



COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

CITY COUNCIL of SALT LAKE CITY

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Sean Murphy
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DATE: April 17, 2014

RE: AIR QUALITY FACT FINDING

PROJECT TIMELINE:

Briefing: April 22, 2014

Set Date: N/A

Public Hearing: N/A

Potential Action: N/A

Council Sponsor: **Luke Garrott and Erin Mendenhall**

ISSUE AT-A-GLANCE

Pursuant to the Council's 2014-15 priority on air quality, Council staff have arranged a Fact Finding to present the Council with an introduction to efforts taking place at the state, county, and city level around air quality. Particular attention will be paid to potential regulatory changes, newly allocated funding streams, existing programs that can be used to improve our air.

Each presenter will present for approximately 15 minutes. The Council will then have the opportunity to ask questions to each of the presenters. Follow up requests will be handled by Council staff. Council staff will also prepare a report to debrief the Fact Finding, draw connections between the information provided, detail pertinent case studies from other municipalities, and begin outlining policy recommendations.

Goal of the briefing:

Understand the legal framework that bounds the City's abilities to regulate air quality.

Understand the current programs available at the state, county and city level and begin to see how these programs can be linked to leverage greater results throughout the valley.

Understand how the various governmental bodies represented at the meeting can coordinate efforts on air quality.

Ask the presenters any direct questions about air quality matters that pertain to the Council's understanding of the City's regulatory, financial, and educational role.

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ADDITIONAL & BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The following presenters have been confirmed for the Fact Finding Night. This list is subject to some change, pending individual schedules and availability.

Salt Lake City Attorney's Office

Boyd Ferguson, Senior City Attorney
Brian Roberts, Senior City Attorney
Katherine Lewis, Senior City Attorney

The City Attorney's Office will prepare an introductory brief on the City's legal powers as they relate to air quality. This will undoubtedly be a longer conversation requiring additional legal research, but the team will be prepared to outline the City's powers as they relate to other governing bodies in the state.

Utah Department of Environmental Quality

Bryce Bird, Director, Division of Air Quality
Joel Karmazyn, Environmental Scientist, Division of Air Quality

Director Bird will be able to discuss what the City can expect regarding upcoming state action. Mr. Karmazyn will be able to speak about details of the DAQ wood burning program. Director Bird mentioned that additional staff may be in attendance to further detail DAQ's legal powers.

Salt Lake County Health Department

Gary Edwards, Executive Director
Corbin Anderson, Air Pollution Control

Mr. Edwards will discuss the County Health Department's role in regulating air quality and how that authority relates to the City's ability to do the same. Mr. Anderson is responsible for air quality programming that is directly related to health outcomes throughout Salt Lake Valley. We may have additional members of the Health Department on hand for comment.

Salt Lake County Community Resources and Development

Mike Gallegos, Director

Mr. Gallegos is prepared to discuss funding mechanisms that are available to qualified County residents that facilitate home upgrades to improve both community health and air quality.

Salt Lake City Public Services Department

Vicki Bennett, Director, Sustainability Division

Ms. Bennett will brief the Council on current initiatives the City is undertaking, particularly reducing tailpipe emissions within the City's automobile fleet, new programs being prepared to launch, and potential action around firework displays within the City.

Salt Lake City Community & Economic Development Department

Mike Akerlow, Director, Housing and Neighborhood Development

Mr. Akerlow will detail current loan programs that the City offers to households of varying need in order to make home improvements. Programs range from low interest loans, to deferred interest loans and grants, depending on applicant qualifications.

Salt Lake County Community Action Program

Jennifer Godfrey, Health Manager, Salt Lake CAP

Gary Oviatt, Weatherization Manager, Salt Lake CAP

Ms. Godfrey and Mr. Oviatt will be prepared to discuss the current programming that Salt Lake Community Action Program offers that address home upgrades for individuals who rely on wood smoke to heat their homes.