



July 17, 2013

Dear Interested Parties:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with Weber County as the project sponsor, have prepared two Draft Environmental Assessments (EAs) describing how potential future flood damage from the Weber River can be reduced. The Little Weber River Cutoff Channel and Weber River Structure Repairs projects are being funded by the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) and the EAs have been prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). **You are invited to comment on the Draft EAs and attend a public meeting** which will describe the alternatives analyzed, potential impacts to the environment and the Proposed Alternative for each project.



**Draft EAs Public Comment Period**

**Open:** Thursday, July 18, 2013 (12:00 a.m. MDT)  
**Close:** Friday, August 16, 2013 (5:00 p.m. MDT)

**Draft EAs Public Meeting**

**When:** Thursday, August 1, 2013  
**Time:** Formal Presentation: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (MDT)  
Informal Q&A: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (MDT)  
**Where:** West Weber Elementary School  
4178 W. 900 S. Ogden, UT  
**Note:** Light refreshments will be provided



Electronic copies of the Draft EAs are available for review on the following websites:

- NRCS: [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/programs/?cid=nrcs141p2\\_034035](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/programs/?cid=nrcs141p2_034035)
  - Or perform an internet search for “NRCS Utah EWP”
- Weber County: <http://wcewp.com/Structures>

Hard copies of the Draft EA are available for viewing at the following locations:

- Weber County Office - Engineering Dept. (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 240; 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, UT)
- NRCS Ogden Field Office (2871 S. Commerce Way, Ogden)
- Weber County Library - Southwest Branch (1950 W. 4800 S., Roy)

**Little Weber River Cutoff Channel**

In accordance with the provisions of EWPP, modification to the proposed Little Weber River Cutoff Channel is eligible for funding to reduce future damage that may be incurred during a flood event similar to the spring 2011 event. Modifications to the existing conveyance channel and diversion of up to 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) would mitigate the need to riprap extensive segments of the lower Weber River.

The purpose is to modify the existing conveyance channel by increasing the capacity of flow restrictions allowing up to 1,000 cfs of flood water to be diverted out of the lower Weber River through a historic drainage to the Great Salt Lake. The need is to reduce water surface levels in the Weber River upstream and downstream, and reduce potential future flood damage to roads, structures, property, infrastructure, and life.

The following alternatives were analyzed in detail in the Little Weber River Cutoff Channel EA:

- No Action
- Little Weber River Cutoff Channel – North Diversion
- Little Weber River Cutoff Channel – South Diversion
- Levees
- Floodplain Easements

The Proposed Alternative for this project is the Little Weber River Cutoff Channel – North Diversion alternative.

### **Weber River Structure Repairs**

In accordance with the provisions of EWPP, water control structures on the Ogden Bay WMA are eligible for repair funding due to damage incurred during the spring 2011 flood event.

The purpose is to repair the water control structures to conditions prior to the 2011 flood event and add a second regulating structure at the South Run site. The need is to provide additional conveyance capacity through the structures, thus reducing water surface levels in the Weber River upstream, reducing flood damage to the Ogden Bay WMA, eliminating the need to breach WMA levees in the future, and reduce potential damage to roads, structures, property, infrastructure, and life.

The following alternatives were analyzed in detail in the Weber River Structure Repairs EA:

- No Action
- Structure Repairs
- Levees
- Floodplain Easements

The Proposed Alternative for this project is the Structure Repairs alternative.

### **Public Participation**

The participation of the public is a vital component of both projects so that those who are interested in or potentially affected by the proposed projects have an opportunity to review the alternatives analysis and the Proposed Alternative in the draft form before a final decision is made by NRCS. For comments to be considered and to become part of the public record for both projects, **we need to receive them by close-of-business (5:00 p.m. MDT) on Friday, August 16, 2013.** After the Draft EAs Public Comment Period closes, the NRCS will begin reviewing comments and preparing the Final EA.

Please specify which project you are commenting on and mail, email, fax or verbally express your formal comments to:

**Mail:** Weber County Emergency Watershed Projects  
c/o The Langdon Group (Andy Neff)  
466 North 900 West  
Kaysville, UT 84037  
**Email:** [wcewp@langdongroupinc.com](mailto:wcewp@langdongroupinc.com)  
**Phone:** 801-419-9554  
**Fax:** 801-547-0397

The project team values your feedback and encourages you to attend the open house on August 1, 2013.

Sincerely,



Bronson Smart  
NRCS State Engineer

cc: Dan Turner – NRCS  
Commissioner Kerry Gibson  
Jared Andersen – Weber County  
Lance Peterson – Weber County  
Greg Allington – McMillen, LLC