

NRCS/Weber County Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Design / Environmental Assessments

Public Open House

September 13, 2012

West Weber Elementary



OPEN HOUSE OVERVIEW

Commissioner Kerry Gibson
Weber County



Environmental Assessments

Design Projects

NRCS
Funding Agency

Weber County
Project Sponsor

McMillen, LLC
NEPA Project Manager

The Langdon Group
Public Involvement

Bowen Collins and Associates
Design Engineer



EWP PROCESS REVIEW

Bronson Smart
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

**Greg Allington
McMillen, LLC**



National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (Public Law 91-190) and the Council on Environmental Qualities regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508

- Environmental analysis required for major federal actions.
- The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is the funding agency for the project (75%).



NEPA Requirements

- Environmental Assessment (EA)
 - NRCS NEPA requirements
 - Analysis looks at potential impacts to the natural and man-made environment
- NEPA Process
 - Scoping: Express initial concerns and suggest alternatives to be considered
 - Draft EA
 - Final EA



Typical Scoping Concerns

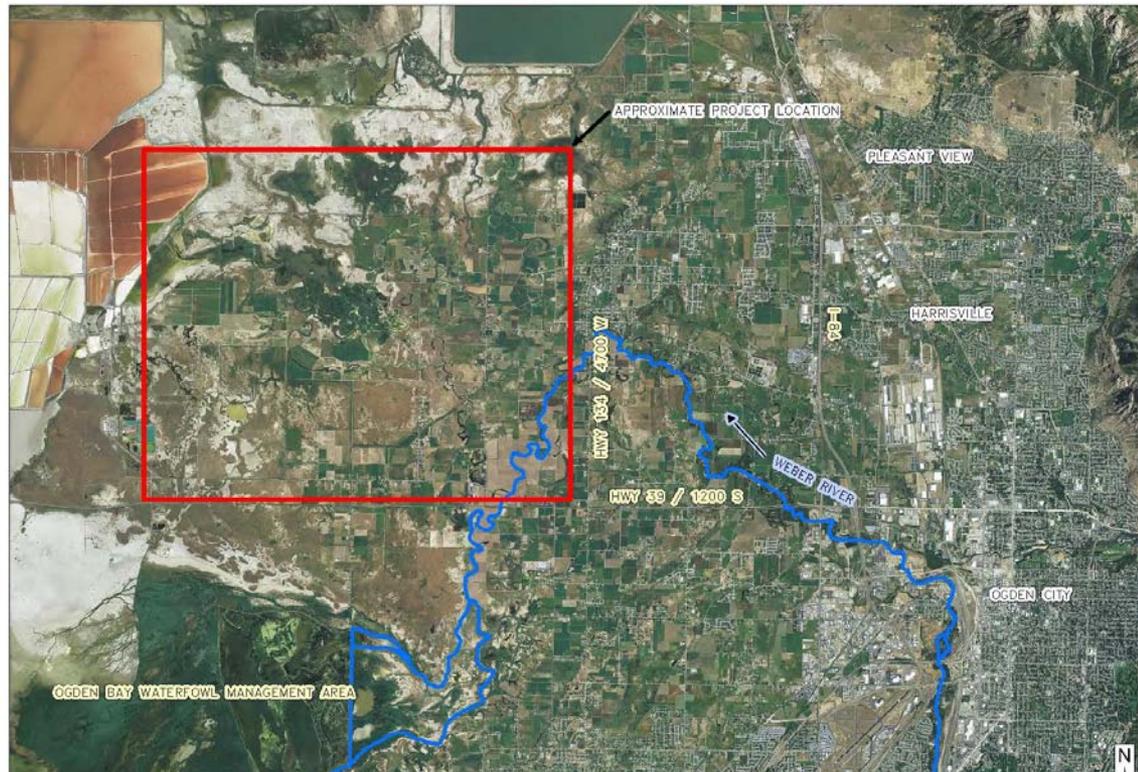
- Project Purpose and Need
- Design Alternatives
 - Including a No-Action Alternative
- Natural Environment
- Man-made Environment
- Mitigation



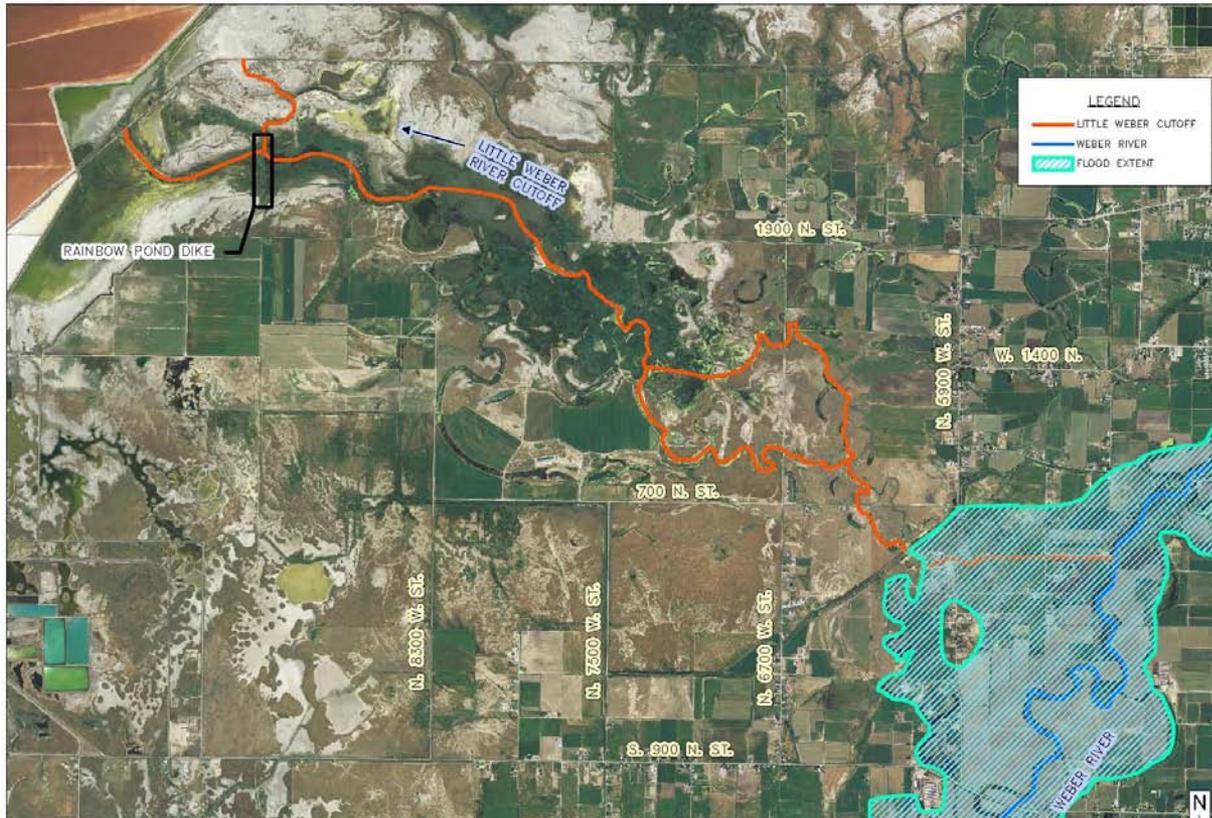
Scoping Comments

- Comments may be submitted by:
 - Email
 - Written Letter
 - Comment Card
 - Oral
- Scoping Report: Summarizes issues, alternatives and concerns from the public

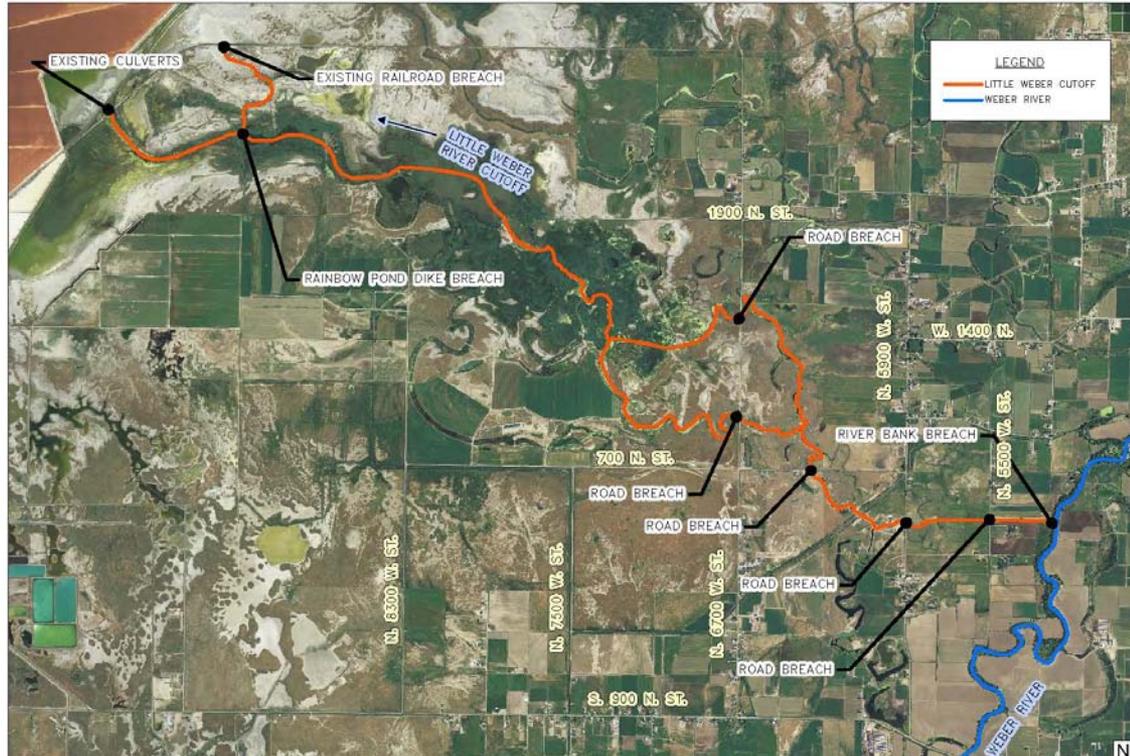
Little Weber River Cut-off Channel Vicinity Map



Little Weber River Cut-off Channel 2011 Flood Map



Little Weber River Cut-off Channel 2011 Breach Map



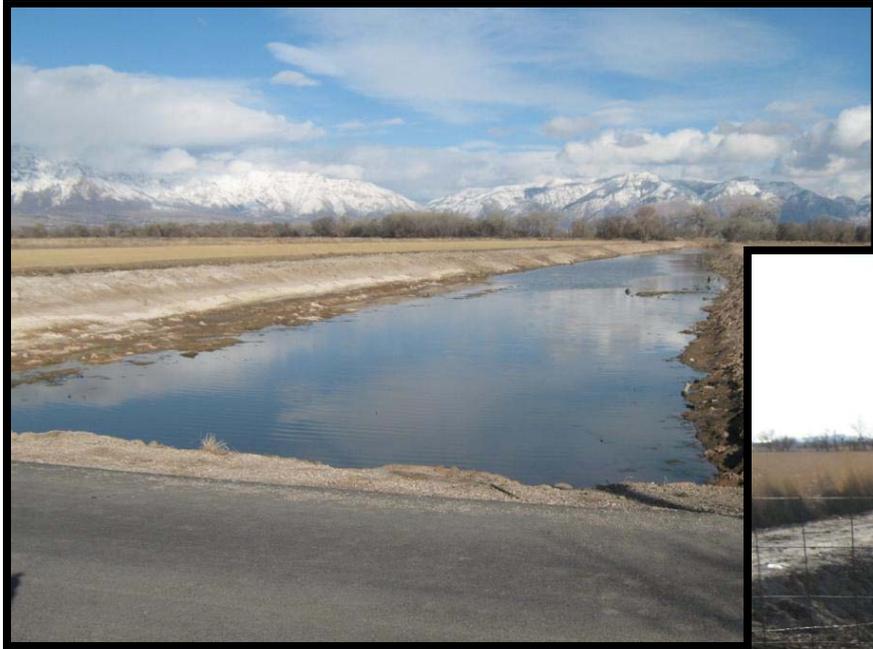
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Little Weber River Cut-off Channel Conceptual Project Alternatives

- No Action
- Little Weber River Cut-off Channel
- Dikes/Levees
- Other Alternatives???

- NEPA Environmental
 - Start: July 2012
 - **Public Scoping Comment End: Sept. 28, 2012**
 - Draft EA Public Comment: Jan. 2013
 - End: Early Summer 2013
- Construction
 - Start: Summer 2013
 - End: Fall 2013



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

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Open House Orientation

Deciphering between Design & Environmental (EA) Projects:

EA Projects:

- Little Weber River Cut-off Channel
- Weber River Structure Repair

Design Projects:

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

Meeting Format:

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.

Color-Coding



Design Projects

EA Projects

WDC Open House Layout - West Weber Elementary
9/13/12

