

2022 Water Legislation

Utah's 2022 legislative session concluded with a record number of water-related bills and appropriations. Many were conservation-focused, totaling nearly \$500 million in spending.

Bill Summary	Impact to Water Resources	Actions Taken
HB121 prohibited certain lawn or turf requirements and imposed conservation requirements for state agencies. Appropriated \$5 million for a statewide turf buyback program.	Tasked the division with making state agency conservation data public and developing the statewide rebate program.	State agency conservation data is posted and being improved. The statewide rebate program will fully launch in spring 2023.
HB242 appropriated \$250 million in grants for the purchase and installation of water meters on pressurized secondary water systems. Systems must be metered by 2030 or face penalties from the Division of Water Rights for non-compliance.	Tasked the division with providing \$250 million in grants to install secondary water meters for providers through the Board of Water Resources .	As of January 2023, \$192 million has been awarded. The rest of the funds are expected to be awarded to final-round applicants in the coming months.
HB263 added an attorney whose practice area focuses on water law to the Utah Watersheds Council .	Added an attorney. The division helped establish the council.	Required no division action.
HB269 required water and wastewater service providers to address management of capital assets. Required coordination of several state agencies that work with water and gives reviewing authority to Water Development Coordinating Council	Tasked the Board of Water Resources to make rules to establish the elements of a capital asset management plan for a water conservancy district.	Historically, capital asset management plans for water conservancy districts were created individually. The board has not yet developed new rules.
HB282 prohibited certain public or private entities from prohibiting waterwise landscaping and authorized certain landscaping requirements.	Further incentivized waterwise landscaping .	Required no division action.

[See more](#) →



Bill Summary	Impact to Water Resources	Actions Taken
<p>HB429 required the Division of Water Resources to develop the Great Salt Lake Integrated Water Assessment to better understand how much surface and groundwater flow to the lake.</p>	<p>Tasked the division with developing the assessment.</p>	<p>Work group formed and is developing the assessment. Additionally, we applied for and received \$3.1 million in federal funding for a complementary basin study.</p>
<p>SB89 required water providers to set a goal equal to or greater than established Regional Conservation Goals.</p>	<p>The division developed Regional Conservation Goals in 2019. Tasked the division with creating a rule defining "water conserved."</p>	<p>Our conservation team is notifying all water providers of this new requirement. The division is currently developing the rule.</p>
<p>SB110 required water use and preservation to be part of a municipal general plan.</p>	<p>Tasked the division with hiring an employee to focus on this requirement and assist municipalities in integrating their land and water planning.</p>	<p>Hired the employee to focus coordination. Launched and participated in the Utah Growing Water Smart Workshop.</p>
<p>SB111 removed the Water Resources board member and the Water Quality board member from the Community Impact Fund Board.</p>	<p>CIB Board removed board members representing Water Resources and Water Quality.</p>	<p>Required no division action.</p>
<p>SB160 added a tribal representative to the Colorado River Authority (CRA) Board and required the authority to consult with tribes.</p>	<p>Added a tribal representative to the CRA Board. The division director is part of the CRA Board.</p>	<p>Required no division action.</p>

