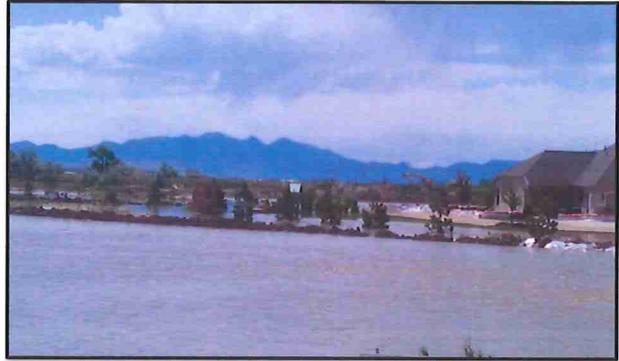


Date: August 27, 2012

Dear Interested Parties:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Weber County invite you to a joint public open house on **Thursday, September 13 at West Weber Elementary School** to discuss Emergency Watershed Protection Program processes underway in western Weber County and how potential future flood damage from the Weber River can be mitigated. The open house will include information on two projects requiring an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and several that are beginning the design phase. The open house will begin with a formal presentation of the projects and then the public will have an opportunity to speak one-on-one with project team members. Light refreshments will be provided.



When: Thursday, September 13, 2012

Time: Formal Presentation: 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Informal Open House: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Where: West Weber Elementary School (4178 W. 900 S., Ogden)

More information is available by contacting Joshua Palmer (The Langdon Group) with the project team by phone at 801-503-4186 or email at wcewp@langdongroupinc.com.

Environmental Assessment Introduction

The NRCS, in cooperation with Weber County as the project sponsor, is proposing to partially fund two separate projects through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program:

Little Weber River Cut-off Channel:

Construct a cut-off channel on the Little Weber River to divert water out of the Weber River during flood events.

Weber River Structure Repair: Repair two water diversion structures on the Weber River at the Ogden Bay Waterfowl Management Area managed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to allow higher volumes of water to pass through the structures during flood events.

The NEPA and the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 require an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with federal projects and actions. Each project will require a separate

environmental analysis and the environmental impacts will be documented in the form of an EA for each separate project.

Design Projects Introduction

Potential flood mitigation projects in western Weber County will be explained in further detail at the open house on September 13. The projects include debris removal, bank stabilization, structural repairs and other needed improvements. Potential projects include:

- Middle Run Outlet Structure
- South Run Low Level Outlet
- Weber River Bank Protection
- Weber River Sediment Basin
- Little Weber River Diversion



Location and Overview of the Projects

Both NEPA environmental projects are located in western Weber County between 4700 West and the Great Salt Lake. The Little Weber River Cut-off Channel begins in the vicinity of 300 North and 5500 West and ends in the Great Salt Lake. The two water diversion structures proposed for repair are both located in the Ogden Bay Waterfowl Management Area near the outlet of the Weber River into the Great Salt Lake.

The design projects are located in communities throughout western Weber County and include improvements in West Weber, Marriott-Slaterville, Taylor, Hooper and Plain City.

Purpose and Need of Projects

In accordance with the rehabilitation provisions of the NRCS's Emergency Watershed Program, both NEPA environmental project areas are eligible for rehabilitation funding due to recent flood damage in 2011. The purpose of the projects is to redirect flow volumes in the Weber River during flood events to lessen the potential for property and/or structure damage in western Weber County.

Public Participation

The participation of the public is a vital component of the projects so that those who are interested in or potentially affected by the proposed projects have an opportunity to share their comments, ideas, and concerns regarding actions during the initial stages of the NEPA and design processes. For comments to be considered and to become part of the public record for the projects, **we need to receive them by close-of-business on September 28, 2012.**

Please specify which project you are commenting on and mail your written comments to:

Weber County Emergency Watershed Projects
c/o The Langdon Group
466 North 900 West
Kaysville, UT 84037

You may also email comments to Joshua Palmer with The Langdon Group:

Email: wcewp@langdongroupinc.com
Phone: 801-503-4186
Fax: 801-547-0397

After receiving comments by close-of-business on September 28, 2012, the NRCS will begin reviewing the comments and preparing the NEPA EA analysis of the project alternatives and preliminary resource concerns identified during this initial project scoping process for the environmental projects.

Comments regarding projects under design will be evaluated and discussed during design team meetings.

The project teams for all of the Emergency Watershed Projects value your feedback and encourage you to attend the open house on September 13.

Sincerely,



Bronson Smart
NRCS State Engineer

cc: Dan Turner – NRCS
Commissioner Kerry Gibson
Jared Andersen – Weber County
Lance Peterson – Weber County
Greg Allington – McMillen, LLC