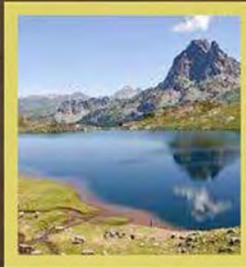
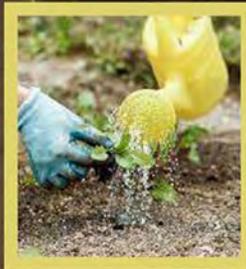


BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING

MARCH 18, 2026

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DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
1594 WEST NORTH TEMPLE, #310
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84114

Board of Water Resources Calendar

MONTH	PLACE
MARCH 18	St. George (After Utah Water Users Workshop)
MAY 14	Salt Lake City, DNR auditorium
JUNE 25	Salt Lake City, DNR auditorium
AUGUST 20	Salt Lake City, DNR auditorium
OCTOBER 8	TBD Sevier River Basin & Board Tour October 7
DECEMBER 8	Salt Lake City, DNR auditorium (Board Holiday Luncheon to follow)

**RIVER DISTRICTS
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BEAR RIVER

Dale Buxton

GREAT SALT LAKE

INTERESTS

Brian Steed



WEBER RIVER

Tim Hawkes



SALT LAKE

Juliette Tennert

PROVO RIVER

Michael Davis

GREEN RIVER

William Merkley

SEVIER RIVER

Blaine Ipson

UPPER COLORADO RIVER

Dana Van Horn

LOWER COLORADO RIVER

Spencer Jones

Agenda
Utah Board of Water Resources
Board Briefing and Action Meeting
March 18, 2026, 1:30 PM
Holiday Inn St. George Convention Center
1808 Crosby Way, St. George, UT 84790
Link to presentations and public comment form:
<https://water.utah.gov/comments/>
Livestream Link
Briefing & Board Meeting:
https://youtube.com/live/hLBMw_ddbi8

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Chair Mike Davis

NRCS SNOW REPORT:

Jordan Clayton

DISCUSSION OF BOARD PROJECTS:

Project

<u>Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Project Manager</u>
COMMITTAL OF FUNDS:			
RE469	Grantsville Irrigation Company	Tooele	Ann Baynard
RE490	Clinton City	Davis	Ann Baynard
RE503	Elberta Water Company	Utah	Ethan Stayner
RM129	Weber-Box Elder Conservation District	Weber	Ann Baynard
RM130	South Ogden Conservation District	Weber	Ann Baynard

SPECIAL ITEMS:

RM067	Wolf Creek Irrigation Company (Additional Loan Funds)	Weber	Ben Maret
RE493	Dry Gulch Irrigation Company (Withdrawal)	Duchesne	Marisa Egbert
RM051	Richards Irrigation Company (Withdrawal)	Salt Lake	Ben Maret
RM064	Paradise Irrigation Company (Withdrawal)	Cache	Marisa Egbert

BRIEFING INFORMATION TO THE BOARD:

- Status of Funds
- Legislative Update
- Attorney General Update
- Other Items (if needed)

BREAK

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

BOARD ACTIONS (see project list above):

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Joel Williams

Closed Session as needed to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, Utah Code Section 52-4-205(1)(c)

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES

REVOLVING CONSTRUCTION FUND - REGULAR PROJECTS

**Funding Status
March 18, 2026**

Funds Available for Projects This FY \$ 15,655,000

Projects Contracted This FY

1 Co-op Farm Irrigation Company	RE495	\$ 348,000	10/14/25
2 Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company	RE472	999,000	10/09/25
3 Huntsville South Bench Canal Company	RE496	320,000	08/21/25
4 Peterson Pipeline Association	RE481	<u>882,000</u>	08/21/25

Total Funds Contracted \$ 2,549,000
 Funds Balance \$ 13,106,000

Projects with Funds Committed

* 1 Elberta Water Company	RE503	\$ 98,000	03/18/26
2 Hyrum Blacksmith Fork Irrigation Company	RE475	228,000	01/29/26
3 Smithfield Irrigation Company	RE500	952,000	01/29/26
4 West Milburn Irrigation Company	RE442	335,000	10/08/20
5 Woodland South Hills Irrigation Company	RE471	<u>102,000</u> (Add'l Amt.)	12/09/25

Total Funds Committed \$ 1,715,000
 Funds Balance \$ 11,391,000

Projects Authorized

1 Cache Highline Water Association	RE501	\$ 255,000	10/09/25
2 Farm Creek Irrigation Company	RE502	435,000	01/29/26
3 Veyo Irrigation Company	RE498	<u>990,000</u>	10/09/25

Total Funds Authorized \$ 1,680,000
 Remaining Funds Available (End of year balance if all listed projects were fully paid) \$ 9,711,000

* To be presented at Board Meeting

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES

REVOLVING CONSTRUCTION FUND - DAM SAFETY

**Funding Status
March 18, 2026**

Funds Available for Projects This FY \$ 18,548,000

Projects Contracted This FY

1 Howell Blue Creek Irrigation Co. (Blue Creek)	RC063	**Grant	\$ 700,000	03/05/26
2 Manti Irrigation & Reservoir Co. (Palisades Lake)	RC075	**Grant	800,000	10/02/25
3 Payson City (Pete Winward)	RC076	**Grant	250,000	08/26/25
4 Wasatch County (Lake Creek)	RC070	**Grant	150,000	07/21/25
5 Washington County Water Cons Dist (Ash Creek)	RC073	**Grant	300,000	08/14/25
6 Washington County Water Cons Dist (Kolob)	RC070	**Grant	<u>500,000</u>	(Add'l Amt.) 11/18/25

Total Funds Contracted \$ 2,700,000
 Funds Balance \$ 15,848,000

Projects with Funds Committed

1 Washington County Flood Contr. Auth. (Warner)	RC049	**Grant	\$ 212,000	03/22/17
2 Washington County Flood Contr. Auth. (Stucki)	RC050	**Grant	<u>88,400</u>	03/22/17

Total Funds Committed \$ 300,000
 Funds Balance \$ 15,548,000

Projects Authorized

1 None \$ -

Total Funds Authorized \$ -
 Remaining Funds Available (End of year balance if all listed projects were fully paid) \$ 15,548,000

* To be presented at Board Meeting
 ** Dam Safety Projects

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES

CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND

**Funding Status
March 18, 2026**

Funds Available for Projects This FY \$ 111,109,000

Projects Contracted/Bonds Closed This FY

1 Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company	RM121	**	\$ 1,190,000	08/26/25
2 Lehi City	RM117	**	<u>1,690,000</u>	03/04/26

Total Funds Contracted/Closed				<u>\$ 2,880,000</u>
Funds Balance				\$ 108,229,000

Projects with Funds Committed

* 1 Clinton City	RE490		\$ 3,900,000	03/18/26
* 2 Grantsville Irrigation Company	RE469		1,496,000	03/18/26
3 Hurricane City	RL591		1,282,000 (Add'l Amt.)	05/15/25
4 Mountain View Irrigation Inc.	RM033	**	743,000	12/06/22
5 Newton Water Users Association	RM044	**	92,000	09/15/22
* 6 South Ogden Conservation District	RM130	**	1,584,000	03/18/26
* 7 Weber-Box Elder Conservation District	RM129	**	7,737,000	03/18/26
8 West Panguitch Irrigation & Reservoir Company	RE489		4,250,000	10/10/24
* 9 Wolf Creek Irrigation Company	RM067	**	<u>42,330</u> (Add'l Amt.)	03/18/26

Total Funds Committed				<u>\$ 21,126,000</u>
Funds Balance				\$ 87,103,000

Projects Authorized

1 Draper Irrigation Co (Phases 2 & 3)	RE450		\$ 12,265,000	09/16/21
2 Lake Creek Irrigation Company	RE499		8,645,000	08/21/25
3 North Creek Irrigation Company, of Mt. Pleasant	RE488		1,732,000	03/19/25
4 Powder Mountain Water & Sewer Imp District	RE497		1,395,000	05/15/25
5 Veyo Culinary Water Association	RE445		1,076,000	12/09/25
6 Weber-Box Elder Conservation District	RE400		<u>1,687,000</u>	08/10/17

Total Funds Authorized				<u>\$ 26,800,000</u>
Funds Balance				\$ 60,303,000

Secondary Meter Projects Authorized

1 Cottonwood Gooseberry Irrigation Company	RM095	**	\$ 840,000	03/22/23
2 Newton Town Sprinkling Company	RM045	**	<u>132,000</u>	08/04/22

Total Funds Authorized				<u>\$ 972,000</u>
Remaining Funds Available	(End of year balance if all listed projects were fully paid)			\$ 59,331,000

* To be presented at Board Meeting
** Secondary Meter Projects

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES

CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND - CO RIVER REUSE FUNDS

Funding Status
March 18, 2026

Funds Available for Projects This FY		\$ 145,000,000	
Projects Contracted This FY			
1 Washington County Water Conservancy Dist (IA) RE494		<u>\$ 66,133,000</u>	03/04/26
Total Funds Contracted		<u>\$ 66,133,000</u>	
Funds Balance		<u>\$ 78,867,000</u>	
Projects with Funds Committed			
1 None		<u>\$ -</u>	
Total Funds Committed		<u>\$ -</u>	
Funds Balance		<u>\$ 78,867,000</u>	
Projects Authorized			
1 Washington County Water Conservancy Dist (IB) RE494		<u>\$ 128,867,000</u>	06/26/25
Total Funds Authorized		<u>\$ 128,867,000</u>	
Remaining Funds Available	(End of year balance if all listed projects were fully paid)	<u>\$ (50,000,000)</u>	

* To be presented at Board Meeting

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES

SMALL SYSTEM SECONDARY METER GRANT FUNDS

Funding Status
March 18, 2026

Funds Available for Projects This FY \$ 208,000

Projects Contracted This FY

1 None \$ -

Total Funds Contracted \$ -
Funds Balance \$ 208,000

Projects with Funds Committed

1 None \$ -

Total Funds Committed \$ -
Funds Balance \$ 208,000

* To be presented at Board Meeting

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES

March 18, 2026

ADDITIONAL FUTURE FUNDING NEEDS

Sponsor	No.	Fund	Est. Board Cost	Total Cost	
1 Bear River Canal Company	RE467	RCF	\$ 245,000	\$ 500,000	01/19/23
2 Coyote & East Fork Irrigation Co	RE411	RCF	722,500	1,700,000	08/09/18
3 Ferron Canal & Reservoir Co	RE320	C&D	2,720,000	3,200,000	10/11/12
4 Glendale Irrigation Co	RE408	C&D	1,109,000	1,305,000	02/08/18
5 Glenwood Town (NRCS Dam Safety Grant)	RC056	RCF	969,000	3,568,000	05/10/18
6 Grantsville City	RE485	C&D	3,265,000	3,840,000	04/19/24
7 Greendale Canal Company	RE487	C&D	1,775,000	6,175,000	05/23/24
8 Hooper Irrigation Co (Press Irr, Ph 3+)	RE060R3	C&D	11,033,000	12,980,000	01/25/02
9 Morgan City	RL589	CWL	2,552,000	6,004,200	08/19/22
10 Sanpete WCD (Narrows Dam)	RD377	C&D	29,325,000	34,500,000	04/07/83
11 Settlement Canyon Irrigation Co (Phase 2)	RE240	C&D	552,500	650,000	10/02/08
12 Wellsville-Mendon Conservation District	RE364	C&D	680,000	800,000	03/18/15
Subtotal			\$ 54,948,000	\$ 75,222,000	

* New Application

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES
Committal of Funds



Applicant: Grantsville Irrigation Company

Project Number: RE469
Fund: Conservation and Development Fund
Cost Estimate: \$1,760,000
Board Funding: \$1,496,000

Application Received: 4/2/2023
Authorized: 6/29/2023
Board Meeting Date: 3/18/2026

Board Member: Juliette Tennert
Project Manager: Ann Baynard

Project Summary: The purpose of the project is to replace three pressure reducing valve stations, construct above-ground vault buildings, install power supplies and appurtenances.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the board commit 85% of the project cost, up to \$1,496,000, and that the project be purchased at 1% interest over 30 years, with annual payments of approximately \$58,000.

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Address	Phone
President	Sunnie Titmus	PO Box 922, Grantsville, UT 84029	435-830-2146
Secretary	Elise Mondragon	PO Box 733, Grantsville, UT 84029	435-884-3451
Engineer	Jake Clegg	Ensign Engineering 45 W Segó Lily Dr # 500, Sandy, UT 84070	801-599-5828



Location

The proposed project is located in and around Grantsville City in Tooele County.

Project Summary

The applicant is requesting funding from the board to replace three vaults for pressure-reducing valves (PRV) with above-ground buildings, manifolds, isolation valves, telemetry controls and monitoring, and to refurbish the existing PRVs. The hydraulic operation systems will be replaced with electrical operation systems and telemetry to control and monitor them.

The applicant has completed the necessary requirements to be able to commit funds.

Cost Estimate & Sharing

The cost estimate and sharing remain as authorized.

Agency	Authorized Cost Sharing	% of Total
Board of Water Resources	\$1,496,000	85%
Applicant	264,000	15
TOTAL	\$1,760,000	100%

Repayment

Staff recommends the board commit 85% of the project cost, up to \$1,496,000, and that the project be purchased at 1% interest over 30 years, with annual payments of approximately \$58,000.

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES

Committal of Funds



Applicant: Clinton City

Project Number: RE490
Fund: Conservation and Development Fund
Cost Estimate: \$4,588,000
Board Funding: \$3,900,000

Application Received: 9/12/2024
Authorized: 12/11/2024
Board Meeting Date: 3/18/2026

Board Member: Tim Hawkes
Project Manager: Ann Baynard

Project Summary: The purpose of the project is to replace a 70-year-old, 12-inch pipeline and a 40-year-old, 20-inch pipeline with approximately two miles of PVC pipelines.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the board commit 85% of the project cost, up to \$3,900,000, and that the bonded indebtedness be returned at 3.09% interest over 15 years, with annual payments of approximately \$356,000 (including reserves).

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Address	Phone
Mayor	Marie Dougherty	2267 N 1500 W, Clinton, UT 84015	801-614-0700
City Manager	Trevor Cahoon	2267 N 1500 W, Clinton, UT 84015	801-614-0700
Engineer	Bryce Wilcox	J-U-B Engineers 466 N 900 W, Kaysville, UT 84037	801-725-5002



Location

The proposed project is located in Clinton and Sunset cities in Davis County.

Project Summary

The applicant is requesting financial assistance from the Board to replace 12-inch and 20-inch drinking water pipelines with approximately two miles of new pipeline, in conjunction with the UDOT project along 1800 North.

The applicant has completed the necessary requirements to be able to commit funds.

Cost Estimate & Sharing

The cost estimate and sharing remain as authorized:

Agency	Authorized Cost Sharing	% of Total
Board of Water Resources	\$3,900,000	85%
Applicant	688,000	15
TOTAL	\$4,588,000	100%

Repayment

Staff recommends the board commit 85% of the project cost, up to \$3,900,000, and that the bonded indebtedness be returned at 3.09% interest over 15 years, with annual payments of approximately \$356,000 (including reserves).

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES
Committal of Funds



Applicant: **Elberta Water Company**

Project Number: RE503
Fund: Revolving Construction Fund
Cost Estimate: \$115,000
Board Funding: \$98,000

Application Received: 11/21/2025
Authorized: 1/29/2026
Board Meeting Date: 3/18/2026

Board Member: Michael K. Davis
Project Manager: Ethan Stayner

Project Summary: The purpose of the project is to upgrade pumps on the system's three wells.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the board commit 85% of the project cost, up to \$98,000, and that the project be purchased at 0% interest over 15 years, with annual payments of approximately \$6,500.

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Address	Phone
President	Bill Ford	PO Box 166, Elberta, UT 84626	801-798-7351
Secretary	Merrill West	PO Box 166, Elberta, UT 84626	801-420-3474
Engineer	Jesse Ralphs	Sunrise Engineering 25 E 500 N, Fillmore, UT 84631	435-743-1145



Location

The proposed project is located in Elberta, about 10 miles west of Santaquin, in Utah County.

Project Summary

The applicant is requesting financial assistance to improve three wells. This includes upgrading the pump system at Well 3 to increase the source capacity, replacing the existing pump in Well 2 with a new pump, and purchasing a spare pump for Well 1 as an emergency backup.

The applicant has completed the necessary requirements to be able to commit funds.

Cost Estimate & Sharing

The cost estimate and sharing remain as authorized:

Agency	Authorized Cost Sharing	% of Total
Board of Water Resources	\$98,000	85%
Applicant	17,000	15
TOTAL	\$115,000	100%

Repayment

Staff recommends the board commit 85% of the project cost, up to \$98,000, and that the project be purchased at 0% interest over 15 years, with annual payments of approximately \$6,500.

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES
Committal of Funds



Applicant: **Weber-Box Elder Conservation District**

Project Number: RM129
Fund: Conservation and Development Fund
Cost Estimate: \$19,131,000
Board Funding (Bond): \$7,737,000
Board Funding (ARPA): \$10,029,111.11

Application Received: 9/29/2025
Authorized: 12/9/2025
Board Meeting Date: 3/18/2026

Board Member: Tim Hawkes
Project Manager: Ann Baynard

Project Summary: The purpose of the project is to purchase and install 7,229 additional secondary meters.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the board commit up to \$7,737,000 as a loan, and that the bonded indebtedness be returned at 1% interest over 15 years, with annual payments of approximately \$600,000 (including reserves).

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Address	Phone
General Manager	Jeff Humphrey	471 W 2nd St, Ogden, UT 84404	801-622-4349
Secretary	Tamera Martinson	471 W 2nd St, Ogden, UT 84404	801-622-4348
Engineer	Dan Johnson	471 W 2nd St, Ogden, UT 84404	801-622-4351



Location

The proposed project is located in Harrisville, Pleasant View, North Ogden, and Ogden in Weber County.

Project Summary

The applicant is requesting funding to purchase and install 7,229 additional secondary meters. Construction is expected to begin early in 2026 and be completed by fall 2026.

The applicant has completed the necessary requirements to commit funds.

Cost Estimate & Sharing

The cost estimate and sharing remain as authorized:

Agency	Authorized Cost Sharing	% of Total
Board of Water Resources - Loan	\$7,737,000	40.5%
Board of Water Resources - Grant	10,029,111.11	52.4
Applicant	1,364,888.89	7.1
TOTAL	\$19,131,000.00	100%

Repayment

Staff recommends the board commit up to \$7,737,000 as a loan, and that the bonded indebtedness be returned at 1% interest over 15 years, with annual payments of approximately \$600,000 (including reserves).

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES
Committal of Funds



Applicant: **South Ogden Conservation District**

Project Number: RM130
Fund: Conservation and Development Fund
Cost Estimate: \$3,648,000
Board Funding (Bond): \$1,584,000
Board Funding (ARPA): \$1,784,942.07

Application Received: 9/29/2025
Authorized: 12/9/2025
Board Meeting Date: 3/18/2026

Board Member: Tim Hawkes
Project Manager: Ann Baynard

Project Summary: The purpose of the project is to purchase and install 1,283 additional secondary meters.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the board commit up to \$1,584,000 as a loan, and that the bonded indebtedness be returned at 1% interest over 15 years, with annual payments of approximately \$123,000 (including reserves).

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Address	Phone
General Manager	Jeff Humphrey	471 W 2nd St, Ogden, UT 84404	801-622-4349
Secretary	Tamera Martinson	471 W 2nd St, Ogden, UT 84404	801-622-4348
Engineer	Dan Johnson	471 W 2nd St, Ogden, UT 84404	801-622-4351



Location

The proposed project is located in Ogden, South Ogden, and Washington Terrace in Weber County.

Project Summary

The applicant is requesting funding to purchase and install 1,283 additional secondary meters. Construction is expected to begin early in 2026 and be completed by fall 2026.

The applicant has completed the necessary requirements to be able to commit funds.

Cost Estimate & Sharing

The cost estimate and sharing remain as authorized:

Agency	Authorized Cost Sharing	% of Total
Board of Water Resources - Loan	\$1,584,000.00	43.4%
Board of Water Resources - Grant	1,784,942.07	48.9
Applicant	279,057.93	7.7
TOTAL	\$3,648,000	100%

Repayment

Staff recommends the board commit up to \$1,584,000 as a loan, and that the bonded indebtedness be returned at 1% interest over 15 years, with annual payments of approximately \$123,000 (including reserves).

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES
Special Item – Additional Funds



Applicant: **Wolf Creek Irrigation Company**

Project Number: RM067
Fund: Conservation and Development Fund
Total Cost: \$596,800
Board Funding: \$174,930

Application Received: 5/15/2022
Authorized: 8/4/2022
Committed: 5/11/2023
Board Meeting Date: 3/18/2026

Board Member: Tim Hawkes
Project Manager: Ben Marett

Project Summary: The purpose of the project is to purchase and install 170 secondary water meters.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the board commit an additional \$42,330 and amend the purchase agreement to state the board will provide 30.7% of the project cost, up to \$174,930, and that the project be purchased at 1% interest over 15 years, with annual payments of approximately \$12,600.

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Address	Phone
President	Dee Staples	1879 N 2750 E, Layton, UT 84040	801-721-3730
Treasurer	Jon Werner	PO Box 1201, Eden, UT 84310	801-391-2223
Engineer	Dan White	5150 S 375 E, Washington Terrace, UT 84405	801-476-0202



Location

The proposed project is located about two miles northwest of Eden in Weber County.

Project Summary

In May 2023 the applicant requested financial assistance from the board to cover a portion of the applicant’s cost share for a project to purchase and install 170 secondary water meters.

The applicant has completed its secondary meter project and has utilized all of its ARPA Grant and existing loan funds. The final cost of the project is approximately \$569,800, \$49,800 higher than estimated. The applicant is requesting additional funds to cover a portion of the remaining project costs.

Cost Estimate & Sharing

The committed and proposed cost sharing are:

Agency	Committed Cost Sharing	% of Total	Proposed Cost Sharing	% of Total
Board of Water Resources – Loan	\$132,600	25.5%	\$174,930	30.7%
Board of Water Resources - Grant	364,000	70.0	364,000	63.9
Applicant	23,400	4.5	30,870	5.4
TOTAL	\$520,000	100%	\$569,800	100%

Modification of Terms

The board originally provided 25.5% of project costs up to \$132,600, with repayment terms of 1% interest over 15 years with annual payments of approximately \$9,600.

Staff recommends the board commit an additional \$42,330 and amend the purchase agreement to state the board will provide 30.7% of the project cost, up to \$174,930, and that the project be purchased at 1% interest over 15 years, with annual payments of approximately \$12,600.

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES

Special Item - Withdrawal Report



Applicant: Dry Gulch Irrigation Company

Project Number: RE493
Fund: Revolving Construction Fund
Cost Estimate: \$640,000
Board Funding: \$492,000

Application Received: 1/10/2025
Authorized: 3/19/2025
Board Meeting Date: 3/18/2026

Project Manager: Marisa Egbert

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Address	Phone
President	Rodger Ames	PO Box 265, Roosevelt, UT 84066	435-823-8415

Location

The proposed project is located about 4.4 miles southwest of Neola in Duchesne County.

Summary

In March 2025 the board authorized a project to install three pressure-reducing valve stations for an existing pipeline. The applicant is unable to meet the board's legal requirements because of a lack of legal descriptions for necessary project easements. The applicant decided to construct the project without board funding.

Therefore, staff recommends the project be withdrawn from further consideration by the board.

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES

Special Item - Withdrawal Report



Applicant: Richards Irrigation Company

Project Number: RM051
Fund: Conservation and Development Fund
Cost Estimate: \$568,000
Board Funding: \$145,000

Application Received: 5/13/2022
Authorized: 8/4/2022
Board Meeting Date: 3/18/2026

Board Member: Juliette Tennert
Project Manager: Ben Marett

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Address	Phone
President	Howard Norton	PO Box 27595, Salt Lake City, UT 84127	801-243-0682
Secretary	Michael Tea	PO Box 901598, Sandy, UT 84090	801-455-2071
Engineer	Richard White	13441 S Lone Peak Lane, Draper, UT 84020	801-673-6647

Location

The proposed project is located in and around Cottonwood Heights in Salt Lake County.

Summary

In August 2022 the applicant requested financial assistance from the Board of Water Resources to purchase and install 370 secondary water meters. The applicant has completed the project using its ARPA grant funds, but without needing loan funding.

Staff recommends the project be withdrawn from further consideration by the Board.

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES

Special Item - Withdrawal Report



Applicant: Paradise Irrigation Company

Project Number: RM064
Fund: Conservation and Development Fund
Cost Estimate: \$2,725,000
Board Funding: \$695,000

Application Received: 5/13/2022
Authorized: 8/4/2022
Board Meeting Date: 3/18/2026

Project Manager: Marisa Egbert

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Address	Phone
President	Jason Summers	PO Box 59, Paradise, UT 84328	435-770-9060

Location

The proposed project is located in Paradise in Cache County.

Summary

In August 2022 the applicant requested financial assistance from the board to install approximately 640 secondary water meters. The applicant then applied for exemption from metering every connection as outlined in Utah Code 73-10-34(13). Subsequently, in June 2024, the board converted a portion of the ARPA grant funds for an alternate project according to Utah Code 73-10-34.5(8). At that time, the applicant chose not to pursue loan funds.

Staff therefore recommends the loan funds be withdrawn from further consideration by the board.

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BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2026

SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIONS

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** DALE BUXTON moved to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2025 Board meeting. DANA VAN HORN seconded the motion. BRIAN STEED returned late from recess and abstained from this vote. All others voted in favor and the motion passed.
2. **RE502 Farm Creek Irrigation Company** WILLIAM MERKLEY moved the board authorize 8.7% of the project cost, up to \$435,000, and that the project be purchased at 0% interest over 20 years with annual payments of approximately \$21,750. DALE BUXTON seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
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THOSE PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Mike Davis

Vice Chair Dana Van Horn

Juliette Tennert

Dale Buxton

William Merkley

Brian Steed

Spencer Jones (online)

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Blaine Ipson

Tim Hawkes

STAFF PRESENT

Acting Director Joel Williams

Assistant Director Shalaine DeBernardi

Assistant Director Todd Stonely

Marisa Egbert

Ann Baynard

Brad Caldwell

Ethan Stayner

Ben Marett

Patrick Campana

Shannon Clough

Jessica Cheun

Russell Fillmore

Steven Gregerson

Sarah Shechter, Attorney General's Office

AV Team Paul Gedge & Carmen McDonald

OTHERS

Jordan Clayton, Snow Survey Supervisor, NRCS

Hal Giles, President, Farm Creek Irrigation Company (online)

Ervan Rhoads, Director, Farm Creek Irrigation Company (online)

Eric Major, Jones & DeMille Engineering (online)

Beau Bateman, Jones & DeMille Engineering (online)

Eric Rube, Jones & DeMille Engineering (online)
Bill Ford, President, Elberta Water Company (online)
Merrill West, Secretary, Elberta Water Company (online)
Wade Garner, Elberta Water Company (online)
Parker Stevens, Elberta Water Company (online)
Justin Atkinson, Sunrise Engineering
Brandon Parker, President, Hyrum Blacksmith Fork Irrigation Company (online)
Floyd Burnett, Secretary, Hyrum Blacksmith Fork Irrigation Company (online)
Chad Brown, Franson Civil Engineers (online)
Morgan Drake, Reuse Program Manager, Washington County WCD (online)
Jacob Sullivan, Budget and Finance Manager, Washington County WCD (online)
Johnathan Ward, Zions Public Finance
Greg Allred, Water Department Manager, Lehi City

Utah Board of Water Resources
Board Briefing and Action Meeting
January 29, 2026
8:30 AM
Department of Natural Resources
1594 W. North Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

CHAIR MIKE DAVIS called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM, introduced himself. Board members present and those online introduced themselves. Excused Board members BLAINE IPSON and TIM HAWKES.

ACTING DIRECTOR JOEL WILLIAMS introduced the staff present.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD PROJECTS:

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Project Manager</u>
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FEASIBILITY REPORTS:

RE502	Farm Creek Irrigation Company	Duchesne	Brad Caldwell
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BRAD CALDWELL presented the report and the board discussed the proposed repayment terms.

RE503	Elberta Water Company	Utah	Ethan Stayner
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ETHAN STAYNER presented the report and the applicant answered the board's questions about their ability to repay the funding and ownership of the water rights for the project.

COMMITTAL OF FUNDS:

RE475	Hyrum Blacksmith Fork Irr Co	Cache	Ethan Stayner
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ETHAN STAYNER presented the report.

RE494	Washington County WCD	Washington	Ben Marett
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BEN MARETT presented the report, highlighting that only a part of the authorized funding is being committed at this time. The board also discussed visiting the project while in St. George in March.

RE500 **Smithfield Irrigation Company** **Cache** **Ann Baynard**

ANN BAYNARD presented the report.

RM117 **Lehi City** **Utah** **Ethan Stayner**

ETHAN STAYNER presented the report.

JULIETTE TENNERT was excused at 9:33. There is still a quorum present.

BRIEFING INFORMATION TO THE BOARD:

JOEL WILLIAMS introduced new staff member RUSSELL FILLMORE, Finance Manager.

STATUS OF FUNDS:

SHALAINE DEBERNARDI presented the report.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

JOEL WILLIAMS discussed the division's Bill Tracker 2026 and highlighted some of the bills that will affect Water Resources.

ATTORNEY GENERAL UPDATE:

SARAH SHECHTER, stated that we're working to update the board's guidelines and she helped with the new format for this meeting. She requested feedback on the changes. Additionally, regarding the Great Salt Lake litigation, we are still in the fact discovery phase. Since we weren't a named defendant, but did intervene, we do have a lot of the information the plaintiffs are seeking and are working with other agencies to produce that information. She also answered board questions about the process and timeline ahead.

DIVISION UPDATE:

JOEL WILLIAMS

Our staff is currently hard at work on the State Water Plan, which is due at the end of this year. We recently held a workshop at the new Fire Operations Center with the directors of all partner agencies to gather their input and define a shared vision for the plan. As a result of this workshop, the following vision statement was developed: "A safe, reliable water supply that enhances urban and rural communities, supports the economy, and protects and improves the environment now and into the future." The recommendations within the plan will be determined through the lens of three key themes: reliability and resilience, collaboration, and stewardship. The team is working to prepare a draft for review by mid-March. Although the final plan is not due until the end of the year, we are prioritizing an early draft to allow ample time for the necessary reviews, input, and revisions required for publication. We will make this draft available to the Board for your review as soon as it is ready.

A few updates regarding the Unified Water Infrastructure Plan. The team recently presented a draft of the plan at the Utah Watershed Council meeting. Comments from the council are due by the end of this month, after which the team will compile the final report by March 1st. Additionally, they presented to the Legislative Water Development Commission over the last few weeks.

From our conservation section, during 2025, over 2.7 million square feet of grass was replaced through state funds provided in partnership with water conservancy districts to make these rebates possible. The team has also been hosting popular water-wise webinars to educate the public on home landscaping practices. Additionally, they have been teaching Localscapes classes throughout the state and participating in various community events. Some of the upcoming events: they will be attending the Rural Water Users Association conference and the Cache home and garden show up in Logan which will be March 20th and 21st.

Cloud Seeding update, we are fully operational including the new remote ground-based generators and the drone program. We just need more clouds to come through for us to seed. We're hopeful that mother nature accepts this challenge.

The Great Salt Lake Basin Integrated Plan, they're continuing to work on the studies. The main goal is to gather data and information that can help us make more informed decisions and this will be a useful tool. A draft is due at the end of this year.

Regarding the Colorado River, the Department of the Interior has released the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which outlines five key alternatives: No Action, Basic Coordination, Enhanced Coordination, Maximum Operational Flexibility, and Supply Driven. The seven basin states are obviously still working furiously and meeting regularly. They have the deadline of February 14th to have an agreement. Perspectives on the feasibility of the deadline vary depending on who you ask; however, it has been expressed as a firm date. I know that the Colorado River Authority is currently busy reviewing the draft and preparing a state response.

BEN MARETT asked the board for clarification about touring Washington County WCD's project in March. Most agreed that Wednesday following the board meeting would be best.

BRIAN STEED moved for a recess. DALE BUXTON seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

MEETING RECESSED AT 10:11 AM AND WILL RECONVENE AT 10:30 AM

CHAIR MIKE DAVIS ended brief recess at 10:31 AM.

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JORDAN CLAYTON presented a snow survey update.

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GREAT SALT LAKE MARINA DREDGING PROJECT REPORT:

PATRICK CAMPANA presented the report to the board, highlighting the need, obstacles and successful outcomes of the project.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

JOEL WILLIAMS provided all updates earlier, so nothing additional to report. He did express appreciation to the board and staff for improvements to the process and materials for this meeting.

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