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**City Prepares For Increased Runoff**  
*North Temple “rocket cones” will help accommodate snowmelt*

SALT LAKE CITY – As the first glimmers of spring weather finally appear in the Capital City, public utilities officials want to make residents aware of work now underway to help control expected high spring runoff.

City engineers have been monitoring conditions brought about by a rare combination of heavy winter snow accumulations and the wettest spring on record. High flows are currently present in all Salt Lake City waterways and are likely to continue into early summer months. Residents are reminded to take extra precautions, especially with children and pets, around all creeks, streams, lakes and canals. Fast flows, local flood areas and locations where water has accumulated can be deceiving and hazardous.

Rising temperatures are currently contributing to increased runoff levels. City crews have begun preemptive work to be as prepared as possible for sudden changes in flow rates in waterways and conduits.

Residents and businesses along North Temple will notice that devices have recently been installed on manholes to help control high runoff. These “rocket cones,” currently in place from about 500 West to the Jordan River (1200 West), help the runoff diversion system accommodate a bigger flow of water from nearby mountains into the river. Residents may notice some minor water accumulations around these devices and in other areas along North Temple during the coming weeks as higher temperatures lead to peak runoff conditions. These accumulations will vary according to conditions and will be under constant monitoring by City water crews.

The weather-dependent nature of spring runoff flows can lead to rapid changes in conditions. Residents with questions or concerns can contact Stephanie Duer of the City’s Public Utilities Department at 801-483-6860. The City also maintains a 24-hour emergency hotline at 801-483-6700.

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