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Salt Lake City Retains Independent Firm for Oversight of Oil Spill Cleanup

Firm is Nationally Renowned for Environmental Remediation in Aquatic Environments

SALT LAKE CITY – Salt Lake City today announced it has hired Dalton, Olmsted & Fuglevand, Inc. (DOF), a nationally acclaimed environmental consulting and remediation firm, to provide separate and independent advice and oversight on cleanup of the Red Butte Creek oil spill. Experienced in site, soil and groundwater assessment, the firm will advise the City on best practices, next steps and mitigation of the immediate and long-term environmental impacts of the spill.

“Hiring an independent team of experts that understands oil cleanup and the significance of our riparian corridor ensures Salt Lake City interests remain the focus of the cleanup process,” said Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker. “In keeping our promise to residents, we are prepared as a City to do all it takes to restore our private and public lands and look forward to Dalton, Olmsted & Fuglevand’s objective perspective and strategic planning capabilities.”

“The current efforts underway in Salt Lake City to capture and contain as much oil as possible are the proper focus of these early efforts, after which a systematic remediation process will be required to protect the area from further damage and take steps to restore it,” the firm’s technical expert and founder Paul Fuglevand said. “We look forward to jumping into this project and offering our expertise.”

Based in Seattle, DOF has completed restoration projects involving environmental dredging, capping, material disposal, and habitat creation and restoration throughout the U.S. and worldwide for over 20 years. The firm also provides project management, technical direction, agency coordination, remedial investigations, feasibility studies, and long term maintenance and management.

The City’s environmental team today met with intergovernmental agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, and others overseeing the cleanup activities. A white paper addressing health concerns related to the oil spill can be found at www.slcgov.com as well as an updated Frequently Asked Questions document.

The Jordan River, Liberty Lake, and Red Butte Creek remain closed to public access while ongoing oil collection and assessments continue. Liberty Park is open and the Jordan River trails and walkways remain open while the river is closed for public use from 1300 South to 500 North.

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