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West Colorado River Watershed Council Meeting

Date: Monday, October 7, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Price City Public Works Complex, Dome A Conference Room

Attendance At Meeting (Council Members)

Name	Affiliation	Email	Phone #	Present	Zoom
Autumn Gillard	Paiute Tribe	agillard@pitu.gov			X
Bart Battista	Utah Wildlife Southern Advisory Council	bartb@bestfriends.org	(435) 275-2962		X
Bart Jensen	Jones & Demille Engineering	b.jensen@jonesanddemile.com	(435) 201-2507	X	
Bill Butcher	Price River Conservation District	wrbutcher@gmail.com	(435) 613-9193	X	
Brian Peterson	Fremont Irrigation Company	Bigrockcattle@gmail.com			
Cody Allred	PacificCorp	cody.allred@pacificcorp.com	(435) 687-4306	X	
Dino Kiahtipes	Farmer	circlekdino@gmail.com	(435) 650-0039	X	
Jay Humphrey	Emery Water Conservancy District	Jay.humphrey@ewcd.org	(435) 381-2371	X	
Jeff Richens	Price River Water Improvement District	jrichens@prwid.gov	(435) 636-9402	X	
Kerry Cook	Wayne County Commission	kerry@wayne.utah.gov	(435) 691-5197		
Kevin Cotner	Carbon Canal Company	kevin@uniteddieselservice.net	(435) 650-4173	X	
Leland Pollock	Garfield County Commission	leland.pollock@garfield.utah.gov			
Mike Noel	Kane County Water Conservancy District	mnoel5603@gmail.com	(435) 644-3997		
Miles Nelson	Price City	milesn@priceutah.net	(435) 637-5010	X	
Nick Sampinos	Rancher	nsampinos@emerytel.com.net	(435) 820-6191	X	
Randy Erwin	Green River Canal Company	randy@double-e-inc.com			
Russell Seeley	Price River Watershed Council	rseeley@utah.gov	(435) 650-8519		X
Sue Bellagamba	The Nature Conservancy	sbellagamba@tnc.org	(435) 259-7607		X
Thomas DeHart	Trout Unlimited	thomas.dehart@tu.org			
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Attendance at Meeting (Liaisons to the Council)

Name	Affiliation	Email	Phone #	Present	Zoom
Amy Dickey	Utah Division of Water Quality	adickey@utah.gov	(801) 979-2313	X	
Anthony Beals	Natural Resources Conservation Service	anthony.beals@usda.gov			X
Cash Stallings	Water Rights	cstallings@utah.gov			
Kurt Robins	USFS, Fishlake National Forest	kurtis.robins@usda.gov			
Marc Stilson	Colorado River Authority of Utah	mkstilson@utah.gov			
Mark Quilter	Utah Department of Agriculture and Food	mquilter@utah.gov			X
Michael Freeman	Water Rights Regional Engineer	mjfreeman@utah.gov			
Michele Gabb	Utah Division of Water Rights	michelegabb@utah.gov	(435) 820-4924		X

Attendance at Meeting (Division of Water Resources)

Name	Affiliation	Email	Phone #	Present	Zoom
Carly Payne	Watershed Councils Coordinator	carlypayne@utah.gov	(801) 600-5629	X	
Rachel Shilton	West Colorado River Area Planning Specialist	rachelshilton@utah.gov			

Attendance at Meeting (Others)

Name	Affiliation	Email	Phone #	Present	Zoom
John Procarione	Price City	johnp@priceutah.net	(435) 637-5010	X	
Kathy Sherman	Price City	kathys@priceutah.net	(435) 637-5010	X	
Tom Moore	Utah Division of Water Resources/West Colorado River Basin Area Planning Specialist	tmoore@utah.gov		X	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Co-Chair Kevin Cotner.

Roll Call

Roll was called with those checked off in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

NOTE: Autumn Gillard's name, tribe & band is not correct. Cody Allred motioned to approve the minutes of June 24, 2024 with the corrections made to Autumn's information. Motion seconded by Nick Sampinos and carried.

Agenda Topics

Topic	Presenter
Review Contact Information Sheet and Membership	Carly Payne
Discussion Conversation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The West Colorado River Watershed Council Contact Information sheet was reviewed and passed around the room for members to make any corrections to their personal information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carly Payne will contact those on the list that are highlighted, or have not yet committed. She will make any corrections needed to the information sheet and email a revised copy to the members. 	

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Update from Utah Watersheds Council July Meeting	Cody Allred
Discussion Conversation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cody Allred, Council Representative, submitted the official certification application letter & Organizing Document to the State Council on July 11, 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The West Colorado River Watershed Council is now certified. ● Co-Chair Concept: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The State Council likes the idea because we are a large group. ● Changing the name of the West Colorado River Watershed Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Council agrees to keep the West Colorado River Watershed Council name. ● Next State Council meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carly Payne will email a notice for the State Council meeting on October 9th to all members. ● Watershed Council will be required to give an annual report to the State Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carly Payne will check into the date for the meeting. ○ The presentation will be added as one of the Agenda Items for the members to discuss. ○ Cody Allred will present the State Council with a report of the West Colorado River Watershed Council progress. 	

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Proposed Changes to Organizing Documents	Carly Payne
<p>Discussion Conversation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A review was conducted of the red lines on the Organizing Document and Policies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cody Allred motioned to adopt the changes to the Organizing Document and Policies. Motion seconded by Bart Jensen and carried. ○ Carly Payne will make the changes to the document. She will email all members a copy and make the document public. ○ Miles Nelson will be responsible to have a hard copy of the document present for every meeting. 	

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Ongoing Projects Within the Watershed	
<p>Discussion Conversation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kevin Cotner informed the attendees of two (2) projects within Carbon County. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The largest project is the Lower Basin Reservoir which is the construction of a 7500 acre foot reservoir in the Consumers area. The project is in the EIS stage. ○ The second project is the South Olsen Project which is a new storage facility for run-off water. The DWR and Jones and Demille are onboard with the project. ● Jay Humphrey informed the attendees of two (2) projects being looked at within Emery County. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Cleveland & Rolfson Reservoir dam rehabilitation. Both dams need to be brought up to State Standards. ● Cody Allred informed the attendees of three (3) Pump Storage Hydro projects that are still being studied. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are three (3) locations; Electric Lake, Rock Canyon & Barns Canyon. ○ The study is a four (4) year program and there should be an update from PacifiCorp next year. ● Amy Dickey informed the attendees that Tommy DeHart with Trout Unlimited is working on developing three (3) different proposals to seek funding from the Bureau of Reclamation for drought mitigation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The three (3) locations are: Downstream Scofield, Huntington Creek Watershed and Scofield Tributaries. ○ Trout Unlimited has contracted with Utah Division of Water Quality to perform watershed improvement projects on Mud Creek above Scofield Reservoir. ○ Work is being completed on Mud Creek and Winters Quarter Canyon for the construction of beaver dam interlocks, re-vegetation and a graze and management plan. ● Miles Nelson informed the attendees that Price City is moving into the design phase for the Water Treatment Plant upgrade. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The project is needed to address the plants aging infrastructure and dated technology. ○ Project will allow the plant to meet the state & federal requirements for water quality. ○ The upgrade will enable the plant to run year round. ○ Project will incorporate replacing the failing water lines from the springs. <p>Conclusion Closing: Cody Allred explained the State has FEMA money which can be accessed for infrastructure projects. There are also grants from the Division of Water Resources that can be obtained for projects.</p>	

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Ideas for Future Agenda Items – Tours, Presentations and Discussions	
<p>Discussion Conversation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carly Payne informed the attendees that the Division of Water Resources will pay for one (1) tour for the Council to attend. ● Agenda Topic: If your region is having a tour it will need to be placed on the Agenda for discussion. ● Tom Moore invited the members to a tour on Thursday, November 7, 2024 in Hanksville from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There will be a meeting from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., lunch and then the group will tour a blown out diversion. ○ Tom Moore will email the meeting information to the members. <p>Conclusion Closing: Tours would be a great way to get acquainted with each other and have an understanding of the projects in all areas within the boundary of the West Colorado River Watershed Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● West Colorado River Watershed Map <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Map will need to show regions, drainages, key reservoirs, irrigation companies, infrastructure, Council Member locations/county etc. ○ Tom Moore will coordinate with Michele Gabb and Bart Bartista to compile a map. ○ Tom Moore will email the members a rough draft of the map before the next meeting. ○ The map will be placed on the next meeting Agenda for discussion. ● State Water Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Council needs to create a State Water Plan by 2026. ○ A template will be created and Carly Payne will present it to the members when completed. ○ Carly Payne will email the act to the members before the next meeting. ○ Place the “Act” as an Agenda item for the next meeting. 	

Public Comment

There was no public comment for discussion.

Next Meeting (Date, Time & Location)

Tuesday, February 11, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. – Price City Public Works Complex

- Nick Sampinos motioned to approve the date, time & location for the next meeting. Motion seconded by Dino Kiahtipes and carried.
- Carly Payne and Tom Moore will reach out to Council Members in other counties to see if they are interested in hosting a meeting in their region next year.

Leadership Meeting (Date, Time & Location)

Tuesday, January 28, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. – Zoom

- Discuss Agenda Items for the February 11th meeting. **NOTE:** Make lines for notes under each Agenda Item.
- Carly Payne will email link for the meeting.

Adjourn

Bill Butcher motioned for the meeting to adjourn at 2:33 p.m.. Motion seconded by Bart Jensen and carried.