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Recycle Utah Announces Andy Hecht as New Executive Director

Park City, Utah (November 20, 2025) – Recycle Utah is pleased to announce that Andy Hecht has been selected as the organization's next Executive Director, beginning January 1, 2026. Hecht was chosen from a highly qualified pool of local candidates.

Hecht currently serves as Climate Fund Manager at the Park City Community Foundation, where he leads community partnerships to expand food-waste diversion. His experience coordinating local governments, haulers, schools, and businesses toward zero-waste goals makes this transition to Recycle Utah a natural next step. "I'm honored to join Recycle Utah at such a pivotal moment," Hecht said. "This organization has been a trusted environmental leader for decades, and I'm excited to help build on that legacy."

Recycle Utah Board Chair Ken Barfield highlighted Hecht's leadership and community experience. "We're thrilled to welcome Andy as our new Executive Director. He brings strong nonprofit expertise and a proven ability to build teams. Andy will guide Recycle Utah through our upcoming relocation after 35 years in our current facility, and our community is fortunate to have him at the helm."

Hecht steps in during a year of transition. Executive Director Carolyn Wawra stepped down in January, and General Manager Jim Bedell provided steady interim leadership through September. Recycle Utah expressed gratitude for their service and commitment.

Looking ahead, Recycle Utah is preparing for a major move to Lot 4, where a new facility will be constructed after a recent agreement with Park City Municipal and Summit County. The expansion will allow the organization to grow recycling services, community outreach, and environmental education. Hecht shared, "I've seen how powerful community-led environmental action can be here in Summit County. I'm grateful for the opportunity to help amplify that work."

About Recycle Utah

Recycle Utah empowers our community to live sustainably by connecting people with the knowledge, resources, and opportunities to reduce waste and protect our environment. As Park City's community sustainability hub since 1990, Recycle Utah operates a recycling center and delivers hands-on education programs that inspire environmental action. Serving over 400 cars a day and diverting more than 3.5 million pounds of material annually—including everything from sneakers to food waste to plastic bags—Recycle Utah helps residents and businesses make a tangible difference every day. Learn more about recycling, donating, and supporting local sustainability at recycleutah.org.

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