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TWO NEW TRUSTEES CONFIRMED TO TRUST LANDS' BOARD

On February 17, 2010, the Utah State Senate confirmed two new members to the seven-member Board of Trustees of the State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA). Governor Gary R. Herbert has appointed Mike Mower of Murray, Utah, to replace Amanda Smith who is now the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality. Mower is currently the state's Planning Coordinator and will serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Mower served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Director for Governor Jon Huntsman prior to his current Planning Coordinator position. As a senior policy advisor to Governor Herbert, Mower coordinates state planning and public lands initiatives. He also acts as the lead for Utah's American Reinvestment Recovery Act.

Mower is a graduate of Brigham Young University and the University of Utah College of Law. He was a member of the Utah Valley University Board of Trustees and a former aide to Governor Mike Leavitt, Congressmen Howard Nielson and Chris Cannon, and Provo Mayor Lewis Billings.

The other new Board member is David J. Lambert of Highland, Utah. He will fill the unexpired term of John Scales, who moved to Washington State. Lambert is a professional geologist and has worked in the oil and gas industry for more than 30 years. Lambert's term will run until June 30, 2011.

Lambert worked for Samedan Oil Corp in Denver, Colorado, as its Division Geologist; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as Region Manager; and in Houston, Texas, as Exploration Manager of Onshore US, Mid-continent and Rocky Mountain Regions. He is currently an independent geoscience advisor.

He attended Brigham Young University for a Bachelor and Master of Geology, majoring in Stratigraphy and Sedimentation.

"We are really looking forward to both Mr. Mower and Mr. Lambert joining the board," says Board of Trustees' Chairman John Y. Ferry. "Mr. Mower's guidance and knowledge of land planning and development will significantly contribute to achieving our Trust development goals. Mr. Lambert's geological background is invaluable to one of the Trust's major income producers".

SITLA is an independent state agency managing 3.4 million acres of Utah trust lands for the financial benefit of Utah's public schools and 11 other public institutions. Money generated from school trust lands is deposited in the state Permanent School Fund, a perpetual endowment that annually distributes income to each K-12 public school in Utah

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