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The District's purposes include planning for and facilitating the long-term conservation, development, protection, distribution, management, and stabilization of water rights and water supplies for domestic, irrigation, power, manufacturing, municipal, recreational, and other beneficial uses, including the natural stream environment, in a cost-effective way to meet the needs of the residents and growing population of Cache County.

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### CACHE WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

**August 6, 2024**

The Cache Water District Board of Trustees convened for a regular meeting on August 6, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cache County Historic Courthouse Council Chambers, 199 North Main Street, Logan, Utah.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jared Clawson – At-Large Position  
Jonathan Hardman – South Council District  
Kirt Lindley – At-Large Position  
Beth Neilson – Southeast Council District  
Jeff Ostermiller - Logan #1 Council District  
Max Pierce – North Council District  
Brett Roper – At Large Position  
Jeannie Simmonds – Logan #2 Council District  
Regan Wheeler – Agricultural Representative

#### **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD EXCUSED:**

Mark Anderson – Logan #3 Council  
Bret Randall – Northeast Council District

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Eric Franson, Chris Slater, Hadia Akbar

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Pierce called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ACTION:** Mr. Clawson moved to approve tonight's agenda and the June 3, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Hardman seconded the motion. Motion approved (9-0).

**Yea:** Clawson, Hardman, Lindley, Neilson, Ostermiller, Pierce, Roper, Wheeler

**Absent:** Anderson, Randall, Simmonds

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

No comments.

#### **CALENDAR EVENTS**

- Aug. 7 Water Task Force (Nate will send out info)
- Aug. 9 – Ag Water Optimization @ 9:30 a.m.
- Aug. 19 – APO @ 5:30 p.m.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **Watershed Council Changes**

Mr. Daugs reported that Shawn Milne (BRAG) was elected as the new Chairperson and Chance Baxter (Bear River Water Conservancy District) is new Vice-Chairperson.

### **GSL Watershed Council Update**

Mr. Daugs said in the interim, until the next session, they have put someone from each of the other watershed councils on as a non-voting member to the GSL Advisory Council. This does not meet the current statute as they should be voting members – there are ongoing negotiations happening between the local watershed councils and the GSL Council and a couple of legislators.

### **September Meeting Date**

Will be held Wednesday, September 4 (due to Labor Day holiday)

### **Fall Social**

Scheduled for Monday, September 23 @ 6:00.

Ms. Nielson needs some contacts in Idaho for municipalities or other groundwater wells that could potentially be sampled as part of the Cache Water Recharge Study. Mr. Wheeler said he could provide some help. Ms. Nielson said if anyone else had contacts, they can email her with the information.

5:45 p.m. Ms. Simmonds arrived

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Simmonds reviewed the financial statements. See [-Attachment 1-](#) There is one error on salary and benefits (Mr. Daugs' includes summer interns) – this will be corrected next month.

## **DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE TAX INCREASE FOR 2025**

Mr. Daugs pointed out that tonight's discussion is not a public hearing. If it is determined that a tax increase is needed, it will be a public hearing on a future agenda. .00019 mill levy rate generates \$313,000 for 2024. He clarified for Ms. Simmonds that the mill levy has gone down but the amount has remained the same (this is due to growth). It was .00024 when the District began. The Board has discussed sending an informational handout if an increase is adopted. Last month, the Board discussed raising this amount to ~\$600,000. This information could be included on Cache County's tax notice and CWD's website and available for members to have. Information can include why the District was formed, what the District does, and what the increase will be used for.

Mr. Daugs said the District needs to decide what the amount will be so that it can be submitted to the County for tax noticing.

Mr. Wheeler does not like the idea of doubling the amount; he suggested increasing it to \$200,000.

Mr. Roper said the Board needs to do a better job of “telling the story” and explaining why additional funding is required so the public understands.

Ms. Nielson said most people in Cache Valley would likely be willing to pay a small amount to keep Cache County water in the Valley. Mr. Clawson agreed he does not think there will be too much pushback on this. Mr. Ostermiller agreed and said the message needs to be precise.

Chairman Pierce asked the Board how frequently an increase might be needed. Ms. Simmonds said it entirely depends on what is being done. Mr. Clawson agreed. Mr. Ostermiller clarified that this is the first increase being requested.

**ACTION: Mr. Lindley motioned to approve raising the 2025 mill levy rate for a \$300,000 revenue increase. Ms. Simmonds seconded the motion. Motion approved (6-2).**

**Yea:** Clawson, Hardman, Lindley, Neilson, Ostermiller, Simmonds

**Nay:** Roper, Wheeler

**Absent:** Anderson, Randall

#### LOGAN RIVER WATERSHED PL-566 UPDATE

Eric Franson and Chris Slater provided an update. See [-Attachment 2-](#)

#### ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**-ATTACHMENT 1-**

**Cache Water District  
Profit & Loss Detail  
June 2024**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>								
<b>Income</b>								
<b>Restricted Income</b>								
Invoice	06/20/2024	121	State of Utah	Reimburseme...		Accounts Rece...	29,200.00	29,200.00
Total Restricted Income							29,200.00	29,200.00
<b>Trapper Park Study</b>								
Invoice	06/07/2024	125	Trapper Park			Accounts Rece...	14,479.27	14,479.27
Invoice	06/07/2024	126	Trapper Park			Accounts Rece...	29,783.71	44,262.98
Total Trapper Park Study							44,262.98	44,262.98
Total Income							73,462.98	73,462.98
Gross Profit							73,462.98	73,462.98
<b>Expense</b>								
<b>Operations</b>								
<b>Insurance and Bonding</b>								
Bill	06/27/2024		Altabank			Accounts Paya...	868.91	868.91
Total Insurance and Bonding							868.91	868.91
<b>Technology</b>								
<b>Cell Phone</b>								
Bill	06/27/2024		Altabank			Accounts Paya...	53.67	53.67
Total Cell Phone							53.67	53.67
Total Technology							53.67	53.67
Total Operations							922.58	922.58
<b>Personnel</b>								
<b>Salary and benefits</b>								
Bill	06/04/2024		Utah State Retirement			Accounts Paya...	1,121.14	1,121.14
Bill	06/10/2024		Health Equity			Accounts Paya...	1.80	1,122.94
Bill	06/21/2024		Public Employees H...			Accounts Paya...	2,141.81	3,264.75
Bill	06/28/2024		ADP			Accounts Paya...	2,140.23	5,404.98
Bill	06/28/2024		Nathan Daugis			Accounts Paya...	7,068.65	12,473.63
Total Salary and benefits							12,473.63	12,473.63
Total Personnel							12,473.63	12,473.63

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
<b>Project funding</b>								
<b>Water Studies</b>								
<b>Trapper Park</b>								
Bill	06/03/2024		Franson Civil Engine...			Accounts Paya...	20,984.45	20,984.45
Bill	06/14/2024		Franson Civil Engine...			Accounts Paya...	16,123.75	37,108.20
Total Trapper Park							37,108.20	37,108.20
Total Water Studies							37,108.20	37,108.20
Total Project funding							37,108.20	37,108.20
Total Expense							50,504.41	50,504.41
Net Ordinary Income							22,958.57	22,958.57
<b>Net Income</b>							<b>22,958.57</b>	<b>22,958.57</b>

**Cache Water District**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
 January through June 2024

	<u>Jan - Jun 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Cache County	1,662.84		
Cache County Property Taxes	305,981.10	298,598.00	102.5%
Cloud Seeding	0.00	28,000.00	0.0%
PL-566 Watershed Grant NRCS	28,500.00	1,000,000.00	2.9%
Restricted Income			
Northern Utah Water Conference	2,000.00		
Restricted Income - Other	85,780.76		
Total Restricted Income	87,780.76		
Trapper Park Study	221,622.38	2,000,000.00	11.1%
Wellsville Mendon Study NRCS	46,692.65		
Total Income	692,239.73	3,326,598.00	20.8%
Gross Profit	692,239.73	3,326,598.00	20.8%
Expense			
Operations			
Insurance and Bonding	868.91	5,000.00	17.4%
Office Supplies	874.70	2,000.00	43.7%
Publications	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
Rent	1,350.00	6,000.00	22.5%
Technology			
Cell Phone	267.97	2,500.00	10.7%
Computer and printer	276.56	2,000.00	13.8%
Total Technology	544.53	4,500.00	12.1%
Vehicle			
Fuel	0.00	3,500.00	0.0%
Vehicle - Other	0.00	50,000.00	0.0%
Total Vehicle	0.00	53,500.00	0.0%
Total Operations	3,638.14	74,000.00	4.9%
Outreach			
Conservation	0.00	30,000.00	0.0%
Dues	850.00	2,500.00	34.0%
Northern Utah Water Conference	3,952.36		
Sponsorships	0.00	2,500.00	0.0%
Training	2,225.72	5,000.00	44.5%
Website	643.30	2,000.00	32.2%
Total Outreach	7,671.38	42,000.00	18.3%

	<u>Jan - Jun 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Personnel</b>			
Administrative	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
Salary and benefits	80,380.19	190,000.00	42.3%
Travel and Mileage	4,537.58	10,000.00	45.4%
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<u>84,917.77</u>	<u>201,500.00</u>	<u>42.1%</u>
<b>Professional Fees</b>			
Attorney Services	0.00	15,000.00	0.0%
Audit	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
Financial Services	398.00	5,000.00	8.0%
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<u>398.00</u>	<u>27,000.00</u>	<u>1.5%</u>
<b>Project funding</b>			
Bear River Study	35,910.00	75,000.00	47.9%
Cloud Seeding	32,870.00	63,000.00	52.2%
Logan Observatory	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
Water Acquisition	0.00	20,000.00	0.0%
<b>Water Studies</b>			
PL566 Logan River	71,586.75		
Trapper Park	167,057.04	2,000,000.00	8.4%
Wellsville/Mendon Irrigation	187,520.60	500,000.00	37.5%
Water Studies - Other	0.00	120,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total Water Studies</b>	<u>426,164.39</u>	<u>2,620,000.00</u>	<u>16.3%</u>
<b>Total Project funding</b>	<u>494,944.39</u>	<u>2,783,000.00</u>	<u>17.8%</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>591,569.68</u>	<u>3,127,500.00</u>	<u>18.9%</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>100,670.05</u>	<u>199,098.00</u>	<u>50.6%</u>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
Other Income			
Transfers from equity	0.00	175,902.00	0.0%
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>175,902.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>175,902.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>100,670.05</u></u>	<u><u>375,000.00</u></u>	<u><u>26.8%</u></u>



# Logan River Watershed Plan

Cache Water District Board

August 5, 2024



## NEEDS & CHALLENGES

Logan River Watershed Plan



PROTECTION OF WATER RIGHTS  
Source: Peter Essick/Aurora



LIMITED RESOURCES

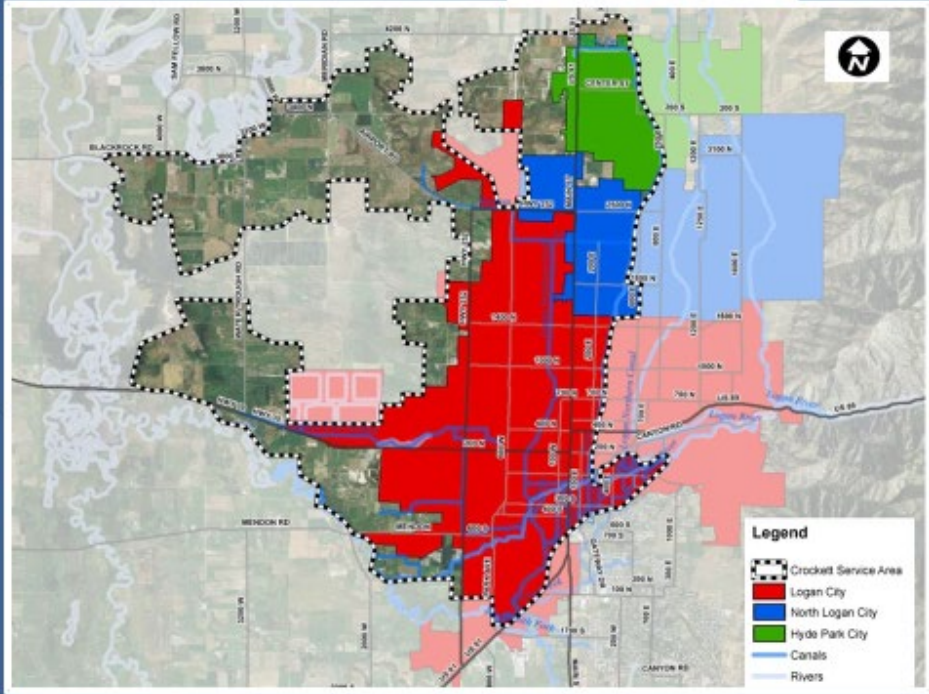


DETERIORATING INFRASTRUCTURE



CULINARY UPGRADES  
Source: www.canyonhydro.com

# OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND



## We Were Here

### Logan River Watershed Plan



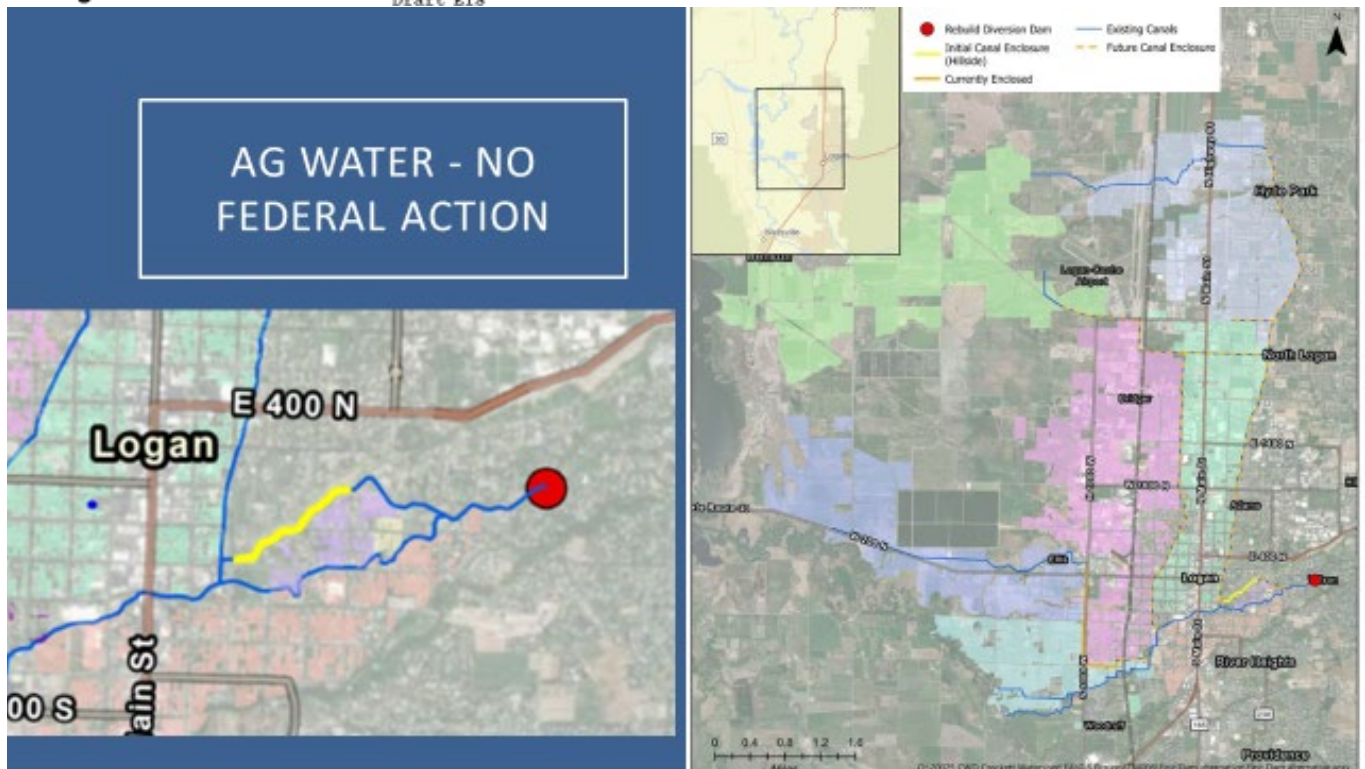


# Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Major Milestones

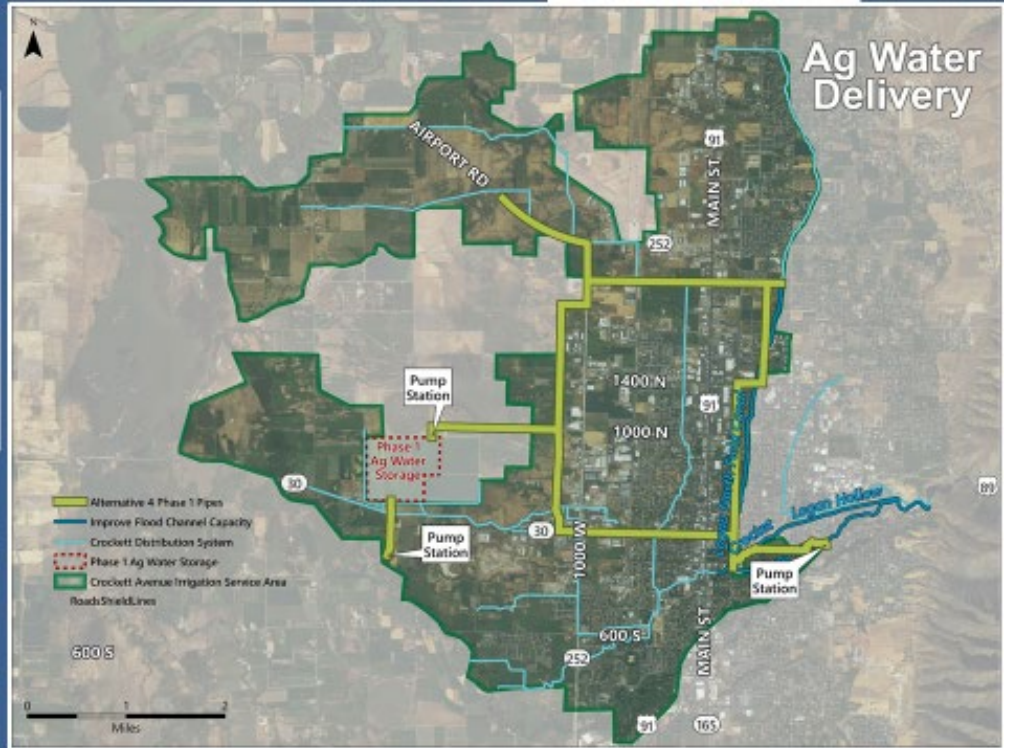
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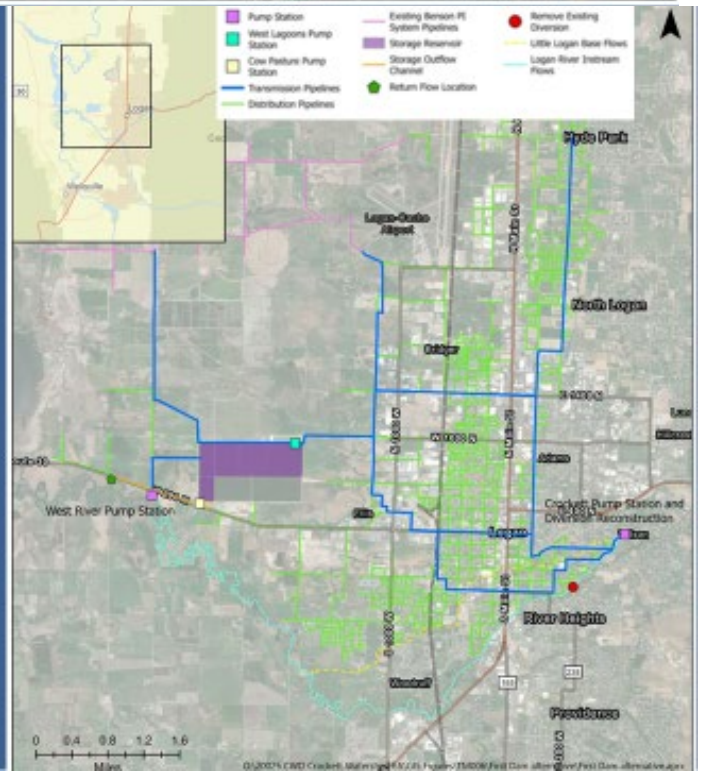
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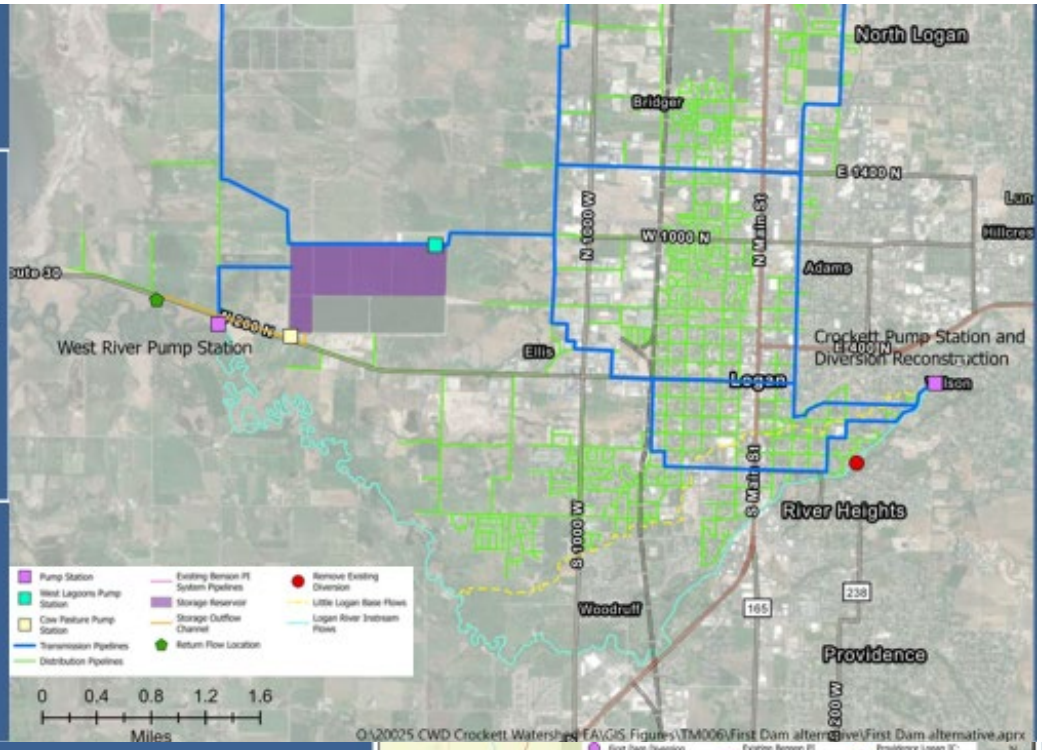
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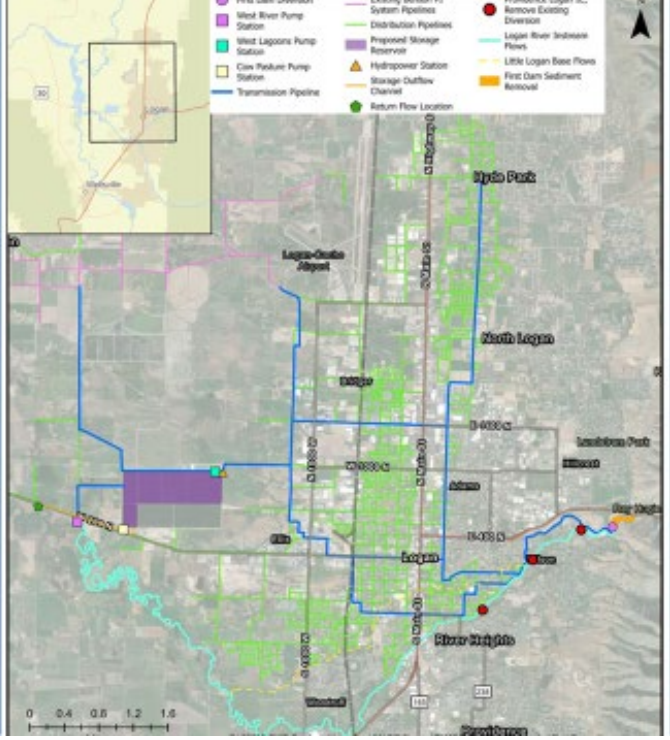
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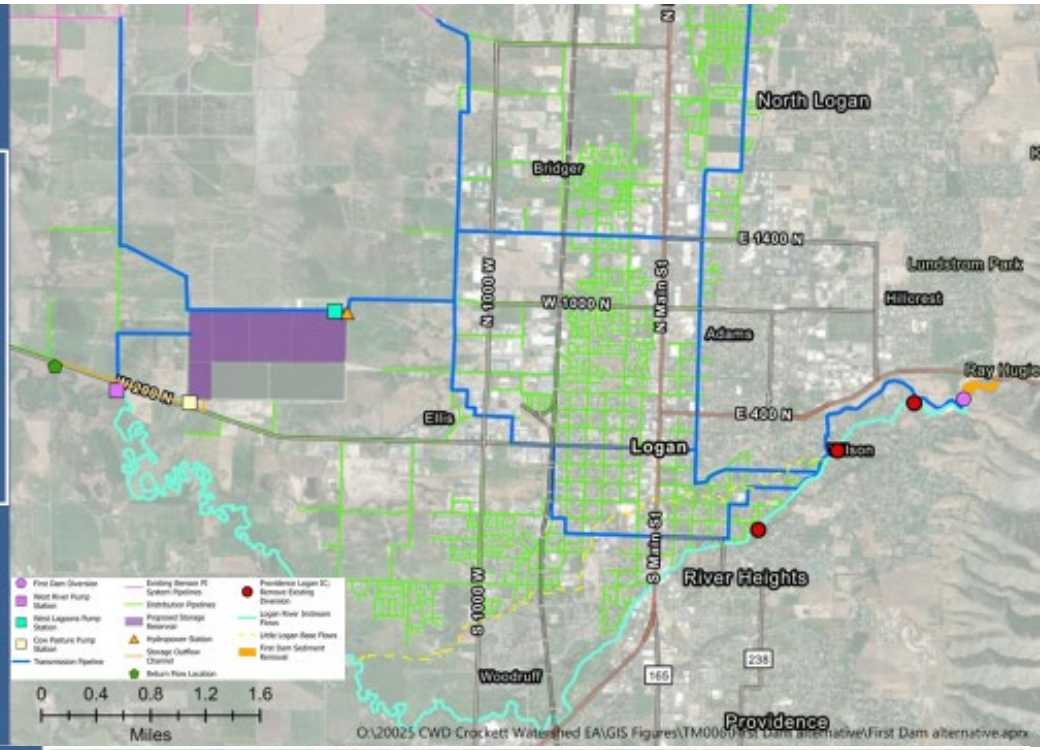
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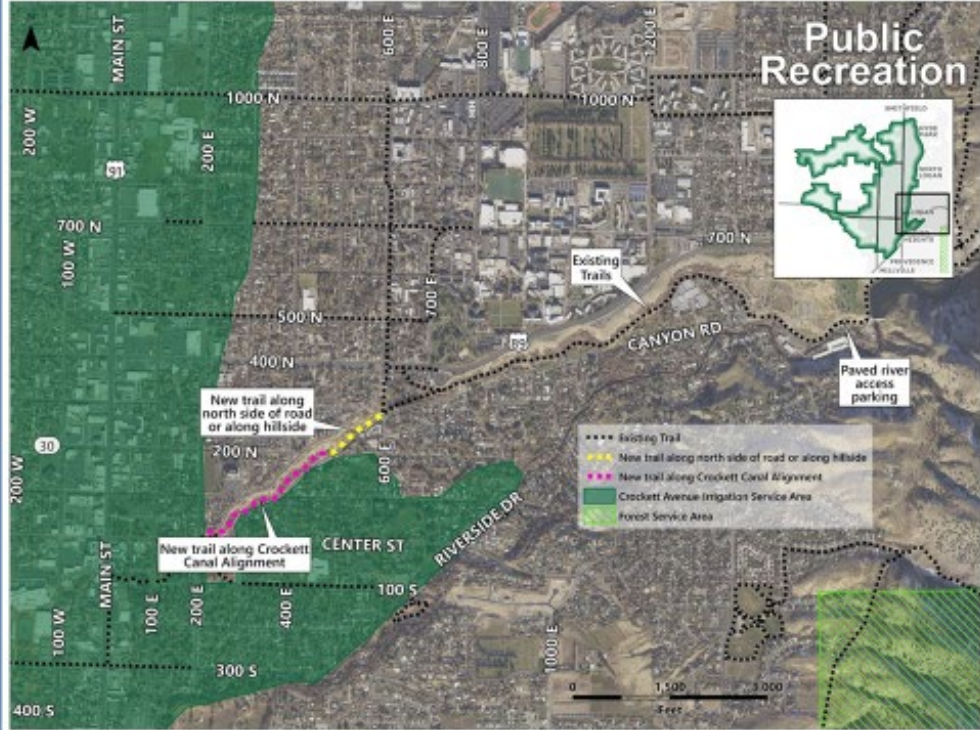
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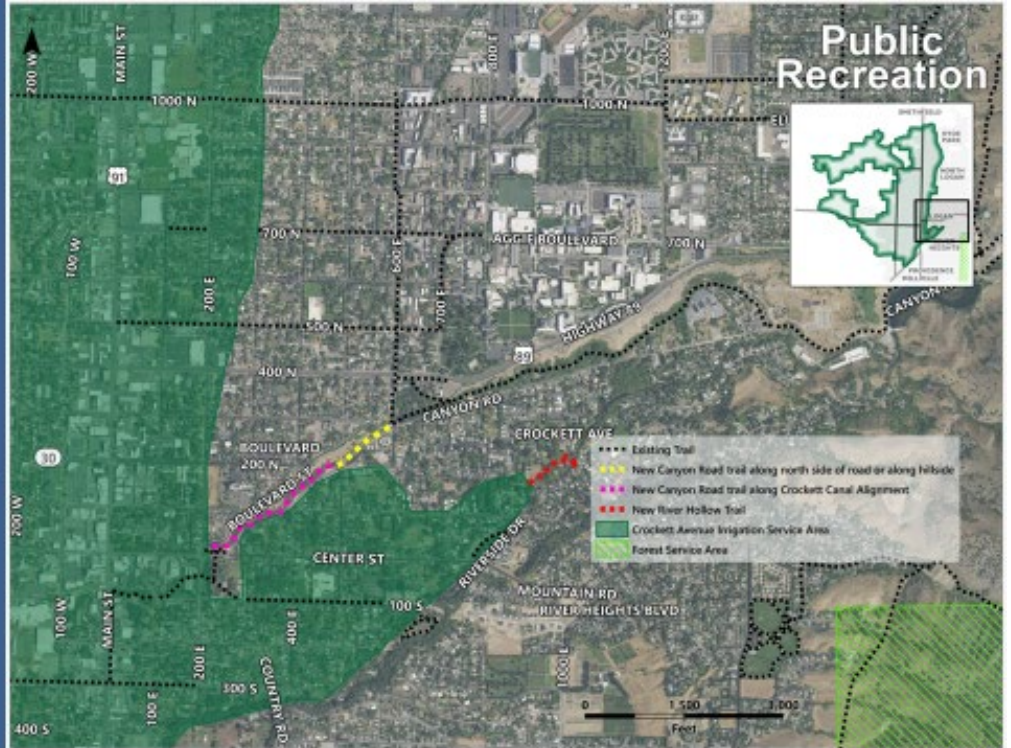
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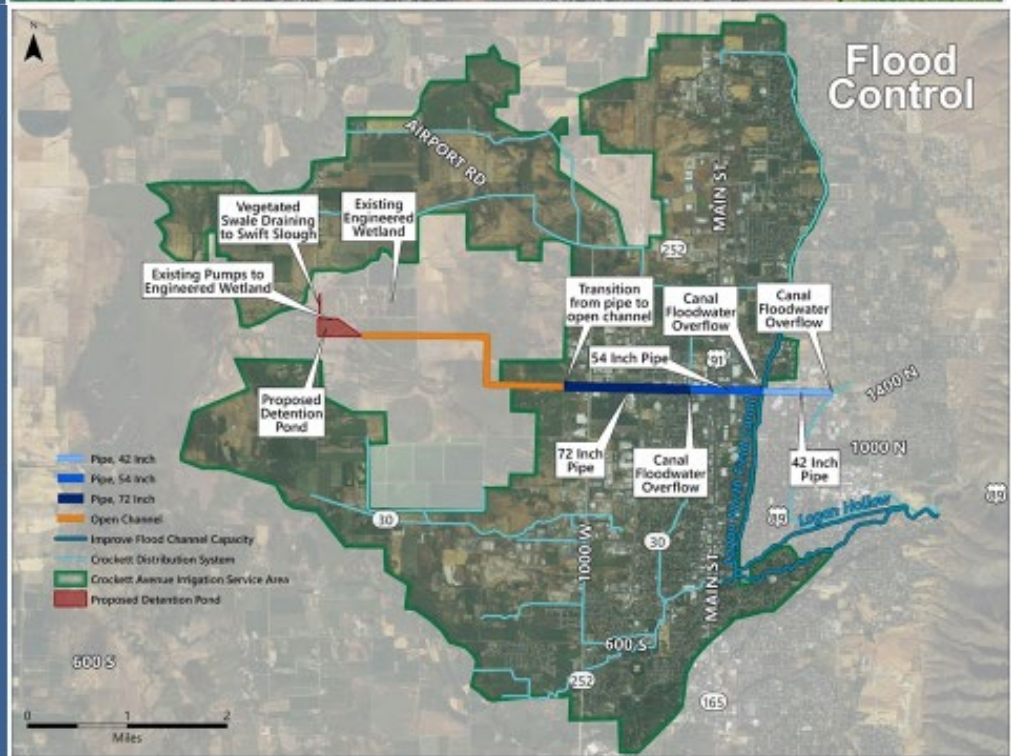
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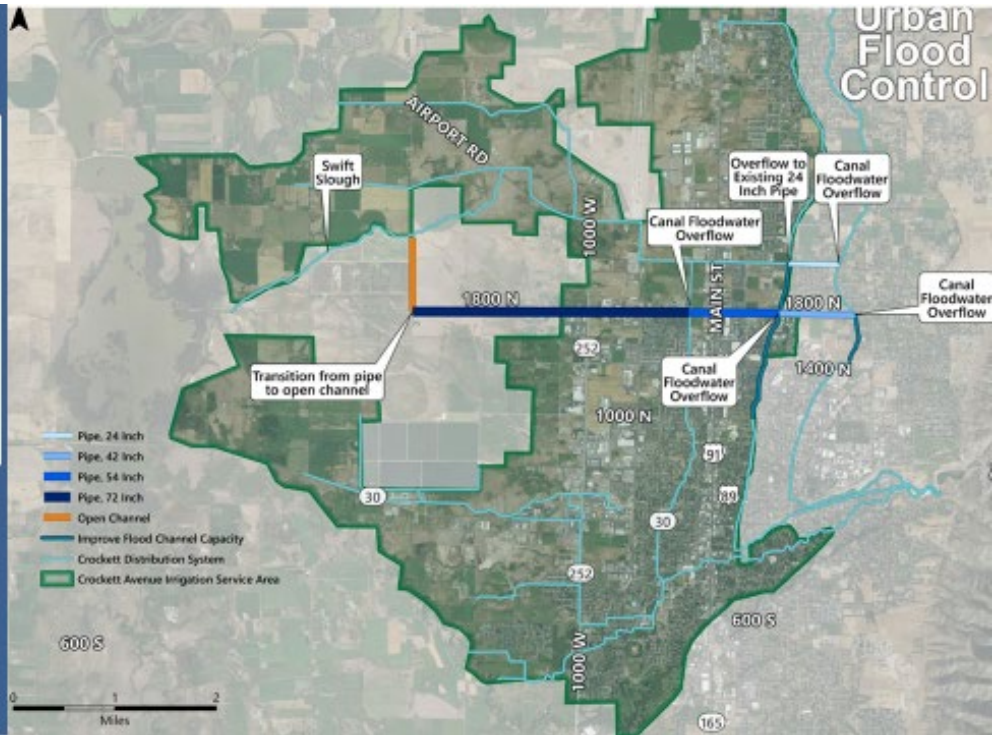
# RECREATION BASED ON INPUT



# FLOOD CONTROL PRIOR TO INPUT



# FLOOD CONTROL BASED ON INPUT AND MODEL FINDINGS



Additional descriptions of potential alternatives, and information are available on the project webpage: <https://bit.ly/LoganRiverWatershedProject>

The screenshot shows the website for the Logan River Watershed Project. The main heading is "Logan River Watershed Project". Below it, there is a "Project Information" section with a list of documents:
 

- Logan River Watershed Map (1.17 MB)
- Logan River Potential Disturbance Areas Map (1 MB)
- Logan River Watershed Project EIR (7.85 MB)
- Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Logan River Watershed Project (472.04 KB)

 Below this is a "Preliminary Proposed Action and Alternatives" section. The text reads:
 

The watershed-focused planning area is approximately 73,285 acres. NRCS will evaluate a minimum of two action alternatives and the no action alternative in the Draft EIS. NRCS will provide technical and financial assistance for the proposed project through the NRCS Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program, and NRCS will also design and implement a selected alternative. Possible alternatives are:

**ROUGH  
AMBITIOUS  
SCHEDULE**

- NRCS/SPONSOR REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT EIS  
NOVEMBER 28–DECEMBER 27, 2024
- NRCS/SPONSOR RE-REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT EIS  
JANUARY 27–FEBRUARY 9, 2025
- NWMC REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT EIS  
MARCH 19–APRIL 17, 2025
- NATIONAL HEADQUARTER PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW  
AUGUST 30–SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
- PUBLISH DRAFT EIS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
OCTOBER 29–DECEMBER 19, 2025
- FINAL EIS  
MARCH 19, 2026
- RECORD OF DECISION  
APRIL 2, 2026

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