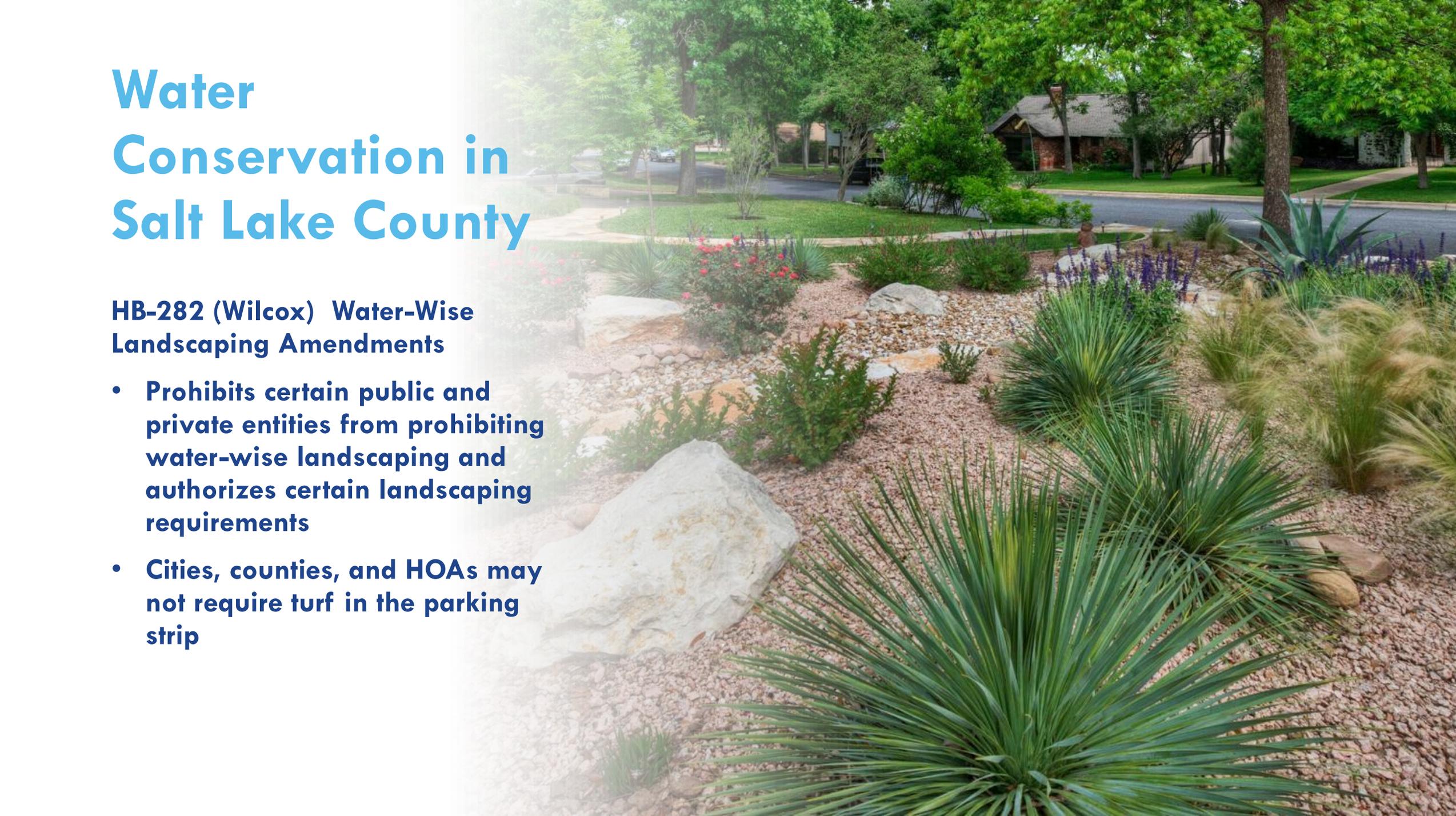


# 2022 Water Legislative Policy Breakdown

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# Water Conservation in Salt Lake County



## **HB-282 (Wilcox) Water-Wise Landscaping Amendments**

- **Prohibits certain public and private entities from prohibiting water-wise landscaping and authorizes certain landscaping requirements**
- **Cities, counties, and HOAs may not require turf in the parking strip**

# Water Conservation in Salt Lake County

## HB-121 (Spendlove) Water Conservation Modifications

- **Imposes water conservation requirements on state owned facilities**
  - Turf restrictions on new state facilities (no more than 20%)
  - Sets outdoor water use conservation targets for state facilities - 5% by 2023, 25% by 2026
- **Requires Leg. Water Development Committee to study water conservation**
- **Requires the adoption of additional conservation measures**
  - Shutoff, moisture sensors, etc.
- **Establishes a turf buyback program**

# Water Conservation in Salt Lake County

## SB -110 (McKell) Water as part of the General Plan

- **Mandates for municipal general plans requiring local governments to address land use and water use together.**
- **Compliance deadline 12/31/25**

## SLCo Impact - West General Plan

- The WGP currently includes Water Conservation as part of the plan exceeding current general plan requirements.
- SLCo has set the framework to meet the elements required in SB 110 by 2025



## Indirect Bills

### HB242 (Peterson) Secondary Water Metering Amendments

- Prohibition on new unmetered secondary connections extended to rural counties
- All secondary suppliers required to install meters before Jan. 1, 2030
- Provides \$250 million in ARPA funds to help cover provider costs
- Bill does provide exceptions for certain providers
- Bill does not affect SLCo operations. However, we anticipate future legislation that might. We are supportive of the concept of secondary metering for commercial use

# Indirect Bills

## HB-33 (Ferry) Instream Water Flow Amendments

- **Potential to hold water right without using it for a long period of time and allow the water to flow to the Great Salt Lake and still protect the water right**
- **Any “person entitled to the use of water” may file a change application for instream flow or use of water on sovereign lands**
- **Change application must be approved by one of the following state divisions: parks; wildlife; forestry, fire and state lands**

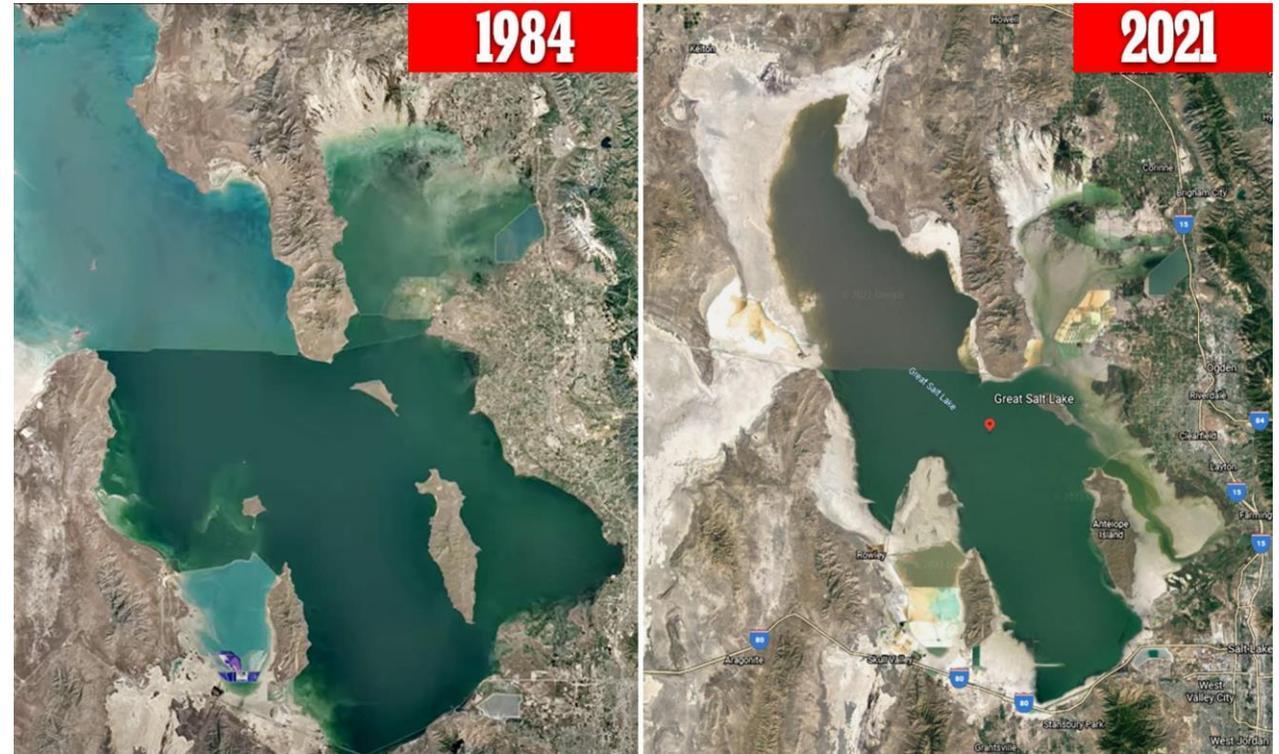
# Great Salt Lake Bills

## HB-410 (Wilson) Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement

- Creates the framework for a water trust
- Allocates \$40M to that trust via non-profits and water agencies
- Outlines policies for grants and programs to promote, enhance, develop the Great Salt Lake and to maintain the lake for wildlife, mining, and public access

## HB-429 (Miles) Great Salt Lake Amendments

- Directs Division of Water Resources to conduct an Integrated Water Resource Plan
- Appropriates \$5M for that purpose



# Bills That Did Not Pass

## **SB-73 (Iwamoto) Flow Rates or Quantity for Plumbing Fixtures**

- **Would establish new maximum standards for fixtures (showerheads, faucets, and toilets)**

## **HB-95 (Ward) Landscaping Requirements**

- **Municipality or HOA may not require a property owner to plant or maintain turf**
- **Must provide alternatives to turf**

# Takeaways for SLCo

- **One of the strongest sessions for water conservation by the Legislature**
- **SLCo will continue to monitor the drought and audit our own internal water footprint and policies**
- **No silver bullets everyone agrees on**
- **While other agencies have a bigger role in water policy, SLCo can still do its part**
- **HB 121 is a good model for SLCo facilities to follow**

# Questions?

