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Davis, Salt Lake and Utah Counties to Sign Jordan River Commission Interlocal Agreement

On Wednesday, August 4th, representatives of Davis, Salt Lake and Utah Counties will sign an interlocal agreement to create the Jordan River Commission. As part of Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon's opening remarks (9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.) at the County's Watershed Symposium, Mayor Corroon will sign the agreement. The symposium is at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center (1355 West 3100 South) in West Valley City.

At 12 noon, Sandy City Councilmember Chris McCandless will conduct a brief signing ceremony. Salt Lake County Councilmember Jenny Wilson will describe the purpose of the Commission. She will be followed by Davis County Commissioner Louenda Downs and Utah County Commissioner Gary Anderson. Both commissioners will then sign the document. West Valley City Councilmember will sign the agreement on behalf of West Valley City, which was the first municipality to sign the agreement on July 6th. The Sandy City Council passed a resolution in support of the agreement on July 27th. The ceremony's primary emphasis is to show the early support of the counties for the Commission. More cities are expected to sign the agreement as well.

This is not the only time cities will be able to sign the interlocal agreement. Municipalities can take more time to review and sign the agreement whenever they are ready.

More than 2,000 residents participated in the Blueprint Jordan River process in 2007 and 2008. During the past 18 months, many elected leaders from Davis, Salt Lake and Utah Counties have met to craft an interlocal agreement to create the Jordan River Commission. Presentations on the Commission's limited powers and its mission have been given to all 15 municipalities along the river as well as to the three counties.

The Commission respects local property rights and the authority of each municipality to guide its development along the river corridor. The Commission will work with communities to make the Jordan River a regional amenity while it studies the river's issues and recommends long-term policy solutions. A copy of the Blueprint Jordan River report can be found at www.envisionutah.org under the "Projects" section as a "regional visioning" project in 2007.

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