

CLEAN RESOLUTION

State Entities Contributing to a Healthier Utah with
Clean Air Strategies

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Governor Herbert Issues Executive Order for Water Conservation

Who hasn't heard that Utah is the second driest state in the nation? We know we live in a desert, and we know that we are fortunate to have mountains, and (typically) a snow pack, and connections to regional rivers and reservoirs that help our state grow in an arid climate.

Nationally water resources and dry pipes have been the center of attention. Locally, skiers and snowboarders lamented last winter's lack in the number of powder days. Recognizing that water as a critical resource to our economy, environment and quality of life, Governor Herbert signed an [Executive Order](#) encouraging the wise use of water across Utah, and requiring

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Clear the Air Challenge Strategies State of Utah is True Team to Beat

2015 Clear the Air Challenge results are in. Agencies competed against each other, businesses, and organizations all over Utah. In a letter to agencies, Governor Hebert challenged each agency to improve their effort from the 2014 summer challenge and intends to recognize the most improved agency. This is a great way to give agencies a platform to compete together whether they are two or 2000 people.

Let it be known that state agencies are big contenders. Half of the top 20 teams have been State of Utah entities throughout the challenge; state school, University of Utah, sat comfortably in the lead with their facilities management group making a major contribution to their rank. Perhaps we really love clean air, maybe we are competitive, I think both.

So what worked? Food trucks have been popular to park at agencies and even on Capitol Hill to help employees skip trips. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) hosted a clean air fair with info tables, electric bike demonstrations and KBUL Radio. Workforce Services Administration Office hosted a potluck and strategy session for reducing



Department of Environmental Quality's Bryce Bird, Amy Christensen, and Donna Spangler at the Clear the Air Fair emissions from transportation and building energy use. The U of U has sent newsletters with the air quality report, and a tip of the week.

DEQ also created a [video message](#), others offered small prizes, lunches, and awards; many created subteams and used social media to make sure people were encouraged and recognized for participating in the challenge. Here are trip totals for state entity teams and subteams that made the top 25 overall:

- University of Utah (U of U) - 15,492 trips
 - Department of Workforce Services (DWS)- 10,320 trips
 - Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)- 8,909 trips
 - U of U Facilities - 7,956 trips
 - DWS Admin North 3,374 trips
 - Utah DEQ: Division of Air Quality: 3,298 trips
 - Department of Transportation 3,239 trips
 - Department of Technology Services - 2,515 trips
 - Department of Human Resource Management - 2,364 trips
 - Department of Administrative Services - 2,110 trips
 - Department of Commerce: 1,939 trips
 - Department of Human Services 1,791 trips
- Way to go everyone!



Food Trucks Visit Capitol Hill

state agencies to do their part to increase water conservation in state government. Here are some of the highlights of the order.

- Employees are to read and follow the “Slow the Flow” guidance on the www.conservewater.utah.gov website.
- Landscapes are to be watered after 6pm, but before 10am
- As state facility systems are updated, they shall include technology that conserves water by monitoring rainfall, water sense fixtures, and metering equipment for water-consuming processes
- The State shall use water conservation criteria to help in selecting facilities to lease.

Governor Herbert’s comments about why this is important to the quality of life in Utah can be viewed [here](#). The Governor’s Office also sent a letter to all state employees encouraging them to do their part at work, and helped connect employees to water calculators and watering guides support water conservation.



GREENbike Cooperative State Contract

Office Group-Buy Memberships for \$25

Salt Lake Area bike share **GREENbike** annual memberships are now available to all employees of State of Utah Agencies for \$25. GREENbike is also available on state contact to allow agencies to purchase multiple passes at the best price. To find out more visit GREENbike.org or visit the [purchasing website](#) and search for contact PA2244.

State of Utah Agencies and Local Businesses Help Message Idle Free In Salt Lake City

Salt Lake area businesses, including some state agencies located within Salt Lake City received signage from the City’s Office of Sustainability to help message idle free behavior to drivers. Several agencies put signs in areas where drivers might be likely to sit and idle their motors. Salt Lake City has a two minute time limit for idling a vehicle.

In May of 2012 Governor Herbert issued [The Automotive Idling Reduction Executive Order](#) that advises state employees, driving state vehicles, to limit idling to 30 second or less and encourages the limits when operating personal vehicles as well. Idling an engine can reduce emissions and air pollution. Research [indicates](#) that if you are idling for more than 10 seconds, it is better to shut the car off and save gasoline.



Grant Funds & Pay it Forward: Get a Funding Boost Toward Clean Air.

I love to hear news about a pay-it-forward that lasts for 10 hours at Starbucks. It reminds me that small acts linked together strengthen communities. Needless to say, I was excited to hear that Utah based, [Leaders for Clean Air](#) is hoping for a pay-it-forward that serves 100,000 drivers and lasts until 2016. Several local private businesses formed [Leadersforcleanair.org](#) to help other business and organization take the leap to install an electric vehicle (EV) charging station. The pay-it-forward program helps entities test the waters by paying for electric charging equipment. If you keep the equipment you agree to pay-it-forward for another person. Publicly funded entities know well the challenges of getting funds for a new idea.

Fortunately, this program is not exclusive to private businesses; the University of Utah and the Mountainland Association of Governments are partners in the effort.

Pay-it-forward not your style? [UCAIR](#) will be reviewing grants in the fall, looking for successful applications for efforts that have a positive impact on air quality. The deadline is typically around the first of October. State entities who have a good idea, with a measurable result, are eligible to apply.

Here are some links to help identify additional financial resources:

<http://leadersforcleanair.org/>

<http://www.ucair.org/grants-loans/>

<http://www.carrot.deq.utah.gov/>

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/home.html>

<http://heritage.utah.gov/userveutah>

<http://energy.utah.gov/funding-incentives/>

What Makes a Good Grant Application?

Grant trainings will tell you that applicants are most successful when they can clearly communicate what they will do with the money. An easy way to stay on track when telling your story, and make sure you effectively state objectives to a grant reviewer is to use the SMART protocol in descriptions:

(SMART)

Specific

Measurable

Attainable

Relevant

Time-Bound

Now go get the money and make your idea happen!





Higher Ed. Sustainability Meet UP

In June, The University of Utah hosted a biannual meeting of Utah's higher education sustainability community. Staff and volunteers from Logan to Saint George gathered to share best practices that apply to main campuses, extension campuses, student residents, commuter populations and more. The group toured the University of Utah Sustainability Office and soon-to-be LEED Platinum Certified S.J. Quinney College of Law. Each space offered examples of improved spaces for health, work environment, energy efficiency and respect to persons with disabilities.

The group had a fresh lunch comprising greens and veggies from the U's on-site garden, and then regrouped to dive into a sharing efforts to help find the best ways to overcome challenges and offer solutions to one another regarding funding strategies, contracts and leadership relationships. The group discussed the value of sustainable academic programs and the positive effect it has on graduation rates and job placement.

Events to Watch For...

Submit Stories,
Events, Information &
Questions for
Clean ReSolutions to
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LOCAL EVENTS

[Utah Green Homes Tour](#) - August 22
[Utah Ops Conference](#) - September 2
[Purpose Economy Conference](#) - September 16-17
[Cache Clean Air Consortium](#) - September 21

EVENT PAGE LINKS

Check out the Utah Office of Energy Development event page [here](#)
Check out the Bike Utah Events Page [here](#)
Check out the Department of Environmental Quality news page [here](#)

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