



GUIDING OUR GROWTH

A STATEWIDE CONVERSATION ABOUT UTAH'S FUTURE

WORKSHOP NOTES

FCAOG (Cedar City)

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Like/Preserve:

- Small town - know your neighbors
- Natural resource
 - Viewsheds (& Zion National Park)
 - Energy/ "covered natural resources"
 - Recreational opportunities
- Heritage
 - Even if community is extraction or tech honor the original heritage
 - Native American culture

Challenges

- Water
 - Require water for growth, lack of water
 - Reservoirs in Escalante run out of water every year
 - Funding water infrastructure
 - Funding for metering and conservation, but for water rights there is chaos
 - Water rights
 - In Parowan valley water is over appropriated
 - Mechanism to buy back new or young water rights or another way to not throw the market into chaos and turn neighbors against each other
- Housing
 - Limited housing for low or moderate income
 - People commuting great lengths as affordable housing is limited
 - Large employers are struggling to retain employees because of lack of housing
 - Large amounts of quality candidates but unable to stay due to housing
- Public lands
 - 3.3 million acres in Panguitch county and 93% of that is public lands
 - They receive 0.34 cents an acre for maintenance
 - 2-4 million visitors per year to these public lands
 - Struggle to survive with EMS, garbage, road upkeep, etc
 - EMS/SAR all volunteers and are overwhelmed. Calls 3x a week in summer
 - SITLA - relook at mandate and goals - highest and best use often means highest and best dollar
 - Maybe trade some of these for federal lands that border towns

- Trade for some land-locked SITLA lands that are surrounded by public/federal lands
- Government overreach
 - Feds tell states/ states tell communities
 - 'Don't do to us what the feds do to the state' Legislators from N Utah want them to do things that the Wasatch Front does that aren't applicable
 - Affordable housing plan in Paiute county - silly (there's no water, no sewer, no population)

Growth in rest of state

- Increased taxes for schools (even in areas without kids)