

STUDY OBJECTIVES

Senate Bill 270 “Utah Lake and Great Salt Lake Study Amendments” 2024 Utah Legislative Session

“The division shall conduct a study to determine how to enhance the following benefits associated with Utah Lake in a manner consistent with the division's management authority over sovereign lands under Section 65A-10-1:

- a Improving the clarity and quality of the water
- b Conserving water resources in and around the lake
- c Removing invasive plant and animal species (including *Phragmites* and carp)
- d Restoring and improving the shallow waters (littoral zone) and other plant communities
- e Restoring and conserving native fish and other aquatic species (including Bonneville cutthroat trout and June sucker)
- f Increasing the suitability of Utah Lake and its surrounding areas for shorebirds, waterfowl, and other avian species
- g Maximizing, enhancing, and ensuring recreational access and opportunities
- h Improving the use of Utah Lake for residents and visitors
- i Substantially accommodating an existing use on land in or around Utah Lake
- j Providing any other benefits identified by FFSL

Overall, the study is intended to help inform and improve discussions about Utah Lake and the enhancement of Utah Lake. This study will also respect the need to preserve water rights and interests related to water collection, storage, or delivery and projects for water collection, storage, or delivery associated with Utah Lake. Consultation with the state engineer will also be a part of this study.



Utah Division
of Forestry, Fire
& State Lands

UTAH LAKE STUDY

 OPEN HOUSE 2025

APPROACH



Assemble
the Project
Team



Review available
information, literature, and
data concerning improving
Utah Lake, and assessing
the scientific, technical,
measurement, and other
informational needs for
determining methods to
enhance Utah Lake.



Develop the
study to fill
those
informational
needs.



Present the findings
and a proposed plan
to implement the
findings during the
Interim Session of
the Utah State
Legislature in
November 2025.



Utah Division
of Forestry, Fire
& State Lands

UTAH LAKE STUDY OPEN HOUSE 2025

THE PROJECT TEAM

Steering Committee



State agency directors or their designees. The Steering Committee's job is to ensure that the findings of the study are scientifically sound, legally defensible, and do not interfere with water rights, water collection, storage, or delivery associated with Utah Lake.

Planning Team



Interdisciplinary technical working group representative of the 10 Utah Lake benefits defined by SB-270, comprised of state agencies, academia, non-governmental organizations, and others.

Consultant Team



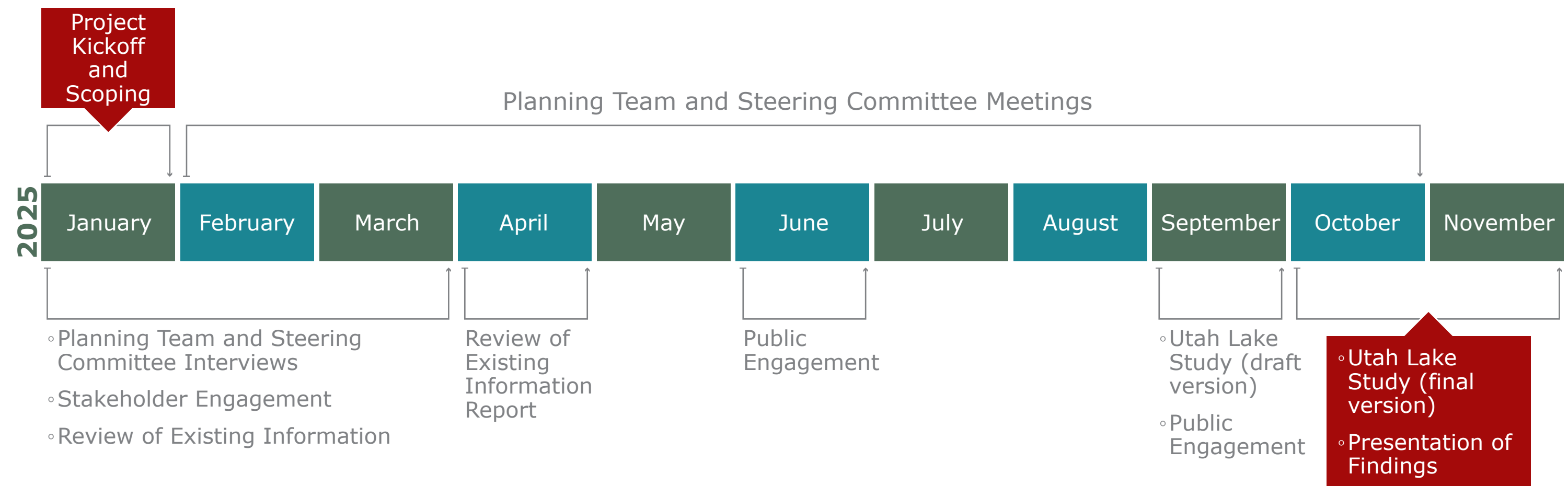
Led by Jacobs Engineering and supported by The Langdon Group, Tetra Tech, and Carp Solutions.



Utah Division
of Forestry, Fire
& State Lands

UTAH LAKE STUDY OPEN HOUSE 2025

PROJECT TIMELINE



Utah Division
of Forestry, Fire
& State Lands

UTAH LAKE STUDY OPEN HOUSE 2025

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

? How is this Utah Lake Study different from the other current or ongoing Utah Lake studies?

Over the years, many issues have heightened concern over Utah Lake. The immediate need for innovative action to address these challenges on and around Utah Lake has led to several studies and plans, legislative policies, strategic planning efforts, and scientific research, including the following:

- ▶ The Utah Division of Water Quality is developing a water quality implementation plan as part of the **Utah Lake Water Quality Study** that specifically seeks to improve water quality conditions in Utah Lake.
- ▶ The Utah Lake Authority adopted the **Utah Lake Management Plan**, prepared in January 2024, that outlines a vision and process for achieving goals and objectives that are shared among management agencies.
- ▶ In parallel to conducting the Utah Lake Study, FFSL is also updating the **Utah Lake Comprehensive Management Plan**. The primary purpose of the Utah Lake Comprehensive Management Plan is to guide FFSL, along with other local, state, and federal partners, in managing, allocating, and appropriately using Utah Lake's sovereign land resources. The Utah Lake Comprehensive Management Plan expected completion date is spring 2026.

FFSL intends to leverage these existing plans and studies—not duplicate them—to ensure that the Utah Lake Study is based on the best available science and information and can effectively work in concert with existing plans.

Please visit
the **Frequently
Asked Questions**
Resources
below for more
information.



Utah Division
of Forestry, Fire
& State Lands

UTAH LAKE STUDY OPEN HOUSE 2025

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?



385-347-0477



info@UtahLakeStudy.com



Comment Form: UtahLakeStudy.com/contact-us

Many state, federal and local government agencies, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, industry representatives and the public are working together to protect Utah Lake. Several councils and committees also contribute. Please visit these websites for additional information about Utah Lake.

Please visit the **Additional Resources** below for more information.



Utah Division
of Forestry, Fire
& State Lands

UTAH LAKE STUDY OPEN HOUSE 2025