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Jennifer Clancy,
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Dear Water Symposium Participants:

The news coverage and resulting public awareness about water shortage, water conservation, and watershed protection is increasing. As you may know, the management of water in the west is multijurisdictional. It is a classic case of almost everyone agreeing about what needs to be done but little agreement about who will do it and more importantly who will pay for it.

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Friends of Alta is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that was founded in 1981 to protect the watershed and environment of Alta, Utah. To date, a concerted effort has been made resulting in 19 conservation easements on undeveloped property in Albion Basin. Friends of Alta partners with the Town of Alta, Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities, Salt Lake County and the U.S. Forest Service in protection of critical watershed values, wildlife habitat, and encouraging stewardship and sustainability of Alta's environment.

On Wednesday, August 20th, beginning at 9:00am and concluding at 5:00pm Friends of Alta with support from the Town of Alta, Salt Lake County, and others, will host a symposium on water conservation and watershed protection.

The event will be held in Albion Basin at Alf's through the generous assistance of the Alta Ski Area. The agenda includes a brief outdoor session so appropriate dress is recommended. Space is limited to 200 participants so please let us know if you will be able to attend. There is a \$25.00 charge to cover the cost of putting on the event (includes a light breakfast and BBQ lunch).

Governor Jon Huntsman will begin the conference. Attorney General Marc Shurtliff will make an address, and Peter Corroon, Salt Lake County Mayor, will conclude the conference with his own observations. There will be two panels, one in the morning with Jerry Olds, the State Engineer, along with water users and academics associated with questions of watershed protection. Also present, Mayor Tom Pollard from the Town of Alta.

The afternoon panel will be moderated by Jeff Niermeyer, Director of Salt Lake City Public Utilities. The panel of users and experts will discuss the importance of a concerted public campaign for water conservation. The symposium will be informal and much time will be left for questions and open ended discussion. When the panel is concluded there will be guided hikes through Albion Basin and a beer and wine tasting which should conclude by 5:00pm.

Please use the enclosed RSVP card or contact Pama Rejali at (801) 305-4180, pama@patrickashea.com or Jen Clancy, Friends of Alta, at (801) 742-9719, jclancy@friendsofalta.org.

Sincerely,

Mimi Levitt
President, Friends of Alta

cc: Patrick A. Shea

p.s. If you would like to stay overnight so you can visit Cecret Lake, the wildflowers in Albion Basin, moose watch, or go for a hike, the Alta Lodge will offer discounted rooms at \$78.00, which includes a continental breakfast. Please contact Alta Lodge reservations at 801.742.3500.