

West Colorado River Watershed Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 @ 1:00 PM

Price City Public Works Complex - 432 W 600 S - Price, Utah 84501

Welcome, Introductions, and Ensure Quorum - Kevin Cotner/Kerry Cook

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Approval of Meeting Minutes, March 26, 2025 - Kevin Cotner/Kerry Cook

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Agenda Topic: Seat Change: Sue Bellagamba with the Nature Conservancy to be replaced by Ellie Oakley with the Nature Conservancy.

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Agenda Topic: Council Membership 21st Seat (Tabled)

Agenda Topic: Plan a Council Tour for the Summer (Tabled)

Agenda Topic: On Demand Management Presentation - Marc Stilson, Colorado Authority of Utah

Agenda Topic: Provide an Update on the State Water Council Presentation on April 10th - Cody Allred

Agenda Topic: Watershed Map Update - Rachel Shilton

Agenda Topic: Review Survey from Stephanie McGinnis, State Water Plan Manager

Open Time for Other Items from Council Members

Public Comment

Schedule Next Meeting Date, Time and Location - Kevin Cotner/Kerry Cook

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Adjourn - Kevin Cotner/Kerry Cook

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West Colorado River Watershed Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Price City Public Works Complex, Dome A Conference

Attendance At Meeting (Council Members)

Name	Affiliation	Email	Phone #	Present	Zoom
Autumn Gillard	Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah	agillard@pitu.gov			
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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	X	
Kevin Cotner	Carbon Canal Company	kevin@uniteddieselservice.net	(435) 650-4173	X	
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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	(435) 299-9422	X	
Jaylene Mahleres	Price/Wellington Control Board	jmahleres@emerytelcom.net	(435) 650-1561	X	
Vacant Seat					

Attendance at Meeting (Liaisons to the Council)

Name	Affiliation	Email	Phone #	Present	Zoom
Amy Dickey	Utah Division of Water Quality	adickey@utah.gov	(435) 501-9581		
Anthony Beals	Natural Resources Conservation Service	anthony.beals@usda.gov			
Cash Stallings	Water Rights	cstallings@utah.gov			
Kurt Robins	USFS, Fishlake National Forest	kurtis.robins@usda.gov	(435) 491-0427	X	
Marc Stilson	Colorado River Authority of Utah	mkstilson@utah.gov	(801) 232-4790		
Mark Quilter	Utah Department of Agriculture and Food	mquilter@utah.gov	(801) 201-4397		X
Michael Freeman	Water Rights Regions 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	(801) 214-5771	X	

Attendance at Meeting (Others)

Name	Affiliation	Email	Phone #	Present	Zoom
Kathy Sherman	Price City	kathys@priceutah.net	(435) 637-5010	X	
John Boyd	Price City	johnb@priceutah.net	(435) 637-5010	X	
Olga Isupov	Division of Water Resources				X
Todd Stonely	Utah Division of Water Rights				X

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM by Co-Chair Kevin Cotner.

Roll Call

An X signifies those in attendance on Zoom or in-person.

Approval of Minutes

Nick Sampinos motioned to approve the minutes of February 11, 2025. Motion seconded by Bill Butcher and carried.

Agenda Topics

Topic	Presenter
Council Membership 21 st Seat	Kevin Cotner/Kerry Cook
Discussion Conversation: Tabled	
Conclusion Closing: Council needs representation from an individual in the Southern area.	

Agenda Topics

Topic	Presenter
State Water Plan Overview, Feedback and Basin Discussion	Stephanie McGinnis, State Water Plan Manager
Discussion Conversation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● State Water Plan Outline<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Plan will be updated every five (5) years.○ There is a tight timeline – First Draft of plan December 2025 /January 2026 – Final Draft by December 2026○ Plan will be 150 pages. Two (2) pages will be dedicated to each Council.○ The West River Watershed Council has a large geographic area with unique challenges and successes.○ Assistance from the Council is needed to help plan a public scoping meeting in the basin later this summer.○ A survey will be emailed to gather additional thoughts and input within the next week or two.○ A subcommittee of Council members will need to be formed to review the survey responses and decide which issue, need, and success should be focused on.○ Chapter Review<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Chapter 1 – Colorado River Authority, Instream Flow Legislation & Water Banking.▪ Chapter 2 – We need to be equal to other basins. Forecasting models need to be improved.▪ Chapter 4 – Agricultural Community – Underground drip system. Compensation for farmers who are conservation minded. Need to revisit the Water Market Strategy to see what the challenges are and how to make it easier.▪ Chapter 8 – They would like the Council to focus on this chapter. The Watershed Council will need to identify the most critical issue within the boundary of the watershed, the	

biggest need, and a success to highlight from within the area. This is different from the United Water Infrastructure Plan, where every organization should submit a list of projects for future funding.

- **State Funding**
 - Council needs to comprise a list of projects for future funding.
 - Package the projects together with phases (e.g. Agricultural, Water Quality etc.).
 - Coordinate to submit survey by early May.

Conclusion Closing: "Sue Bellagamba" The plan needs to be more robust for challenges we are facing".

Agenda Topics

Topic	Presenter
Review the Updated Watershed Map	Rachel Shilton/Carly Payne
Discussion Conversation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Map Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Instructions on how to navigate map were emailed along with a survey to Council members. ○ Rachel Shilton gave a presentation describing the layers on the map. ○ Create options to add a pin for Council member locations. ○ Cody Allred will present the map to the State Council on Thursday, April 10, 2025. 	
Conclusion Closing: "Rachel Shilton" Eventually we will develop a default format that is user friendly and will be accessible for everyone to view".	

Agenda Topics

Topic	Presenter
Plan a Council Tour for the Summer	Kevin Cotner/Kerry Cook
Discussion Conversation: Tabled	
Conclusion Closing: Schedule a tour this Fall 2025.	

Agenda Topics

Topic	Presenter
Plan for Cody's Presentation to the Utah Watershed Council on Thursday, April 10, 2025	
Discussion Conversation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Council Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report will need to be five (5) to seven (7) minutes long. ○ Contain Bullet Points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meetings ▪ Water Shed Facts ▪ Map ▪ Challenges & Future Focuses 	
Conclusion Closing: Cody will compile a rough draft of the presentation to email the Council for feedback.	

Agenda Topics

Topic	Presenter
Open Time for Other Items from Council Members	
Discussion Conversation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next Meeting 	

- Marc Stilson would like to present on demand management to the Council.
- Jaylene Mahleres will reach out to Marc to schedule the presentation for Wednesday, May 21, 2025.
- **Mission Statement**
 - Produce a Mission Statement that clearly reflects the Council's goals and values.
- **Symposium**
 - Carly Payne is entertaining the idea of a symposium to discuss water management issues, and to collaborate with watershed councils within Utah and other states.

Public Comment

There was no public comment for discussion.

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Adjourn

Bill Butcher motioned for the meeting to adjourn at 3:10 PM. Motion seconded by Bart Jensen and carried.