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Follow-Up Town Hall Meeting to Address Oil Spill Cleanup and Recovery Efforts

Officials to Provide Update One Month after Red Butte Canyon Spill

SALT LAKE CITY – Exactly one month after crude oil was discovered spilling out from a pipeline into Red Butte Creek, Mayor Ralph Becker and the City Council will again host a Town Hall meeting to report on cleanup efforts and answer questions from the public. The meeting will be held on Monday, July 12, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Clayton Middle School, 1470 South 1900 East.

Representatives from the Red Butte Canyon Oil Spill Unified Command, made up of officials from Chevron, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Salt Lake County, Salt Lake Valley Health Department and Salt Lake City, will address questions and concerns and share the most recent information on spill cleanup and restoration. The Unified Command is tasked with overseeing the oil spill response and recovery effort and has developed a draft Cleanup/Recovery Plan, which considers short-term and long-term objectives, including issues such as access to public areas, safety and restoration.

"Two days after the spill, a Town Hall meeting was held and a promise was made to meet again with residents in a month's time," said Mayor Becker. "We know residents and business owners continue to have questions and want to know what has been done and what yet needs to be done to properly address the impacts of the disaster."

Since the spill, Salt Lake City has hired Dalton, Olmsted & Fuglevand, Inc., a nationally acclaimed environmental consulting and remediation firm, to provide separate and independent advice and oversight on cleanup of the Red Butte Creek oil spill. The City also appointed Robin Carbaugh as a community ombudsman to serve as a confidential resource for residents affected by the oil spill as they seek to have their needs addressed during the Chevron cleanup effort.