

Disclosure and Decision-Making Process

The following clarifies current decision-making procedures (outlined in the February 2014 Program Charter). These procedures may change if a more formal entity is created.

A disclosure form was approved by the Executive Board in November 2015. A gifting disclosure policy consistent with general municipal practice is also recommended.

Decision-Making Process

- The Mountain Accord Executive Board does not in and of itself have the authority to implement any actions other than the administration, budget, scope, and goals of the program itself.
- The Executive Board develops consensus positions on issues of substance through the consensus process outlined in the Program Charter. Issues of substance include the scope and goals of the program as well as complex multi-jurisdictional actions that do not fall under the Executive Board's authority.
- The Management Team makes recommendations on administrative decisions and the Executive Board approves administrative decisions through a simple majority vote.
- Mountain Accord decisions are reflected in decision memos and Executive Board meeting notes. Major consensus positions to-date are reflected in the Accord.

Utah Open and Public Meetings Act

If a formal inter-local agency is created, the entity would be required to comply with the Act. Currently, Mountain Accord is not a formal public body and is not required to comply; however, Executive Board meetings are open to the public and agendas and notes are posted on the website. Recordings of meetings may also be posted in the future.

Disclosure Forms

- All public officials that participate in decision-making or development consensus positions will complete Mountain Accord disclosure forms.
- The state legislators on the Executive Board do not participate in decision-making or development of consensus positions. Legislators and other interested parties signed the Accord, affirming their agreement to the process and the outcomes.
- The federal agencies on the Executive Board participate and inform discussion; however, they do not vote and they did not sign the Accord.