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Mayor Becker Moves Forward with City's Regional Athletic Complex

Professional Experts to Study Restoration Plan

SALT LAKE CITY – Today Mayor Ralph Becker announced the next steps for the restoration, design, and construction of Salt Lake City's Regional Athletic Complex, located at 2200 North and the Jordan River. The Mayor's plans include a draft restoration plan, a half-day review session with invited ecological experts, and an open public process to review the concept plan for the facility.

Following the Salt Lake City Council's unanimous approval to move forward with the plans and funding of the Regional Athletic Complex, the Becker Administration commenced to prepare a draft restoration plan to enhance the ecological qualities of the riparian habitat along the Jordan River. The restoration plan will include proposed changes and will outline additional ecological considerations.

Once the draft of the restoration plan is complete, the Administration and City Council will co-host a half-day review session for a targeted group of riparian habitat experts and professionals to provide feedback. The Administration expects to complete the review process by mid-April. Once the restoration plan is complete, a broader public review process will be initiated to obtain additional input on the overall plan for the Complex.

"To honor the financial commitment and support of residents in 2003, we will create a facility to rival anything like it in the region," said Mayor Ralph Becker. "This Complex will serve the youth and families of our city while increasing stewardship opportunities along the Jordan River and beautifying the area."

About the Regional Athletic Complex

Salt Lake City voters passed a \$15 million bond in 2003 for the construction of a Regional

Athletic Complex to provide soccer and baseball fields for recreation and competition purposes. The use of public funds was contingent upon securing a \$7.5 million match from private sources, fulfilled through a gift from the Major League Soccer Organization Real Salt Lake in 2007. The City estimates the project will be complete by fall of 2011.

Regional Athletic Complex FAQs, project details, timelines, and progress updates can be found online at www.slcgov.com/RAC.

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