White River Partnership Meeting – Nonpoint Source Funding

November 21st, 2019

Overview - UDWQ’s Nonpoint Source Program

The State of Utah’s Nonpoint Source (NPS) program was established in 1990 and is administered by the Division of Water Quality. Utah’s NPS program is focused on improving the water quality of impaired waterbodies through a voluntary and incentive based approach. The incentive offered to cooperators is financial assistance to off-set the cost of implementing projects that protect and improve water quality. These projects employ a suite of Best Management Practices (BMPs) and follow the watershed based planning strategy contained within the Statewide NPS Management Plan and appendices.

Section 319 funding is awarded each year to the State of Utah through a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. A requirement of 319 funding is that every project must adhere to a 60/40 cost share rate. This means that 60% of the total project cost can be paid using section 319 funding, and the remaining 40% will need to be paid by other non-federal funds, or as “in-kind” match. A summary of projects using 319 funds in the state can be found in the EPA Grant Recording and Tracking System.

State Nonpoint Source Funding is provided by the Utah Water Quality Board every year from the interest on loans to communities for the maintenance and construction of sanitary sewage systems. The Water Quality Board recognizes that NPS pollution is a growing problem while point source pollution is progressively being dealt with through improved treatment. These funds are used for on-the-ground implementation, NPS studies, and information and education efforts to promote the protection and improvement of water quality. Applications are ranked by the Water Quality Task Force made up of a team of resource professionals from federal, state and local agencies. Ranking criteria reflect the priorities of the Nonpoint Source program, including protecting public health, restoring impaired waters, and preventing surface and ground water pollution.

Uinta Basin Status (as of 2016 Integrated Report)

Number of assessment units: 103
Number of impaired assessment units: 43
Number of approved total maximum daily load documents (TMDLs): 7
Next priority 319 funding year for the Uinta Basin: FY2025
2016 Integrated Report Category for White River Assessment Unit: Insufficient Data
Online Resources

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Reports/Watershed Plan Information
https://deq.utah.gov/water-quality/watershed-monitoring-program/watershed-management-program

Nonpoint Source Information
https://deq.utah.gov/water-quality/funding-for-nonpoint-source-related-projects

DEQ Interactive Map – look up location of impaired assessment units, TMDLs, etc.
https://enviro.deq.utah.gov/

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