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## Nick Duerksen Named Land Development Director for The Point

*Land Authority hires development expert with extensive experience managing complex, multibillion dollar projects*

**DRAPER (June 25, 2024)** – The Point of the Mountain State Land Authority announced today they have selected Nick Duerksen to serve as Land Development Director for The Point. With nearly four decades of experience in the public sector, Duerksen brings a wealth of expertise to this newly created position. He will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of [Phase I Development](#) and any future development projects outside of the Phase I boundaries.

Duerksen comes to The Point from the Utah Transit Authority where he served as a project manager in the agency's transit-oriented development (TOD) division. In this capacity, Duerksen oversaw the design, construction and management of half a dozen mixed-use developments across the Wasatch Front. His work included preparing complex development plans and negotiating high-stakes development agreements for TODs in Ogden,, Clearfield, ,West Jordan, Draper, Midvale and Sandy. With a potential new [FrontRunner station planned near The Point](#) and the [planned extension of transit service](#) through the site, Duerksen's transit experience will be critical.

"Nick is a consensus builder who has a proven track record of getting things done. His decades of experience overseeing complex development projects in the surrounding communities make him a perfect fit for the job," said Alan Matheson, executive director for The Point. "I have had the pleasure of working with Nick in various capacities over the years and know him to be a collaborative, hard-working public servant who will seek to uphold the public interest at The Point."

Prior to managing UTA development projects, Duerksen served as the economic development director and redevelopment agency director for Sandy City. Major developments he successfully oversaw during his tenure included notable projects such as the [Jordan Commons](#), the [South Towne Expo Center](#), and [Real Salt Lake's America First Field](#), [Hale Center Theatre](#), East Village and Mountain America Credit Union corporate headquarters. In addition, Nick worked to bring residential, office, retail, hospitality, cultural and entertainment venues to Sandy's downtown area known as [The Cairns](#).

Nick started his career as a community development planner for [Five County Association of Governments](#) in southern Utah, which provided him with valuable insights into the importance of long-term, regional planning. "I find it very rewarding to take a project from the initial concept

phase and see it through to implementation,” said Duerksen. “My previous work in transit-oriented development, economic development and regional planning have positioned me well for this role. I look forward to working with the public and our stakeholders to develop The Point into a live, work and play community that current and future generations of Utahns can enjoy.”

From world-class shopping and retail to premier parks and open space, Duerksen has helped to build communities that improved Utahns’ quality of life. In recognition of his outstanding accomplishments, Duerksen was the recipient of the Best of State for Economic Development for The Cairns District in 2020 and was recently selected as the recipient of the prestigious Thayne Robson Award for Economic Development Leadership from the Economic Development Corporation of Utah (EDCUtah) for his exceptional dedication to economic development throughout the state.

Duerksen holds a bachelor of science degree from Utah State University in political science/ public administration. He is a member of dozens of national associations and is a highly sought-after speaker at industry conferences. For more information about Nick Duerksen and his new role at The Point, visit [thepointutah.org/our-team](https://thepointutah.org/our-team)

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#### **About [The Point](#)**

Utahns have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to develop the 600 acres of state-owned property called “The Point” in a way that is economically robust and environmentally sustainable. Widely recognized as one of the most significant development opportunities in Utah history, The Point is well served by vital infrastructure and centrally located at the heart of Utah’s fast-growing technology industry. The site offers unprecedented potential to create an innovation hub that catalyzes technological advancement, fosters mixed-use urban areas, and preserves parks and open space. The Point’s natural assets provide an opportunity for the site to develop in an environmentally friendly way that enhances Utahns’ quality of life.

#### **About [The Point of the Mountain State Land Authority](#)**

The Point of the Mountain State Land Authority was established by the Utah State Legislature in 2018. It is a 12-member board composed of state legislators and agency executives, local elected officials, and business leaders with a mandate to plan, manage and implement development at The Point that is in the public interest.

#### **Let’s Get to The Point**

More information, including live-streaming, recordings and materials of all board and working group meetings, is publicly available on The Point website at [www.thepointutah.org](https://www.thepointutah.org). Follow The Point on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).