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Dear Dr. Gaddis:

This letter is in response to your request, received by EPA on February 8, 2018, for approval of the 2015 (Revised 2017) Salt Lake County Integrated Watershed Plan. EPA reviewed this submittal and has found that the plan addresses all of the elements required by the Clean Water Act and 40 C.F.R. subpart 130.6(c). Therefore, I am pleased to approve this plan.

EPA appreciates Salt Lake County's efforts to develop a comprehensive plan that identifies and prioritizes water quality concerns. This document updated the 2009 Salt Lake Countywide Water Quality Stewardship Plan (WaQSP) and it adequately addresses the aspects that EPA requested in our previous approval letter.

In the next planned update Salt Lake County will need to incorporate some key changes and new information emerging over the next several years, including:

- Assigned waste load allocations for all point sources of pollution and load allocations for nonpoint sources of pollution that will be identified in the Jordan River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Phase II;
- Results of the proposed pilot studies described in Section 4.5 of this document and plans for future projects that would lead to water quality improvement;
- Nutrient criteria currently under development by the Utah Division of Water Quality and changes to stormwater discharge permits that will address TMDL requirements.

It is my understanding that the next update is scheduled for 2025 or earlier if necessary, to evaluate proposed actions that affect area-wide water quality planning. The importance of continuing this effort is vital, as it is through integrated areawide planning efforts such as this that the complex problems of water quality impairments are solved. Should your staff have any questions regarding this matter, the most knowledgeable person on our staff is Gary Kleeman, who may be reached at (303) 312-6246.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darcy O'Connor", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Darcy O'Connor
Assistant Regional Administrator
Office of Water Protection

cc: Alan Matheson, Utah Department of Environmental Quality
Lynn Berni, Salt Lake County, Watershed Program