

**Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative/
Utah Partners for Conservation and Development
Southern Region Utah Partners for Conservation and Development
(SRUPCD)
Charter**

BACKGROUND

The SRUPCD is an ad hoc team formed in 2003 for the purpose of planning and implementing watershed restoration projects within the boundary of the UDWR Southern Region (see map). SRUPCD is one of five such regional teams in Utah implementing the goals and objectives of Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative, a Utah Partner's for Conservation and Development (Utah PCD) sponsored initiative.

MISSION

The SRUPCD will work together and take cooperative action as partners with federal, state and local agencies, tribal governments, non-governmental organizations, private livestock operations and other affected private landowners, communities, and stakeholders to define common visions and goals as they relate to ecosystem restoration. The SRUPCD will work to coordinate and leverage technical and financial resources, set priorities for management and restoration, strengthen efforts for monitoring and assessment, develop innovative approaches to problem solving and develop and implement outreach and educational efforts.

VISION

Improved water quality and quantity and maximum biodiversity are present across the landscape through active and passive science-based ecosystem restoration and management. The SRUPCD partners are successful in efforts to recover threatened and endangered species, support sustainable agriculture and to maintain public value added incentives, such as visual resource management, recreational opportunities, and open space at a landscape level.

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide coordinated leadership in natural resource management and public service in cooperation with property owners/users for the long-term sustainability of Utah's natural resources to meet the needs of current and future generations.
2. Act as a point of coordination for funding and cooperation.
3. Strive to work within focus areas, as designated by SRUPCD partners (see map).
4. Conduct science-based ecosystem restoration through physical and mechanical habitat manipulation such as seeding, reconstruction, vegetation management, species transplants and other means. Such projects will:
 - a. Think cross-boundary, multi-species, multi-use.
 - b. Be developed collaboratively.
 - c. Utilize management plans, best available science and a Five Step Planning (multi-entity/partner/interests) process:
 - i. Develop measurable long-term goals and objectives that meet values and watershed/focus area goals and objectives.

- ii. Determine strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/threats through analysis by all interested parties
 - iii. Develop a long-term strategic implementation plan that includes all current and foreseeable future needs of the project (includes long-term monitoring strategy/timeline)
 - iv. Implement projects through cooperating agencies, groups, and individuals
 - v. Conduct monitoring/assessment/evaluations that include effects to project related fish and wildlife species as well as vegetation and other ecological resources.
5. Facilitate communication and team building among the public, stakeholders and the UPCD to promote a better understanding of the risks to natural resources and values, and to improve cooperation and problem solving across boundaries.

MEMBERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

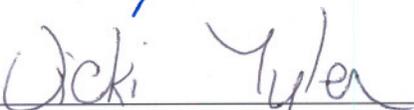
The SRUPCD is:

1. Composed of voting representatives from the following organizations who are signatories to the statewide Utah PCD Memorandum of Understanding:
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - Utah State University Extension Service
 - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - Utah Association of Conservation Districts
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - U.S. Farm Services Agency
 - Utah Department of Agriculture and Food
 - U.S. Forest Service
 - Utah Department of Environmental Quality
 - Utah RC&D Councils Association
 - U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
 - National Park Service
 - Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration
 - Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
 - Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State lands
 - Utah Division of Parks and Recreation
2. Composed of other non-voting representatives who share the vision and mission of UPCD and the SRUPCD, including, but not limited to cities, counties, sportsmen, private landowners, conservation organizations and other non-profit and for profit entities:
3. Governed by a Chair, vice-chair and secretary, to serve overlapping two-year terms. Such positions may be held by voting and non-voting representatives who are active in the local SRUPCD Chapter.
 - a. The **Chair** is responsible for distributing information to all SRUPCD representatives and acts as the liaison with the statewide UPCD. The Chair is responsible for scheduling meetings and developing required correspondence to meet the objectives of SRUPCD and UPCD.
 - b. The **Vice-chair** serves to support the chair in developing agendas and facilitating SRUPCD meetings, attending other group meetings where

- SRUPCD representation is required, and assists with other duties critical to meeting SRUPCD objectives.
- c. The **Secretary** is responsible for taking minutes at all SRUPCD meetings, and in providing additional support to the chair and vice-chair as requested. Minutes should be distributed to all representatives within 10 days following any SRUPCD meeting.
 - d. If the chair position is vacated, the vice-chair shall assume the role of chair. All other vacancies will be filled by nomination and representative vote at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
4. Committed to holding quarterly meetings, and other meetings as designated by the chair and vice-chair.
- a. For meeting and decision-making purposes, a quorum shall consist of at least five individuals present from the voting representatives.
 - b. Meetings will be conducted following Robert's Rules of Order.
 - c. Subcommittees may be assigned as needed.
 - d. The **Fall** meeting will be devoted to reviewing focus areas and in recommending changes needed in the governance of the SRUPCD chapter (ranking, etc.). Additionally, current information for project ranking will be distributed at the Fall meeting, in preparation for the winter meeting project presentations.
 - e. The **Winter** meeting will be devoted to presenting and ranking projects to be submitted to the statewide UPCD.
 - a. All voting representatives, designated on the statewide UPCD charter, shall have the opportunity to participate in project rankings.
 - b. Where several individuals represent an agency at SRUPCD meetings, the parent agency shall designate one active member to participate in project rankings, on behalf of that agency.
 - f. A new chair, vice-chair and secretary will be elected at the **Spring** meeting of every odd year. The term of appointment shall begin at the commencement of the Fall meeting.
 - g. The **Summer** meeting may consist of a field tour to showcase restoration projects, as deemed necessary by the chartered members.
 - h. All quarterly meetings will be held in Cedar City, Utah unless further designated by the chair.

Charter reviewed and approved at a SRUPCD general meeting, September 10, 2007


Chris Colt, Chairman


Vicki Tyler, vice-Chairman