

EDITORIAL

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Personally, I am EXTREMELY opposed to the Hook Canyon Project that is being touted by a company called Symbiotics, LLC. I have not yet been to a public meeting on this project but have read items written from reporters for both this paper and for the Herald Journal that have reported on meetings held and I have also read information posted on both Symbiotics website and also the Bear Lake Watch website. First off, I am very offended that a company would use the term “green” as a “selling point” and as a word to describe their efforts as being “environmentally sound” instead of using it as a term to describe the bottom line which is another term of “green”-----MONEY!! That is what this project, in my opinion, is all about—nothing more and nothing less. I am not an engineer, nor an environmentalist, nor a lake biologist or anyone else that might have some education in an area of expertise concerning this project. However, that doesn’t make me stupid! This project should NEVER have even been considered for a lake that is known for its pristine, beautiful blue color and is the main economical source for so many people. If there is an “energy crisis” in our Utah bubble as has been proposed, there are other ways to handle that and selfish as it may sound, I do not believe it is OK to sacrifice all of us who are dependant on this lake, whether it be financially or otherwise, so that someone on the Wasatch Front can run their computers. There are other lakes and other means to solve this “problem” without doing it this way. It makes a person wonder why this lake was chosen. Who owns the property where the proposed holding reservoir would be? Why not do it on Utah Lake—it is already brown and closer to the Wasatch Front. This company has nothing to lose by proposing this project but has much to gain—financially that is. As far as I can tell, they claim that there will be little or no effect to the lake. How in the world could it NOT affect the lake? Of course it will! You don’t pump and release the amount of water they are proposing without having consequences. Symbiotics should be ashamed of themselves for even considering this as a viable place to do a project of this nature. There are still several questions I have about this proposal that I would like answered. However, nothing this company does or says is going to change the fact that this project WILL have a profound affect on this lake and all those that live and recreate here. Given the fact that there is no way they can prove beyond a doubt that what they are proposing will have ZERO affect on the lake and the economy attached to the lake I have three words for them-----GO SOMEWHERE ELSE!!!!