

UTAH'S EXPERIENCES WITH WASTEWATER REUSE AS A WATER SUPPLY REBALANCING ACT



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Presentation Outline

- Reuse Challenges
- Statutory Background
- Statutory Summary
- Selected Projects
 - 16 Projects filed between 1999 and 2010
- Future Outlook
 - Reuse coming in different “flavors”

Reuse Challenges

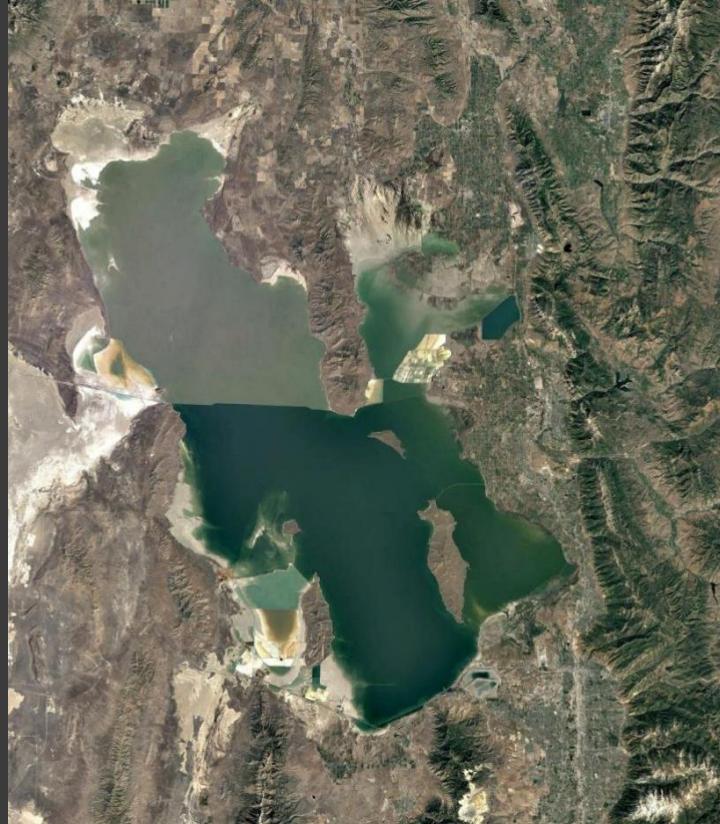


- The Great Salt Lake is the bottom of an Endorheic Basin.
- Many of the hydrologic basins within the Wasatch Front are over-appropriated.

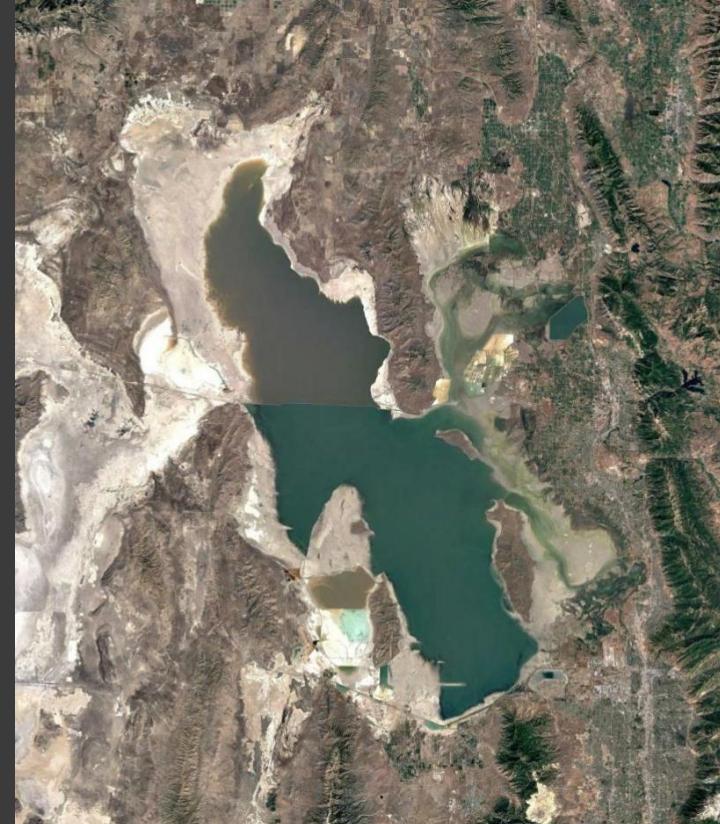
- Roughly 80% of Utah's population lives on the Wasatch Front



Great Salt Lake



2000



2016

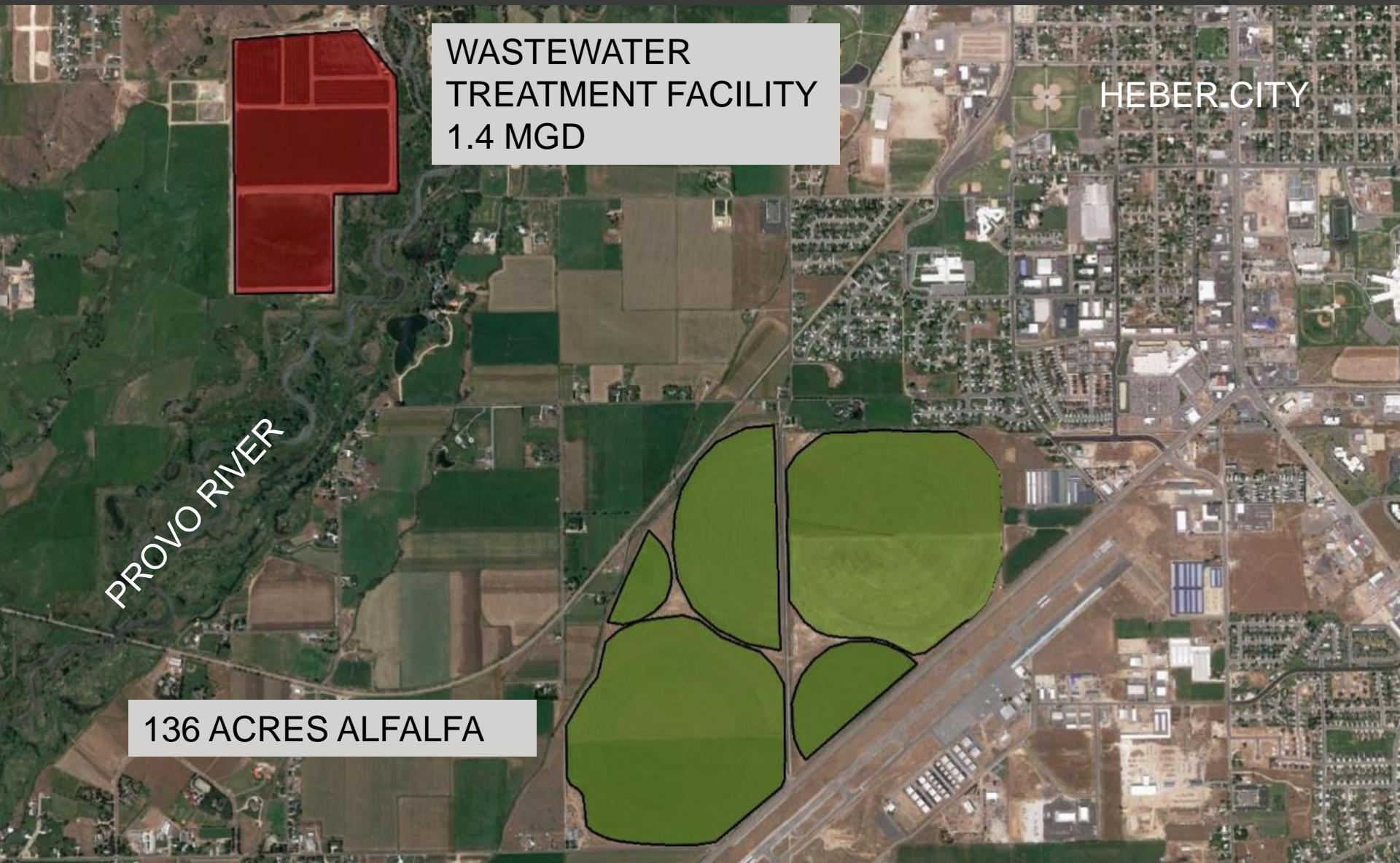
Statutory Background

- Pre-statutory Reuse Projects
- Conservation and Use of Sewage Effluent Act of 1995
- Administrative Rules for Reuse in 2003
- Water Reuse Act of 2006

Statutory Summary

- Who can apply?
 - Public Agencies
 - Must maintain control of water
- Application Process:
 - Application to Water Quality Board
 - Application to the State Engineer
 - Application
 - Advertising
 - Protest Period
 - Informal Hearing
 - Order of the State Engineer

Heber Valley SSD



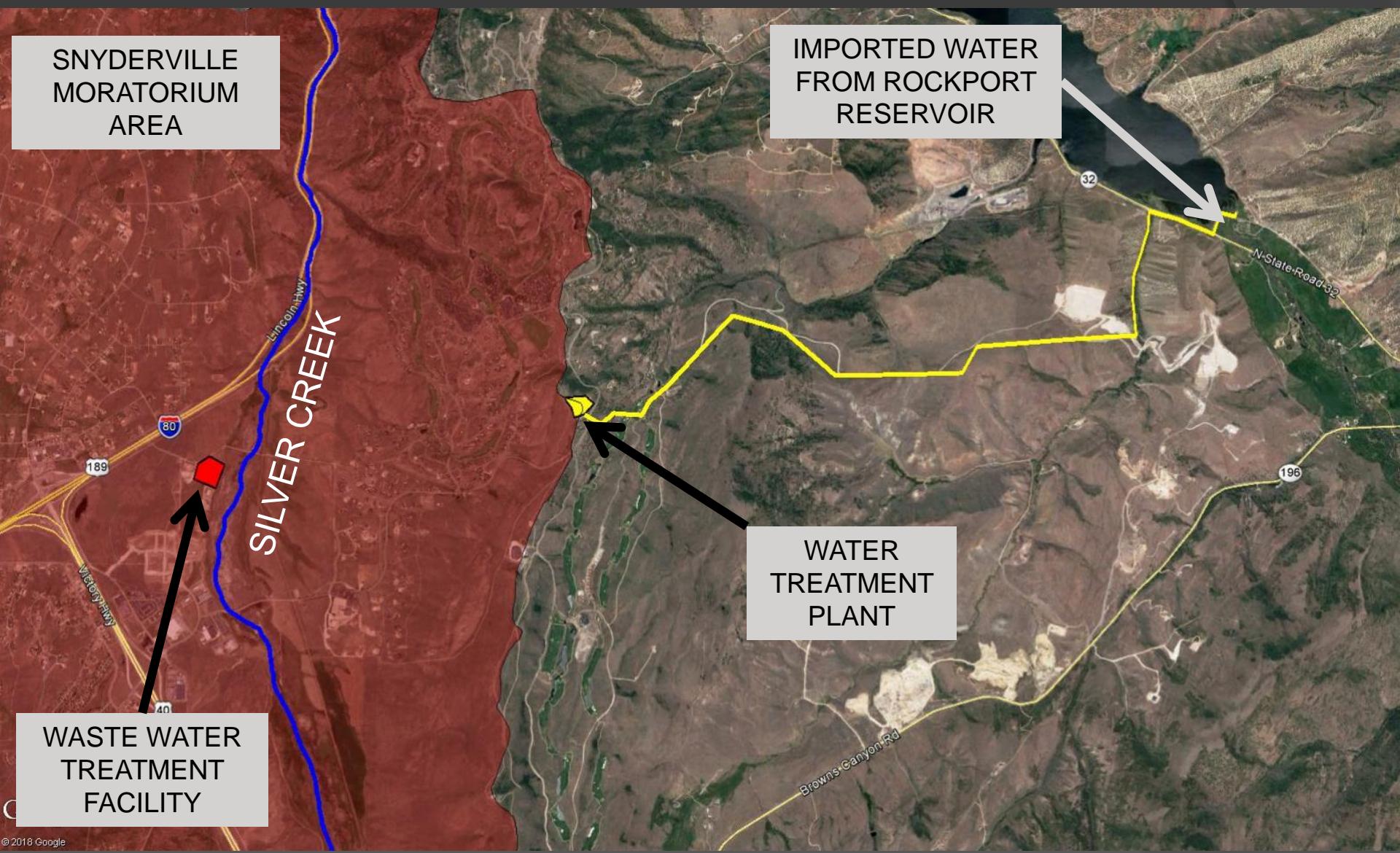
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Future Reuse Outlook

- Last Reuse Application filed in 2010
- Current projects bring interesting wrinkles to wastewater reuse.
- Examples
 - Mountain Regional Water District – mixes reuse thinking with imported water accounting.
 - Provo City – Exploring wastewater reuse mixed with aquifer storage/recovery.

Mountain Regional Water District



Provo City

- The Proposal:
 - Combine sewer reuse with aquifer storage and recovery.



- Has the public agency “lost control” of the water in an aquifer storage project?

A landscape photograph of a river at sunset. On the left, a large, light-colored rock formation with horizontal sedimentary layers rises from the water. Bare trees stand on the right bank. The water is calm, reflecting the warm orange and yellow hues of the setting sun. The sky is a clear blue with a few wispy clouds.

QUESTIONS?