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**** M E M O R A N D U M ****

TO: **ALL STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES**

FROM: **COMMISSIONER JIM EARDLEY, CHAIR**

DATE; **OCTOBER 1, 2014**

SUBJECT: **STEERING COMMITTEE, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014**

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014, BEGINNING AT 1:00 P.M.** THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HERITAGE CENTER, ROOM #1, LOCATED AT 105 NORTH 100 EAST, CEDAR CITY, UTAH.

MATERIALS ARE ATTACHED TO ASSIST YOU IN PREPARING FOR THIS MEETING. PLEASE REVIEW ALL MATERIALS AND ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS TO THE AOG STAFF, C/O BRYAN D. THIRIOT. THIS WOULD ALLOW TIME TO RESEARCH YOUR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PRIOR TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU AT 1:00 P.M. IN CEDAR CITY ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014.

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ATTACHMENTS

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STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2014
HERITAGE CENTER, ROOM #1
105 NORTH 100 EAST
CEDAR CITY, UT - 1:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. MINUTES AUGUST 13, 2014 - REVIEW AND APPROVE

II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS - AUGUST 13, 2014

III. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FY 2015 - 1ST PUBLIC HEARING

IV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION - COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) 2014-2019 (www.fivecounty.utah.gov)

V. MUTUAL SELF-HELP PROGRAM UPDATE

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MINUTES

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
August 13, 2014
Panguitch, Utah

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	REPRESENTING
Commissioner Jim Eardley, Chair	Washington Co. Commissioner Representative
Commissioner Mark Whitney for Commissioner Mike Dalton	Beaver County Commissioner Representative
Mayor Nolan Davis	Beaver County Mayor Representative
Commissioner Clare Ramsay	Garfield County Commissioner Representative
Mayor Jerry Taylor	Garfield County Mayor Representative
Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff	Iron County Commissioner Representative
Mayor Dutch Deutschlander for Mayor Connie Robinson	Iron County Mayor Representative
Commissioner Jim Matson	Kane County Commissioner Representative
Mayor Robert Houston	Kane County Mayor Representative
Cal Durfey	Washington County Schools Representative
Mike Olson for Frank Lojko	Dixie State University

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE	
Lisa Taylor	Congressman Stewart's Cedar City Office
Bette Arial	Senator Lee's Office
Jake Hardman	Governor's Office of Economic Development
Paul Hancock	US Forest Service, Powell Ranger District
Bryan Thiriot	Five County Association of Governments
Allison McCoy	Five County Association of Governments
Gary Zabriskie	Five County Association of Governments
Clint Cottam	Five County Association of Governments
Toni Tuipulotu	Five County Association of Governments
Diane Lamoreaux	Five County Association of Governments

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE	
Carolyn White, Excused	Beaver County Schools Representative
Ken Platt, Excused	Garfield County Schools Representative
Becki Bronson	Iron County Schools Representative
Wendy Allan, Excused	Kane County Schools Representative

Those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Jim Eardley, Chair, welcomed everyone in attendance. Those asking to be excused include Ms. Carolyn White, Beaver County Schools Representative; Mr. Ken Platt, Garfield County Schools Representative and Ms. Wendy Allan, Kane County Schools Representative. Commissioner Mark Whitney was representing Commissioner Mike Dalton, Beaver County Commissioner Representative and Mayor Dutch Deutschlander was representing Mayor Connie Robinson, Iron County Mayor Representative.

I. MINUTES JUNE 11, 2014 - REVIEW AND APPROVE

Commissioner Jim Eardley, Chair, indicated that a quorum was present for conduct of business and presented minutes of the June 11, 2014 meeting for discussion and consideration of approval. Mayor Nolan Davis provided one correction on page seven, Governor's Office update, which should read Mr. Jake Hardman.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR JERRY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2014 MEETING, INCLUDING THE ONE NOTED CORRECTION. MOTION CARRIED.

II. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION - COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)

Mr. Bryan Thiriot referenced information provided on pages 14-18 of the packet containing an overview of the CEDS for the Five County district that is currently available for review and public comment. The complete 71 page document is available on the AOG website for review. The purpose of the CEDS is to promote a coordinated regional approach to accomplish desired economic development objectives in southwestern Utah. Upon completion of the 30-day comment period, the CEDS document will be submitted to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for review and acceptance. The plan highlights priorities of each of the five counties including: **1) Beaver County--** Establishment of an Economic Development Council and development of a strategic plan; **2) Garfield County--** To include work with Panguitch City and Garfield County on an industrial park study; **3) Iron County--** Implementation of the Utah Cluster Acceleration Program (UCAP) to provide proper training to individuals residing in the area. This grant has been awarded to Iron County; **4) Kane County--** 'Rourism' to promote tourism in the area; and **5) Washington County--** Workforce development to support technology based industries. Mr. Thiriot outlined a number of corrections that will be made in the document as follows: **1) Population Numbers--** Garfield County population numbers are in error and will be corrected; **2) Housing and Scenic Byways--** Information on these two subjects was omitted, but will be included in the final draft; **3) Financial Numbers--** The University of Utah has released updated financial information that will be revised for each county in terms of travel and tourism; **4) Coal--** A profile of the state of Utah Coal Study will also be included in the document prior to submission to EDA. A short survey is posted on the Five County website that committee members are encouraged to complete. The Steering Committee will be asked to formally approve the document once the public review, associated comments, and any recommended changes from EDA have been incorporated into the plan. Mr. Scott Hirschi, Washington County Economic Development Director, e-mailed his comment that a lot of work went into the document and it is very comprehensive and well done. Mr. Thiriot encouraged those in attendance to visit www.fivecounty.utah.gov to review the entire CEDS document as well as to complete the short survey.

III. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM - FY 2015 RATING AND RANKING CRITERIA APPROVAL

Ms. Diane Lamoreaux mentioned that proposed changes to the Rating and Ranking Criteria for FY 2015 were reviewed during the June 11, 2014 meeting. She briefly reviewed recommended changes of the Community and Economic Development Staff that have been

incorporated into the criteria as follows: **1) Allocation Amount--** Maximum amount per year to a jurisdiction is $200,000; **2) Multi-Year Projects--** Maximum years for a multi-year project is two years for a total amount of $300,000 (year 1 @ $200,000 and year 2 @ $100,000); **3) Capital Improvements Lists--** Jurisdictions are required to submit lists by January 8, 2015; **4) Land Acquisition--** Addition of #17 into the General Policies regarding procurement of land for single family homes which will be limited to Public Housing Authorities for rental units; **5) Pre-approved funding for FY 2015--** Funding is approved to Five County AOG ($90,000) for program administration, technical assistance planning, RLF and HOME program delivery; and to Enterprise City ($142,308) for the second year of their multi-year project to construct a new fire station; **6) Regional Priorities--** The Executive Director in consultation with the Finance Committee established regional prioritizations. Those priorities include the following: #1. Public Safety Activities; #2. LMI Housing Activities; #3. Community Facilities; #4. Public Utility Infrastructure; #5. Projects to Remove Architectural Barriers; and #6. Parks and Recreation. Community and Economic Development staff have been conducting site visits to fire stations throughout the region and have found a number of significant deficiencies that impact health and safety of residents associated with inadequate fire equipment and/or facilities. Because it is imperative to have adequate fire protection for communities, housing needs to be a lower priority until some of the other issues are addressed. A copy of the draft rating and ranking criteria with the above mentioned revisions is included in the Steering Committee packet on pages 19 through 32.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY, SECONDED BY MAYOR NOLAN DAVIS, TO APPROVE THE FY 2015 RATING AND RANKING CRITERIA FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT - RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2015 FUND ALLOCATION

Ms. Toni Tuipulotu noted that funding information contained on page 33 of the meeting packet did not reflect total funding to the Five County AOG. The state of Utah has provided an updated contract amount for this program. A handout with revised numbers was provided. The Human Services Council recommendations for allocation of FY 2015 Community Services Block Grant are based on percentages to each subcontractor as follows: **1) Beaver County Food Network--** $13,009; **2) Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center--** $7,079; **3) Dove Center--** $6,000; **4) Erin Kimball Foundation--** $6,000; **5) Garfield County Care & Share--** $13,009; **6) Iron County Adult Education--** $4,181; **7) Iron County Care & Share--** $13,805; **8) Kane County Care & Share--** $13,009; **9) Milcreek High School--** $6,000; **10) New Frontiers for Families--** $8,954; **11) Switchpoint (St. George Resource Center)--** $6,000; and **12) Washington County Adult Education--** $6,000. The Human Services Council determined that funds would be re-allocated according to percentages received in previous years. The food pantries were level funded. The Dove Center, Erin Kimball, Milcreek High School and Switchpoint were given equal percentages. New Frontiers for Families was given a slightly higher

percentage because they serve several counties. Five Counties funding was level to last year's totaling $190,242. The total allocation for FY 2015 is $293,288.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON TO APPROVE THE HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2015 COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUND ALLOCATION AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

V. MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (NHMP) UPDATE

Mr. Gary Zabriskie provided background information regarding the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan that will be undertaken by the Association of Governments next fiscal year. In advance of the actual plan development, the Steering Committee is asked to adopt the resolution contained on page 34 of the meeting packet. Funding for Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans is provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This is the third round of FEMA funding to complete multi-jurisdictional plans. Counties and/or communities must be active participants throughout the planning process in order to adopt the hazard plan for their jurisdiction. The last planning effort undertaken in 2011 resulted in participation of each county and the majority of communities within the Five County region. An application has been submitted to the state of Utah Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. This application has been packaged with several other applications and sent to the FEMA office in Denver for consideration. It is anticipated that funding for these applications will be announced by September/October 2014. The actual planning process would begin July 1, 2015 and continue through the fiscal year. Jurisdictions will be encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. It should be noted that jurisdictions are not eligible to apply for mitigation funding unless they participate in the planning process and formally adopt the plan. Five County is agreeing to meet requirements for multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plans. During the planning process, each community in the Five County region will be encouraged to participate and approve the plan that is developed. The application has been submitted requesting $79,000 in funds to be matched with Community Impact Board funds provided to the AOG for the RPP planner. The budget includes a line item for planning interns that will assist with the GIS mapping. Staff will review the previous hazard mitigation plan for the Five County region to analyze projects and report on mitigation that has been completed. Staff is asking for Steering Committee consideration of the resolution contained on page 34 for the meeting packet.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR ROBERT HOUSTON, SECONDED BY MAYOR DUTCH DEUTSCHLANDER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. STATE AGENCY UPDATES

A. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Mr. Jake Hardman, Governor's Office of Economic Development, provided an update regarding county priorities as well as the state of Utah Coal Study that is

currently in progress. He reported that Garfield and Beaver counties have hired a consultant, Better Cities, whose principal is Matthew Goodfrey. The consultant will develop a strategic plan for these counties. The Garfield County plan will include the Garfield County/Panguitch industrial park. A lot of good work is anticipated to result from this planning effort. Kane County has received funding as one of four pilot projects in support of tourism. Emery, Daggett and Box Elder counties will also be participating in this project. These counties have done an awesome job of attracting tourists into the area. The study will determine if they have accomplished the task of delivering on promises made in promotion advertisements. Projects will be determined that could be presented to the legislature for funding consideration. Washington County is working with Scott Hirschi, Washington County Economic Development Director, on workforce development. It is hoped that some type of scholarship funds will be made available in support of this effort. Iron County is in the process of hiring a new economic development director because Brennan Wood was recently hired as the Director of the Southwest Applied Technology College.

Mr. Hardman reported that the state of Utah Coal Study is being undertaken by a team of planners hired by the Community Impact Board. A website has been established in conjunction with the study titled: www.ruralplanning.org/coalstudy. The website is very impressive and has a lot of comprehensive data. The study concentrates on three scenarios as follows: 1) Coal Survives; 2) Coal Thrives; and 3) Coal Dives. It is noted that events and new technology will play important roles in coal development and it's future in Utah and around the country. Commissioner Eardley noted that coal may not be available at some point in the future at any price. Mr. Hardman noted that the study does not outline the planers opinion. It is implied that at a minimum they would like to see the coal survives scenario and ultimate would be coal thrives. He encouraged those in attendance to visit the website to view the study components and data.

B. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES (DWS)

Mr. Steven Lisonbee, DWS, asked to be excused.

C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

A representative from UDOT was not in attendance.

VII. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY AND DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY UPDATES

A representative from Southern Utah University was not in attendance.

Mr. Mike Olson, Dixie State University, announced that DSU has selected Dr. Richard "Biff" Williams to serve as the new President. He comes from Indiana State where he was Provost Vice President of Academic Affairs. School begins August 25th and enrollment is up 1 percent. The FTE is 6,034 and the head count is 7,658. They are very excited about the number of applications received and feel that recruiters are doing a good job in bringing transfer students who are pursuing bachelor degrees. DSU is still in the process of securing purchase of East Elementary property from the Washington County School District.

VIII. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES

Ms. Bette Arial, Senator Lee's Office, reported that the Senate is now in recess. Senator Lee is holding a Regulators Conference on August 20-21, 2014 in Salt Lake City at the Little America for federal and state regulators to discuss the burden of regulations. This conference is free to those who are interested in attending. A town hall meeting is also scheduled for August 28 at 7:00 p.m. at Dixie State University in St. George to address topics including water rights, sage grouse, grazing, roads, etc. She noted that Senator Lee is very aware of these issues and associated problems. Staff have been traveling the 11 county region to meet with citizens to discuss issues and problems. Elected officials and citizens feel that listing new species would be detrimental to their economy. Receiving letters, resolutions and other comments is very helpful to the Senator. San Juan residents are against a monument designation, but feel that it is a foregone conclusion that it will become a reality. This type of designation would lock up gas and other natural resources.

Commissioner Clare Ramsay stated that this would be another case of the President using the Antiquities Act which is an abuse of power. He indicated that the Act does not give authority to the President to make a designation such as the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM), and he would like to see the actions challenged in a court of law. The Act references objects of antiquity that could be protected, but in size not greater than needed to protect the objects. Mr. Jake Hardman mentioned an article that was published in the Salt Lake Tribune and comments were posted that quoted people from Ogden and Bountiful who were opposed to having the opinion of local residents considered. These individuals just wanted the monument to be designated without any input from those living in the area. Mayor Jerry Taylor stated that the monument designation locked up land to prohibit the development of coal fields as well as other minerals in the area. The BLM is now removing dinosaur bones from the area and taking them out of the county for study. The objects should not be removed from the site, but should be left and studied on-site in Garfield and Kane counties. Museums should be built to display the artifacts in the local area for residents and tourists to view. Mayor Robert Houston commented that the state of Utah will face these types of designations forever because of the amount of pristine lands. One thing that needs to be protected is the State and Institutional Trust Lands (SITLA) sections that are disbursed throughout the state. Residents and elected officials need to protest trading of SITLA lands for value. These land exchanges created more problems for the state of Utah. Arizona has passed legislation that does not allow their state lands to be exchanged. This should be a high priority for the state of Utah to pass some type of legislation that does not allow the Governor to trade SITLA land for like value. The exchange of SITLA land actually hurt areas worse than the designation of the GSENM. Had the land remained under state control, some mineral resources could have been extracted that would have resulted in additional revenue for the state of Utah. Commissioner Clare Ramsay acknowledged that a number of companies were ready to move ahead with gas extraction when the lands were exchanged and projects were halted.

Ms. Lisa Taylor, Congressman Stewart's Office, reported that the Congressman will be traveling to Turkey with other representatives to observe the situation on the ground. Congressman Stewart co-sponsored the house bill addressing the southern border immigration crisis. This legislation was passed in the House of Representatives and has been sent on to the Senate for consideration. The Wild Horse Oversight Act of 2014 was also passed. Commissioner Mark Whitney referenced the BLM feeble effort to round up

140 horses. This does not make much of a difference when taken into consideration the number of horses that are over the allowed allotment.

Ms. Taylor mentioned that Upper Limit Aviation, a program offered in conjunction with Southern Utah University, experienced some problems recently with the Veterans Administration approval. Upper Limit Aviation employed 75 mechanics and private teachers in association with this operation. Approximately 80% of the students enrolled in the aviation program are veterans. The Veterans Administration initially approved the program and then when Salt Lake Community College complained, that approval was withdrawn. The loss of this program would have been devastating to Cedar City with an approximate loss of $20 million in revenues generated by Upper Limit Aviation. SUU stepped up and hired the instructors, mechanics and trainers in-house in order to assure that the program would remain in Cedar City. Because SUU is VA approved, the problem was solved. The area is premier in terms of elevation, terrain and flight certification. EMS training is also offered under the aviation program. Once pilots are trained, jobs are available with pay in the range of $75,000 to $80,000 annually. EMS pilots earn higher rates of pay around $100,000 to $200,000 annually.

Congressman Stewart is the co-sponsor of HR 5078, Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act of 2014. This is a bill that questions regulations being placed on waters of the U.S. However, all bills passed by the House are sitting on Harry Reid's desk with not much hope of reaching the Senate floor. Another meeting has been scheduled with Dan Ash, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to discuss Prairie Dog issues.

Mr. Bryan Thiriot reported that Mr. Bill Swadley, Senator Hatch's Office, asked to be excused. Senator Hatch provided a statement on the proposed monument designation which Bryan read.

IX. LOCAL AFFAIRS

A. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Mr. Bryan Thiriot indicated that three out-of-state travel requests are included in the meeting packet beginning on page 35. Requests were reviewed as follows: **1) Levi Roberts--** Authorization to attend the National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation on October 26-29, 2014 in Monterey, California; **2) Curt Hutchings and Myron Lee--** These two staff members are requesting authorization to attend the 2014 Annual Conference of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) scheduled for October 21-24 in Atlanta, GA. Copies of conference agendas are included in the packet and funds are available in the FY 2015 budget to cover conference and travel related expenses. Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff questioned the need to send two staff members to the same conference. Mr. Gary Zabriskie explained that Curt Hutchings serves in the capacity of Transportation Planning Manager at the AOG and Myron Lee is the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization Director. Rural and

urban tracks are offered at the conference, which provides different sessions for each of these individuals to attend in their particular area of expertise.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY, SECONDED BY MAYOR NOLAN DAVIS, TO APPROVE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION FOR LEVI ROBERTS, CURT HUTCHINGS AND MYRON LEE AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

X. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS

Mr. Gary Zabriskie reviewed three A-95 reviews for Board consideration as follows: **1) Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining--** A notice of tentative approval to commence large mining operations at the Blawn Mountain Mine has been issued. Beaver County has been contacted and indicated no concerns with the application for the Blawn Mountain project; **2) Utah State Trust Lands Administration--** SITLA has received a residential lease application for 20 acres of Trust Lands in the West Desert in Beaver County. The applicant proposes to build a cabin on the property which will be used as a secondary home and for recreational purposes. Beaver County indicated that they did not have concerns with this project as long as all applicable state and local building, health and zoning requirements are adhered to by the applicant. This review is conditional based on aforementioned requirements; and **3) Utah State Trust Lands Administration--** A SITLA grazing permittee proposed to install a two mile long pipeline to transfer water from a nearby well on SITLA property to an existing livestock watering facility on an adjacent SITLA property in northwestern Iron County. Iron County has property they purchased from SITLA a few years ago that is adjacent to the SITLA property that has an conservation easement for Utah Prairie Dog mitigation. Since the pipeline will be crossing the county property, Iron County has written a request to the easement holder (DWR) to approve the project. Based on Iron County's comments, the staff recommendation for this review is supportive. The Steering Committee has the option to approve staff recommendations, not support recommendations or remain neutral.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY, TO APPROVE THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE THREE REVIEWS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2014 in Cedar City at the Heritage Center.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

The FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (FCAOG) will hold a public hearing to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied for by the FCAOG under the CDBG Small Cities Program for Program Year 2015.

Suggestions for potential projects will be solicited, both verbally and in writing, from all interested parties. The focus of the public hearing will be to solicit suggestions for and comments from the public that enable the preparation of an application "scope of work" by the FCAOG. The emphasis will be on potential projects the FCAOG can undertake which are regionwide, benefitting the entire Five County service area: Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties. The expected amount of CDBG funds for this program year will be discussed, along with the range of projects eligible under this program and a review of CDBG funded activities carried out by the FCAOG in previous years.

The public hearing is scheduled to be held during the Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee meeting, which will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 in the Heritage Center, Room #1, located at 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City, Utah. The CDBG public hearing will begin shortly thereafter. Further information can be obtained by contacting Diane Lamoreaux at 435-673-3548. Additional information on the CDBG Program in general is available on the FCAOG website: http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/programs/community/cdbg.php

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during this hearing should notify Diane Lamoreaux at the FCAOG, (435) 673-3548, 1070 W. 1600 S., Building B, St. George, Utah at least 3 days prior to the public hearing. Individuals with speech and/or hearing impairments may call the Relay Utah by dialing 711. Spanish Relay Utah: 1-888-346-3162.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PROGRAM SUMMARY

Community Development Block Grant Funds are distributed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to states for allocation. In Utah, involvement from local elected officials is utilized through each of the Associations of Government. The Utah Small Cities staff in the Department of Community and Culture, Division of Housing and Community Development, allocates funds to each of the AOG's based on a formula containing a base amount and then utilizing population data. Base funding in the amount of $300,000 to each region and the remainder based on population utilizing state formula approved by the CDBG Policy Committee.

Under HUD standards projects have to meet one of the three National Objectives that Congress has determined to be the purpose of this program: **1) Low to Moderate Income Benefit; 2) Aiding in the Prevention of Elimination of Slums or Blight; or 3) Urgent Health and Welfare Compliance.**

The CDBG program provides grants to **cities and towns less than 50,000** in population and **counties of less than 200,000** in population. Only local jurisdictions, i.e., counties, incorporated cities/towns, tribes, or other HUD recognized units of government (AOGs) are considered eligible applicants. Other applicants must apply through their local jurisdiction, the legal applicant, and enter into an inter-local cooperative agreement to receive CDBG funding.

Benefit to at least 51% LMI direct beneficiaries of the proposed project must consist of families whose total family income does not exceed 80% of the county median income for the current program year or at least 51% of the beneficiaries of the project consist of families whose total family income does not exceed 80% of the median income for the entire non-metropolitan area of the state of Utah.

Presumed Low-moderate income (LMI) groups include: 1) Abused Children; 2) Battered Spouses; 3) Elderly Persons; 4) Illiterate Adults; 5) Homeless Persons; 6) Persons living with AIDS; 5) Severely Disabled Adults meeting the Bureau of Census definition; and 7) Migrant Farm Workers.

An example of a typical annual schedule developed by the State CDBG Policy Committee is shown below:

October - December-- Application How-to-Apply Workshops Held
January-- Application Submitted in WebGrants
February/March-- Regional Project Rating and Ranking
April-- Grant Award Notification w/Invitation to Grantee Training Workshop
May-- Final Application Submitted in WebGrants

Examples of some eligible CDBG project activities are listed below. The majority of projects funded in the Five County region have historically been brick and mortar types of projects. Projects such as senior citizen centers, fire stations, housing, and improvements on ground to assist low/moderate income individuals have been undertaken.

Affordable Housing Projects:

- acquisition of real property (public housing authorities)
- new construction of multi-family, transitional, special needs housing and homeless shelters
- multi-family & single-family rehabilitation
- relocation expenses
- clearance & demolition
- site improvements

Community Development Projects:

- culinary water improvements
- waste water improvements
- construction of public facilities and/or improvements
- fire stations & emergency equipment
- ADA accessibility for public buildings and curb cuts
- flood control systems/improvements
- cleanup of contaminated sites (slums & blighted areas)
- historic preservation
- acquisition of property/land
- community & senior centers
- parks, recreation & beautification projects
- public services

Economic Development Projects:

- Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program
- Micro-Enterprise assistance
- industrial parks & commercial centers
- commercial/industrial building acquisition, construction, rehabilitation

Planning & Technical Assistance

Note: All project activities must meet a National Objective.

AGENDA ITEM # XI-B.

FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Employee Name: Cindy Rose **Date:** 8/27/2014

Pursuant to the Five County Association of Governments personnel policies and procedures, I am requesting authorization to travel out of state for the following purposes:

PURPOSE OF TRAVEL:
YVC Summit Training Conference - I will be bringing four YVC volunteers with me for this training.

PLEASE ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTION

Estimated Travel Costs:

Airfare/Surface Transportation				:	**$316.00**
Lodging	3 **Nights**	@	**$130.00**	:	**$390.00**
Per Diem	4 **Days**	@	**$45.00**	:	**$180.00**
Registration Fees	3 **Days**			:	**$75.00**
Other Costs:				:	

Explanation of other costs:
Airfare = 276; shuttle = 40

TOTAL ESTIMATED TRAVEL COSTS: : **$961.00**

Source of travel funds: YVC Fundraising and Americorps Refund

Budget line item: 530-11

CFO Signature: Allison P. McCoy **Date:** 8-28-14

Executive Director Signature: [signature] **Date:** 28 Aug 2014

Jo Seegmiller

From: Cindy Rose
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 5:05 PM
To: Jo Seegmiller; Bryan Thiriot
Subject: summit schedule

Following is the summit schedule…

Summit Schedule

We'll announce a detailed schedule closer to the event, but below is a broad schedule that you can use when making your travel arrangements:

Friday, Oct. 10

8:00-1:00 p.m. – Optional training for newer Program Directors (please indicate you'll be attending on your registration if you're interested)

11:30-1:30 p.m. – International Youth Advisory Board meeting (open only to current IYAB members)

1:00-2:00 p.m. – Summit registration open

2:00-5:30 p.m. – Summit opening plenary and workshops

6:00-8:15 p.m. – Dinner and Comedy City improv event

8:15-11:oo p.m. – Hangout Room open for Youth Volunteers, AmeriCorps members and YVC staff to get to know each other more and debrief the day over board games, party games and a movie.

Saturday, Oct. 11

Morning and afternoon – Workshops and Summit activities

3:45-5:45 – Off-site project for Youth Volunteers working on the rain garden in Theis Park

3:45-5:45 – International Youth Advisory Board meeting (open only to current IYAB members)

5:00-5:45 – Cocktail and hors d'oeuvres networking reception for Program Directors and AmeriCorps members

Evening – Free to explore the Plaza area, with dozens of dinner options within walking distance

Sunday, Oct. 12

Morning – Workshops and Summit activities

12:00-2:00 p.m. – Closing lunch with award ceremony for YVC youth awards and other important celebrations

2:00 p.m. – Official Summit programming ends. Please avoid creating travel plans that would require you to leave before 2:00. We want to respect your time and ensure that every minute you spend at the Summit is used well, so make sure to plan to stay through 2:00.

If you have any questions about the Summit, please contact Maggie Swenson at 816-472-9822 or mswenson@yvc.org. We can't wait to see you there!

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AGENDA ITEM # XI-C.

AOG: Five County Association of Governments

PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (PCIFB) APPLICATION

REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW

Applicant: Iron County/Iron County MBA

Project Title: Cedar Highlands County Road Realignment & Improvement Project

Date Received: September 30, 2014 **Date AOG Reviewed:** October 8, 2014

Project Description:

This project will provide a new road realignment and reconstruction of the Cedar Highlands County Road to meet the increasing demands for year-round access to homes/properties on Cedar Mountain. Features of the new 15,187 foot (2.88 mile) road will include: 1) Reducing all road segment grades to 10% or less over the entire road length; 2) Relocated alignment away from steep cliffs and unprotected drop-offs; 3) Redesigned curves that are safer and wider to reduce the risk of head-on collisions; 4) Increased road width of 30' gravel with 28' finished chip seal all-weather road surface; 5) Road-side drainage and culverts to facilitate storm run-off and snow melt with additional R-O-W width; 6) Additional clearance along road corridors to accommodate snow removal and storage; 7) Improved signage and visibility sight distances for on-coming traffic; 8) Planning for sewer main line in road right-of-way to help reduce risk of landslide activity; 9)Appropriate right-of-way acquired by Iron County from BLM to resolve title issues.
PROPOSED FUNDING: Iron County & Other Local In-kind: $21,600; CIB Loan $1,500,000 20yrs @ 1.5% and CIB Grant $1,478,567.
Total project cost: $3,000,167

Is the project on the County Capital improvements List?		Yes ☑	No ☐
Is the project consistent with local and regional plans?	Local:	Yes ☑	No ☐
	Regional:	Yes ☑	No ☐
Is the project a planning project?		Yes ☐	No ☒

How will the project benefit the applicant community?

The County Commission has determined that it is time to work with BLM, and Cedar Highlands' residents, to build a road that can provide safe year-round access. The new road will be designed and constructed to county road standards, with clear title, to become part of the county class B system and can then be accepted and maintained by the county road department, rather than remain a dangerous road maintained by private contractors.

What are challenges the project faces/creates?

The Cedar Highlands subdivision sits in the Green Lakes landslide area, mapped as a geological concern. The Green Lakes Road that runs up the face of the landslide has provided summer access to Cedar Mountain since the turn of the century (1900), or earlier. The steep grades and tight curves have made travel on this road a treacherous endeavor – at any time of the year, but especially precarious in the winter seasons.

AOG Recommendation:

The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee reviewed this project and voted to:
____**support** this project. ____**remain neutral** regarding this project. ____**not support** this project.

Type Name: Bryan Thiriot

Signature: _____, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM # XI-C. (Continued)

AOG: Five County Association of Governments

PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (PCIFB) APPLICATION

REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW

Applicant: Tropic Town

Project Title: Project to Purchase Essential Pumper Truck

Date Received: September 30, 2014 **Date AOG Reviewed:** October 8, 2014

Project Description:

This project will involve the purchase of a new fire truck that is necessary for the Tropic Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) to adequately response to all hazards including fire suppression, search and rescue, seismic, atmospheric technological (hazardous materials and events or incidents involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive devices-CBRNE). TVFD provides fire protection to the Town of Tropic and surrounding districts, which encompasses two hundred (200) square miles. They also provide fire protection to three small additional communities, crude oil storage and transfer facility, and Bryce Canyon Airport.
PROPOSED FUNDING: Other Local Cash (Garfield County): $100,000; CIB Grant $310,000.
Total project cost: $410,000.

Is the project on the County Capital improvements List?		Yes ☑	No ☐
Is the project consistent with local and regional plans?	Local:	Yes ☑	No ☐
	Regional:	Yes ☑	No ☐
Is the project a planning project?		Yes ☐	No ☒

How will the project benefit the applicant community?

The area included in the TVFD initial response is mountainous terrain, the TVFD will respond from 6,308 to 9,095 feet above sea level. The purchase of a new engine will improve response time and safety of their firefighters by allowing them to reach their destination more quickly and ready to complete their mission. The adequately sized team would be safely restrained in the engine, donning PPE, and receiving instructions from the dispatch while enroute. This would eliminate the need to drive personal vehicles to the scene without any type of traffic warning devices, adding to the traffic congestion in eroute and on scene; then once on scene donning PPE and receiving orders from the Incident Command.

What are challenges the project faces/creates?

The rural fire department's budget is very limited. The majority of their $27,000 budget ($16,000) is obligated to paying standard operational costs of the department and repairs of an aging 23 years old engine, the repairs of the engine have required it to be taken out of service and towed 12 miles to be repaired at the only minor facility in the area; the closest major repair facility is located in Cedar City ninety-five miles away. The pump on the engine has begun to have problems.

AOG Recommendation:

The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee reviewed this project and voted to:
____**support** this project. ____**remain neutral** regarding this project. ____**not support** this project.

Type Name: Bryan Thiriot

Signature: _____, Executive Director

AOG: Five County Association of Governments

PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (PCIFB) APPLICATION

REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW

Applicant: City of Enterprise

Project Title: Enterprise Fire Station Meeting/Training Room

Date Received: September 29, 2014 **Date AOG Reviewed:** October 8, 2014

Project Description:

The City of Enterprise is in the process of building a new fire station in Enterprise. The existing fire station is undersized and is unable to meet the needs of the City and the surrounding areas. In addition to and concurrent with the new fire station project, the City would like to construct a Meeting/Training room. They are proposing a 50 X 70 Meeting/Training Room adjoining our new Fire Station. It will be stick-framed, slab on grade.

PROPOSED FUNDING: Applicant Cash (Enterprise City): $49,210; CIB Loan $227,000 30 yrs @ 1.5%; CIB Grant $227,000.
Total project cost: $503,210.

Is the project on the County Capital improvements List?		Yes ☑	No ☐
Is the project consistent with local and regional plans?	Local:	Yes ☑	No ☐
	Regional:	Yes ☑	No ☐
Is the project a planning project?		Yes ☐	No ☒

How will the project benefit the applicant community?

Training is vital in any successful emergency service, but this is especially true with volunteers. The current facility does not have sufficient room to allow for training of all our volunteers at one time. The City has said that the new addition will greatly enhance their training capabilities and that will in turn benefit all of the City residents and others in the surrounding area.

What are challenges the project faces/creates?

According to the City they do not have a large enough population and tax base to build the entire project because they are in a very rural part of the state and many surrounding areas and agencies depend on them and their emergency response. Their ambulance area covers more than 400 sq. miles. The City has said that they are unable to complete the construction of the Meeting/Training Room without help from CIB. The City has committed a large amount of their own funds for the projects, and successfully sought grant funding from the CDBG funding.

AOG Recommendation:

The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee reviewed this project and voted to:
____**support** this project. ____**remain neutral** regarding this project. ____**not support** this project.

Type Name: Bryan Thiriot

Signature: _____, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM # XII.

STEERING COMMITTEE

REVIEWS

AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V

APPLICATION - Supportive

October 8, 2014

1. Title: SULA 1793, sPOWER PV SOLAR LEASE

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: The Trust Lands Administration has received an application to lease the below described land for a 300 MV utility scale PV solar project. The proposal would include all necessary infrastructure and improvements to support the project. This would include solar panels, racking systems, fencing, roadways, and electrical systems to support the project.

Funding:	Amount	Agency	SAI #
	N/A	N/A	45929 Received 9/25/2014

Comments: The Trust Lands Administration has received an application to lease a sizable area in southeast Kane County south of Big Water to develop a 300 megawatt utility-scale Photovoltaic solar power project. The proposal would include all necessary infrastructure and improvements to support the project. This would include solar panels, racking systems, fencing, roadways and electrical systems to support the project.

Beaver County was contacted for this review. They are awaree of this project and have been working with SITLA. The county is supportive of this project. (Gary Zabriskie)