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Water Week Draws a Flood of Activity

Salt Lake County Deputy Mayor Nichole Dunn and Salt Lake City Chief of Staff David Everitt will Kick-Off Water Week this Sunday, May 2nd 12:30 PM at City Creek Park

SALT LAKE CITY – The week of May 1st thru May 9th, organizations, libraries, and schools will host activities to celebrate Water Week, which raises awareness of the importance of water conservation, quality and supply in Utah.

In 2007, Governor Huntsman signed HB20, sponsored by then-House Minority Leader, and current Salt Lake City Mayor, Ralph Becker.

On Sunday, May 2 at 12:30 PM, Salt Lake County Deputy Mayor Nichole Dunn and Salt Lake City Chief of Staff David Everitt will kick off Water Week. This press event will take place in City Creek Park, near the foot bridge. City Creek Park, located at the intersection of State Street and North Temple, is the last place City Creek can be seen above ground. City Creek was the first water supply for the community, and is still a vital and valued resource.

This event is scheduled for 12:30, and will be immediately followed by a Jane's Walk hosted by former Salt Lake City Mayor Palmer DePaulis. The Jane's Walk, up City Creek to Memory Grove, will begin at 1 pm.

"The work of our Public Utilities Department has been a critical element of identifying and achieving Salt Lake City's sustainability objectives," say Mayor Ralph Becker. "Due to our efforts, Salt Lake City residents will continue to have access to some of the purest water in the nation."

Stephanie Duer, Salt Lake City's Water Conservation Program Coordinator, and coordinator of the 2010 Water Week events says, "There are so many programs, that we couldn't keep them to just seven days." Events actually begin on Saturday May 1st with the SALT Y Summit, hosted by Westminster College and the Great Salt Lake Institute, and continue through to May 9th, with Urban Birds at Tracy Aviary.

New this year is a Water Week Passport, to guide you to all the great events and help you win fun prizes.

Some of the weeks highlights include:

May 1: SALTY Summit: Designed for K-12 students and their families to learn about the Great Salt Lake and the surrounding Environs

May 1-7: Mirror Images: Great Salt Lake; Jewett Center for the Performing Arts Atrium, Westminster College

May 2: Jane's Walk, City Creek Park

May 3-7: Water Scavenger Hunt; Hogle Zoo

May 4: Author Craig Childs presents a multi-media presentation about water, from the desert to the worlds last undammed rivers

May 5: Weeds Tour; Learn about the impacts of weeds in City Creek Canyon, and what you can do to help

May 6: Water-wise Gardening; Join East High Students as they work to complete their water-wise garden, and learn from experts how you can do the same at home

May 6: Film: Tapped; attend this Utah premiere of this important documentary on the bottled water industry, and hear from the director, Stephanie Soechtig, on the making of this film

May 8: Hidden Hollow Conservation Easement 10th Anniversary Celebration; Hidden Hollow

May 8: Wasatch Community Gardens Plant Sale; buy fabulous heirloom vegetable plants and beautiful water-wise garden plants at this annual event; Rowland Hall

May 8-9: Tracy Aviary Urban Birds; Attend special bird shows and learn about native and exotic birds.

For more information and program details, visit www.slcgov.com/utilities/waterweek.htm

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