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Reaching into the
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Juan Arce-Larreta has joined the Great Salt Lake RC&D Board as the At Large position. Juan brings a vast array of experience and qualifications, including: working for Salt Lake City Mayor, Rocky Anderson; employed as attorney for 5 years, work with the Bonneville Shoreline Committee, involvement with the Provo/Jordan River Trail Foundation, JRNAF, strengths: facilitation and brainstorming, vice chair of PRATT, and much more. Please welcome Juan to the GSL RC&D family.

Calendar of Events:

- January 19, 2007: Great Salt Lake RC&D Council Meeting, Murray NRCS Office, 10am
- February 12th: Bonneville CWMA meeting at Murray NRCS Office, 9am.
- The second strategic planning is scheduled for February 16, 2007 at Goshute Tribal Headquarters in Iba-pah, Utah, 9am to 12 noon.
- February 21st: Fifth Annual Community Supported Agriculture Open House at Salt Lake City Main Library at 6:30pm.
- Myrtle Spurge Exchange: April 14 & 21, 2007 at REI 3300 S. 3200 E. Bring in your Myrtle Spurge to exchange for a variety of native plants.

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Tooele Weed Board Grant

The scope of this grant is to continue an on going project that was started in the fall of 2005; Tooele County has been organizing and holding noxious weed workshops and calibration clinics for county citizens teaching them about noxious weeds. Tooele County then purchased and built spray equipment, and purchased 2-4, D to donate for them to kill noxious weeds. Officials are very excited to continue the education and training of local weed warriors. Tooele County will purchase another weed sprayer or two that will supplant their currently limited equipment, some specialized herbicide for tough weeds (Escort) and would like to expand the weed program by purchasing grass seed and a broadcast seeder for restoration projects. Tooele County has targeted properties along the Mormon Trail Road between Grantsville and Rush Valley infested with noxious weeds. These properties are owned by private individuals and Shambip and Grantsville

Soil Conservation Districts. This effort calls for fall assessments and planning, early spring spraying of White top, early summer spraying for Scotch Thistle followed by fall planting of grasses.

This project will be done in collaboration with the Tooele County Weed board that includes partners from Tooele County, private land owners, UDAF, USU Extension, NRCS, USDA Forest Service, APHIS, BLM, Bonneville CWMA, Squarrose CWMA. This effort will emphasize the importance of partnerships and collaboration to address invasive weed species implementing a "early detection-rapid response" approach.

It is anticipated that an additional sprayer and seeder will be purchased and enough chemical and seed to control and restore 250 acres. This restoration effort is an important step in local weed control.

Herbicide being applied with four wheeler and trailer sprayer. Photo by Linden Greenhalgh



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Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program: Outreach

The Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program was set up by Congress to respond to emergencies created by natural disasters. It is designed to relieve imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, windstorms, and other natural occurrences. All projects undertaken must be sponsored by a political subdivision of the State, such as a

city, county, general improvement district, or conservation district. The United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service is responsible for administering the program. The GSL RC&D is dedicated to educating affected communities about this program through an active outreach effort.

EWP work in Southern Utah.



2006 Annual Report and 2007 Annual Plan of Work Adopted

The Great Salt Lake RC&D adopted the 2006 Annual Report and 2007 Annual Plan of Work at the December meeting of the Council.

The Annual Report outlined over twenty accomplishments by the Council, including: CSA open houses along the Wasatch Front, grant and project work relating to invasive weeds in partnership with Cooperative Weed Management Areas, support of a new farmers market, participation in the National RC&D conference in Georgia, community fire plan, and the second field season of the sensitive species assessment in the Deep Creek Watershed.

The Annual Plan of Work once again incorporates the goals and objectives for the RC&D area, as well as

addressing the new NRCS strategic plan, specific NRCS goals and the 2007 Utah business plan. Further, this year's Plan has time estimates for the Council and Coordinator, as well as, budget estimates for each of the 24 anticipated strategies. This increased accountability is

especially ambitious due to recent staffing reductions. There are seven goals that address capacity building, promoting surface and groundwater protection, improving natural ecosystems, wildlife habitat,

local agriculture production and rangeland health, promoting under-served communities, educating at-risk communities about wildfire and flood threats, increasing the effectiveness and increasing the viability of the Council.



Fifth Annual Community Supported Agriculture Open House Planned

The 2007 Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Open House is scheduled for February 21st at the Salt Lake City Main Library located at 210 East 400 South starting at 6:30pm.

Participants can expect to learn about the CSA concept from members of the GSL RC&D, learn about various CSA operations in Utah, ask questions of farmers participating in the program and have an opportunity to sign up early for a share of locally grown produce.

CSA is a way for local

consumers to connect with local growers by purchasing a weekly share of produce. The "shareholder" can communicate their needs directly to the farmer and learn how and where their food is grown. The farmer enjoys the benefit of reduced marketing risk by selling his goods before they are planted. The customers often enjoy direct interaction with the producer through farm events and programs. In addition, participants typically receive a generous portion of a wide variety of vegetables and fruits that provide opportunities to explore new recipes.

A sample of a weekly share from a local CSA. The number of shareholders and their boxes are increasing each year.



Agriculture census information: www.nass.usda.gov/county Will you be counted in the upcoming census?

South Shore CWMA: Initiated

The South Shore Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) is the newest multi-jurisdiction voluntary effort to address invasive weeds. This area is based around Davis and Salt Lake counties with emphasis around the Great Salt Lake. Participants include: UDOT, Legacy Parkway and Preserve, Ambassador Duck Club, the Nature Conservancy, and Farmington Bay.

The first step in forming this coalition is putting together a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will outline roles and expectations. The SSCWMA borders the south-

eastern shore of Great Salt Lake from the Nature Conservancy Shorelands Preserve in the north to the Salt Lake International Airport in the south. The western boundary is the lake itself, and the SSCWMA extends east to the ridge-line above Woods Cross and Bountiful to include US Forest Service Property. Most individual landowners already have weed management strategies currently in place. There has been successful control of phragmites (*Phragmites australis*) with cattle grazing and herbicide application, and partners have of-

fered knowledge of their successes and failures using biological and chemical controls, and equipment to assist other property owners with spraying this and other weed infestations. Other controls include flooding, fire and released tamarisk beetles to combat tamarisk.



Purple Loosestrife, photo by B.

UACD and URC&D Convention in Park City

Bobbie Jeanquart educates participants about RC&D issues. Attendees had opportunities to network and learn about what other RC&D Councils are doing.



Governor Huntsman spoke to Convention attendees about the importance of conservation, farming and partnering to solve issues.

Goshute Strategic Plan: Started

The Confederated Tribe of the Goshutes Reservation has started an effort to create a strategic plan that will guide the Tribe and the community of Ibapah in establishing a long term vision. After brief introductions, the group composed ground rules by which they would abide. Jeff Williams served as the facilitator for the meeting and Cindy Burton recorded the thoughts and ideas by the group. There was discussion about the strategic planning process, vision and mission statements, goals, objectives, and specific strategies for accomplishing this long term effort and how subsequent annual plans would build

off that effort and the annual report would monitor progress in the upcoming years. Over 15 pages of flip chart notes and dialogue were captured in writing and the important first step of this process was successfully under way. A short list of items includes: new employment opportunities, alternative energy production, health care, waste management, day care facilities, sustainability and much more. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2007 at the Ibapah



Tribal members, community leaders, and partners came together in November at Tribal Headquarters to brainstorm ideas for a new strategic plan.

questions or comments, please share them with the Great Salt Lake RC&D.

Myrtle Spurge Exchange: April 14 & 21, 2007

The myrtle spurge/ native plant exchange is sponsored by GSL RC&D, Salt Lake SCD, SLCO Weed Program, UACD, and UNPS and is being held to encourage Salt Lake County citizens to dig up their myrtle spurge plants and exchange them for Utah natives. The weed exchange will be held on two Saturdays in April and will be hosted at the Salt Lake REI located at 3200 E 3300 S. Salt Lake County Citizens are encouraged to dig up all of their myrtle spurge plantings and bring them to the REI for proper disposal by Salt Lake County

Weed Program. A one for one exchange, with a maximum of 5 native plants per household will be provided to citizens for free. An information sheet will be made available to track the number of volunteer hours spent on myrtle spurge control and native plant restoration, citizens will be asked to record their time spent removing their plants, as well as provide for a future dataset for similar events or educational materials. Potential species include: Sticky geranium, Buckwheats, Penstemons of several native species, Desert

Four O'clock, Blanketflower, and Sundancer daisy. There will be a maximum of 5 plants per household. Myrtle Spurge contains a toxic latex and proper protective clothing and eye wear should be used. Eligible Myrtle Spurge root clumps should be 4 inches or more to properly eradicate this plant.



Got an Idea?
Want to see if the Great Salt Lake RC&D Council can help make your dream a reality?
Check out our website and fill out the Project Idea Development form.
<http://www.greatsaltlakercd.org/GSLRCDDProjectIdeaDevelopmentForm.pdf>