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NEXT STEPS

Implementing the GSLBIP is a daunting task; an IWA has never been completed at this scale in Utah. Water supply challenges faced throughout the watershed, and especially at GSL, could not be more urgent. Developing and implementing the GSLBIP could not be more important. The GSLBIP will need to overcome significant social, political, and technical challenges that will require an unprecedented level of trust, cooperation, and spirit throughout the watershed. Therein is the key for success: connection, a shared understanding and a commitment to a shared outcome. This Work Plan provides a roadmap to action; a path to a GSLBIP that will provide GSL's watershed with every opportunity to succeed. However, durable outcomes and long-term success will largely depend upon one thing—the GSL watershed moving forward together with a new view of water and community. It can be done.

A STORY OF ONE LAKE, ONE COMMUNITY

The GSL community was not always able to tackle and overcome extremely challenging issues. As recently as 15 years ago, lake stakeholders often thought and acted independently. Conflict was common, resolution was infrequent. Increasing challenges, passionate leadership, and a common desire to protect the lake, however, brought lake stakeholders together as one community. One community that revolved around the idea of one lake. They had different interests, opinions, and agendas, but they agreed that they only had one lake. A view of one lake forged one community. That one community is what in turn is preserving one lake.



A VIEW FOR ONE WATER, ONE COMMUNITY

The GSL watershed is a closed basin. Everyone who lives, works, and plays within this watershed relies upon the same, precious one water. We must begin to think about our watershed as a community, considering where our water comes from and where it goes. The water we use was once used or passed through someone’s system upstream. The water we drain, flush, or return is inevitably used by someone or something downstream. We all use and rely upon one water (Figure 5-1). That one water is what makes us one community. It will take one community to preserve one water for future generations.

The intent of this Work Plan is to create that opportunity.

MOVING FORWARD

Over 150 individuals contributed to this Work Plan and has resulted in significant interest and momentum throughout the GSL watershed to implement it. This momentum must be maintained through implementation even as the draft Work Plan is reviewed by the public. Active planning must be balanced with no regrets actions. Monies are available, there is a social and political will to act, and time is of the essence. No regrets actions can be considered and taken (refer to Appendices D and E). Outreach and engagement efforts with the community have already begun as this Work Plan is rolled out to the public and work begins (refer to Appendix C, *Communications and Outreach Plan*). WRe and Reclamation are already mobilizing staff, leveraging partnerships, and contemplating contracts to begin work in January 2024 (refer to Appendices H, I, and J). This Work Plan provides a roadmap for the GSLBIP; the State of Utah is already moving forward to a resilient water supply.

Figure 5-1. Great Salt Lake One Water

