



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 16, 2024

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Discussion and Approval of San Juan County MPS Contract FY2025 with the Department of Environmental Quality by Grant Sunada, Public Health Director

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

SUMMARY

The purpose of this funding is to support the main activities of the San Juan County Environmental Health Director. The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Utah's local health departments (LHDs) are in a process to establish minimum performance standards (MPS) that all parties can agree upon and that meet state and federal laws and regulations, as well as best practices.

The MPS are designed to ensure that all Utahns have access to high-quality environmental services, regardless of where they live. The MPS covers a wide range of topics, including

- Environmental health programs (Drinking water safety, Onsite wastewater treatment systems, Air quality, Solid waste management, Environmental emergencies)
- Public environmental health emergency preparedness, Data Reporting, and Collaboration

LHDs are required to develop, implement, and maintain environmental health programs to meet the unique community needs as defined by the local Board of Health as outlined in R305-10 and Utah Code 26A-1-114.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

Approval of previous Environmental Health Service Delivery Plan by San Juan County Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total funding allotment for San Juan County Health Department is \$62,246 (compared to \$73,498 in FY2024). The funding becomes effective July 1, 2024, and will be disbursed in quarterly installments beginning August 1, 2024.

This and the DEQ Workplan Contract covers a portion of related Environmental Health costs leaving \$37,276.55 to be covered by state and local Public Health Minimum Performance Standards funding.