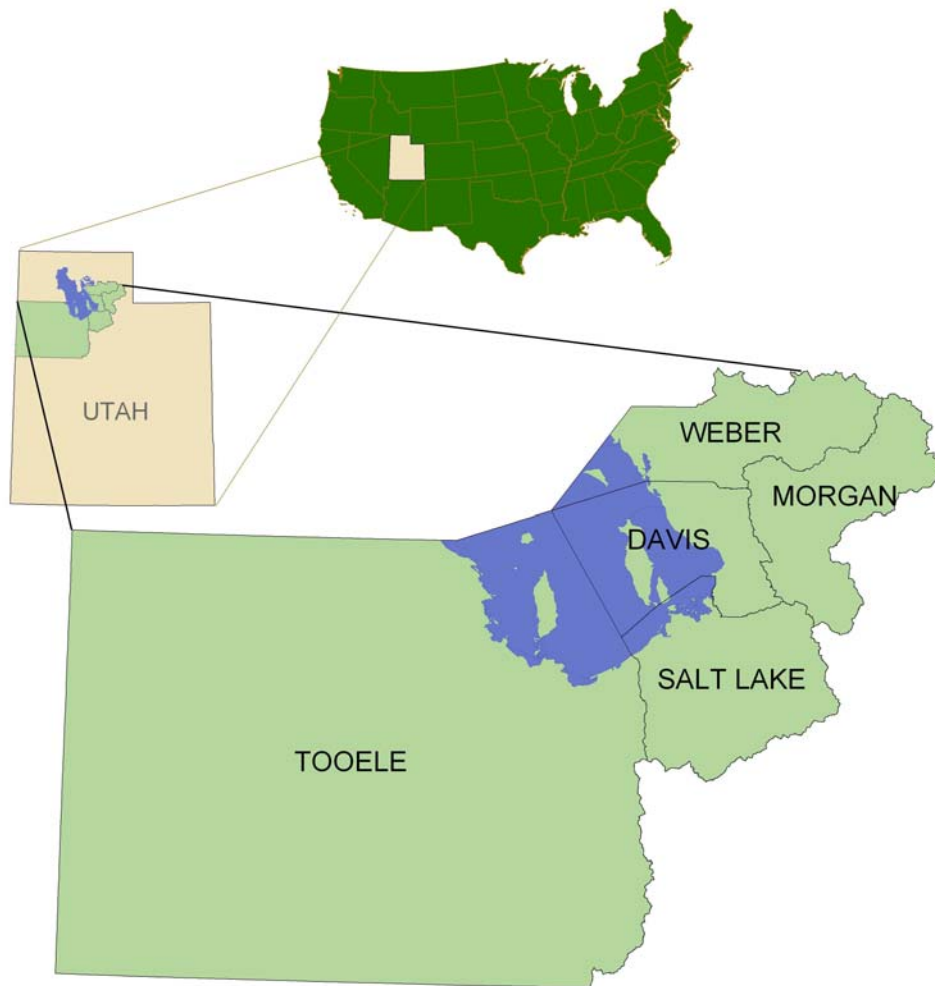




**Great Salt Lake
Resource Conservation and Development
(RC&D) Council Inc.
2007 Annual Report**



The Great Salt Lake RC&D Council is a locally led 501(c)3 nonprofit organization serving Tooele, Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, and Morgan counties that connects resources with needs and opportunities.

The Great Salt Lake Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. works with individuals, municipalities, agencies, businesses, and philanthropic organizations to address issues and challenges facing Tooele, Salt Lake, Davis, Weber and Morgan counties in Utah. This area comprises a majority of the Wasatch Front with a population of over 1.4 million residents in 2003 and covers an area of 9,156 square miles. Tooele and Morgan counties can be characterized as more geographically expansive but experiencing both positive and negative impacts from development pressure. Salt Lake, Davis, and Weber counties are, in general, more densely populated. It serves as a major transportation hub for the Intermountain West with the Salt Lake City International Airport, extensive rail service, light rail (TRAX), cross roads for east/west and north/south Interstates (I-15, I-80, and I-84), serves as a major location of commerce, and home to universities, world class skiing, arts and cultural events.

Vision: The Great Salt Lake RC&D will promote conservation, development and stewardship of natural and human resources; promote sustainable economies; and enhance the quality of life.

Mission: Promote partnerships that improve and protect communities and the environment.



Accomplishments:

1. Sponsored an open house for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in Salt Lake City through February 2007. Expanded or created three CSAs operations along the Wasatch Front.
2. Parrish Creek pond and education center project site visit with proponent, city officials and contractor.
3. Cottam's Oak outreach project: collection of acorns, propagation, and distribution of approximately 125 seedlings to public.
4. Acted as fiscal agent and provided general liability insurance for Volunteers for Outdoor Utah's trail construction and training project on the Bonneville Shoreline Trail with \$5,000 in grant funding provided by REI.
5. Applied for Agriculture Marketing Service's Farmers Market Promotion Program grant for \$50,000 to increase capacity of local CSA operations.
6. Provided guidance and oversight for strategic plan and Memorandum of Understanding for participants in South Shore CWMA, as well as facilitated successful mini-grant application for water jet stinger and Pulling Together Initiative grant from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.
7. Successfully applied for Utah NRCS mini-grant for bio-control supplies and equipment to facilitate field collection of beneficial insects for \$3,000.
8. Successfully applied for Utah NRCS mini-grant for Tooele Weed Board weed control and restoration for \$5,000.
9. Provided technical assistance for two US Forest Service grants for Bonneville CWMA.
10. Provide technical assistance and guidance for Weber Basin CWMA and participated in bio control field tour.
11. Hired new book keeper.
12. Provided grant writing guidance for Triox Technologies to expand business opportunities for micro generator technology.
13. Provided guidance, assisted with creation of three committees (economic, community and natural resources) and facilitated several meetings for the Confederated Tribe of the Goshute Reservation (CTGR) to draft and implement a strategic plan. Final plan adopted in July 2007.
14. Drafted application for CTGR Integrated Resource Management Plan from Bureau of Indian Affairs to hire staff and implement strategic plan for almost \$50,000.
15. Produced Public Service Announcement at KRCL for community supported agriculture (CSA) and Purge Your Spurge.
16. Facilitated the People's Market gain support and funding from Salt Lake City and securing a permanent home at the International Peace Garden on the Jordan River.
17. GSL RC&D Chair and book keeper attended RC&D Nonprofit training in May 2007.
18. Completed "Purge Your Spurge" native plant exchange at REI on April 14 & 21, 2007. Translated educational materials into Spanish. Funded by Utah NRCS minigrant.

19. GSL RC&D featured on KUER's series Bite Sized produced by Beth Hoffman interviewing local CSA farmer
20. Participated in several of the six Conservation District monthly meetings throughout the five counties, as well as the Zone 2 conference and Utah Association of Conservation District annual convention.
21. Attended 2007 Utah Diversified Agriculture Conference, River Basin Coordinating Committee meetings and the Harvesting Energy Summit.
22. Recruited three volunteers to assist with project implementation and administrative support needs.
23. Met with Salt Lake City Airport Authority to learn about Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program.
24. Met with Utah Individual Development Account personnel to discuss possibilities for partnering to encourage beginning farmers to save for new farming operations.
25. Completed financial compilation.
26. Reviewed Jordan River Trail Master Plan and attended public meeting.
27. Assured proper operation of the GSL RC&D Council, including website maintenance, D&O and general liability insurance, business license, etc.
28. Updated and coordinated website maintenance: www.greatsaltlakercd.org.
29. Published four quarterly newsletters, The Lake Effect, in 2007.
30. GSL RC&D joined National and Western Association of RC&Ds.
31. Participated in PRATT meetings.
32. Distributed "Utah Interagency Coordination Guide" to local towns, agencies, and organizations at October Salt Lake County Water Symposium and by mail.
33. Advocated for listing of three weeds on Salt Lake County Noxious Weed list.
34. Explored options for cooperating with Utah Partners for Conservation.

Highlights of Annual Report, 2007

Purge Your Spurge

The Great Salt Lake RC&D Council was successful in applying for a NRCS mini-grant for \$5,000 and working collaboratively with partners such as the Salt Lake Conservation District, Salt Lake County Weed Department, Utah Native Plant Society, REI and others to host two day events that allowed people to bring in Myrtle Spurge they removed from their property in exchange for five native Utah plants. Effectively leveraging these funds allowed the organizers to purchase and distribute 1,400 plants and collect and properly dispose of 6,580 pounds of this noxious weed. An ambitious outreach effort contributed to 277 people and 17 volunteers participating in this event with over 747 hours donated with a total value of over \$16,000.



Confederated Tribe of the Goshute Reservation Strategic Plan

The Great Salt Lake has been cooperating with the Confederated Tribe of the Goshute Reservation in western Utah to create a long term strategic plan that addresses natural resources, cultural and economic development issues. The Tribe and citizens of Ibapah have come together over the last year and a half to discuss organizational structure, the composition of the three committees, meeting schedule, vision and mission statements, as well as an ambitious list of goals and objectives for each of the committees. The GSL RC&D provided guidance and coordination in a recent Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP) grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This effort was successful and provides for almost \$50,000 for salary, training, travel and other funding support to complete and implement a long range plan. Currently, a tribal member has been hired using these funds and is working to assure the specified deliverables will be achieved by the end of the grant in 2008.



Tooele County Weed Control and Restoration Project

The GSL RC&D was successful in obtaining a grant to provide equipment, supplies, and seeding materials to manage noxious weeds in Tooele County. Working in collaboration with the Tooele County Weed Department a proposal to map, treat, restore and monitor noxious weeds in the county was completed. This \$15,000 grant resulted in an almost \$100,000 project including cost share matches from partners. Leveraging these funds with other agency grants, contributions from private landowners and other interested parties, over 1,500 acres were treated, 100 acres reseeded and 19,000 acres were monitored. This unique project provided for the purchase of truck and ATV mounted sprayers and trailers that were operated by landowners on their land after completing a spray calibration and weed identification class. Tooele County weed problem has been greatly reduced in part to this powerful collaborative effort.



By: _____ Date: _____

(Therese Meyer, Chair)

This Annual Report adopted at an official meeting of the Great Salt Lake RC&D Council, Inc. on November 16, 2007.

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(Jerry Caldwell, Second Vice Chair)

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