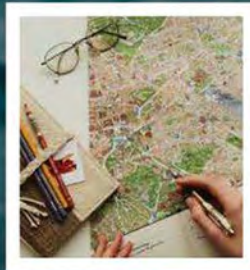


# BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING

MAY 14, 2026



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

# Board of Water Resources Calendar

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>MAY 14</b>	Salt Lake City, DNR auditorium
<b>JUNE 25</b>	Salt Lake City, DNR auditorium
<b>AUGUST 20</b>	Salt Lake City, DNR auditorium
<b>OCTOBER 8</b>	TBD Sevier River Basin & Board Tour October 7
<b>DECEMBER 8</b>	Salt Lake City, DNR auditorium (Board Holiday Luncheon to follow)

**RIVER DISTRICTS  
OF THE  
UTAH BOARD  
OF WATER RESOURCES**

**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**

May 14, 2026, 8:30 AM

Department of Natural Resources Auditorium  
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Link to presentations and public comment form:

<https://water.utah.gov/comments/>

Livestream Link: [https://youtube.com/live/ZYfVygsf\\_68](https://youtube.com/live/ZYfVygsf_68)

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Chair Mike Davis

**NRCS SNOW REPORT:**

Jordan Clayton

**TRANSPARENT WATER BILLING UPDATE:**

Josh Zimmerman

**DISCUSSION OF BOARD PROJECTS:**

**Project**

**Number**

**Applicant**

**County**

**Project Manager**

**FEASIBILITY REPORTS:**

RE504	Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company	Davis	Ann Baynard
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**COMMITTAL OF FUNDS:**

RE445	Veyo Culinary Water Association	Washington	Brad Caldwell
RE498	Veyo Irrigation Company	Washington	Brad Caldwell
RM095	Cottonwood Gooseberry Irrigation Company	Sanpete	Ann Baynard

**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):**

**POLICIES RELATED TO THE INVESTIGATION ACCOUNT:**

Shalaine DeBernardi and Sarah Shechter

**UNIFIED WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (UWIP) UPDATE:**

Eric Dixon and Keith Larson

**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  
May 14, 2026**

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

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**Projects Contracted This FY**

1 Co-op Farm Irrigation Company	RE495	\$ 348,000	10/14/25
2 Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company	RE472	999,000	10/09/25
3 Huntsville South Bench Canal Company	RE496	320,000	11/26/25
4 Hyrum Blacksmith Fork Irrigation Company	RE475	228,000	03/30/26
5 Peterson Pipeline Association	RE481	882,000	08/21/25
6 Smithfield Irrigation Company	RE500	952,000	04/16/26
7 Woodland South Hills Irrigation Company	RE471	<u>102,000</u> (Add'l Amt.)	03/13/26

Total Funds Contracted	\$ 3,831,000
Funds Balance	\$ 11,824,000

**Projects with Funds Committed**

1 Elberta Water Company	RE503	\$ 98,000	03/18/26
* 2 Veyo Irrigation Company	RE498	990,000	05/14/26
3 West Milburn Irrigation Company	RE442	<u>335,000</u>	10/08/20

Total Funds Committed	\$ 1,423,000
Funds Balance	\$ 10,401,000

**Projects Authorized**

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

Total Funds Authorized	\$ 690,000
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  
May 14, 2026**

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

**Projects Contracted This FY**

1 Chalk Creek-Hoytsville Water Users Corp. (Boyer)	RC077	**Grant	\$ 402,000	04/03/26
2 Howell Blue Creek Irrigation Co. (Blue Creek)	RC063	**Grant	700,000	03/05/26
3 Manti Irrigation & Reservoir Co. (Palisades Lake)	RC075	**Grant	800,000	10/02/25
4 Payson City (Pete Winward)	RC076	**Grant	250,000	08/26/25
5 Wasatch County (Lake Creek)	RC073	**Grant	150,000	07/21/25
6 Washington County Water Cons Dist (Ash Creek)	RC074	**Grant	300,000	08/14/25
7 Washington County Water Cons Dist (Kolob)	RC070	**Grant	<u>500,000</u> (Add'l Amt.)	11/18/25

Total Funds Contracted	\$ 3,102,000
Funds Balance	\$ 15,446,000

**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	\$ 15,146,000

**Projects Authorized**

1 None	\$ -
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Total Funds Authorized	\$ -
Remaining Funds Available (End of year balance if all listed projects were fully paid)	\$ 15,146,000

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

**BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES**

**CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND**

**Funding Status  
May 14, 2026**

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

**Projects Contracted/Bonds Closed This FY**

1 Clinton City	RE490		\$ 3,900,000	04/23/26
2 Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company	RM121	**	1,190,000	08/26/25
3 Lehi City	RM117	**	1,690,000	03/04/26
4 South Ogden Conservation District	RM130	**	1,584,000	04/16/26
5 Weber-Box Elder Conservation District	RM129	**	<u>7,737,000</u>	04/16/26

Total Funds Contracted/Closed			<u>\$ 16,101,000</u>	
Funds Balance			<u>\$ 95,008,000</u>	

**Projects with Funds Committed**

* 1 Cottonwood Gooseberry Irrigation Company	RM095	**	\$ 840,000	05/14/26
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 Veyo Culinary Water Association	RE445		1,076,000	05/14/26
7 West Panguitch Irrigation & Reservoir Company	RE489		4,250,000	10/10/24
8 Wolf Creek Irrigation Company	RM067	**	<u>42,330</u>	(Add'l Amt.) 03/18/26

Total Funds Committed			<u>\$ 9,821,000</u>	
Funds Balance			<u>\$ 85,187,000</u>	

**Projects Authorized**

* 1 Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company	RE504		\$ 1,156,000	05/15/26
2 Draper Irrigation Co (Phases 2 and 3)	RE450		12,265,000	09/16/21
3 Lake Creek Irrigation Company	RE499		8,645,000	08/21/25
4 North Creek Irrigation Company, of Mt. Pleasant	RE488		1,732,000	03/19/25
5 Powder Mountain Water & Sewer Imp District	RE497		1,395,000	05/15/25
6 Weber-Box Elder Conservation District	RE400		<u>1,687,000</u>	08/10/17

Total Funds Authorized			<u>\$ 26,880,000</u>	
Funds Balance			<u>\$ 58,307,000</u>	

**Secondary Meter Projects Authorized**

1 Newton Town Sprinkling Company	RM045	**	<u>\$ 132,000</u>	08/04/22
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Total Funds Authorized			<u>\$ 132,000</u>	
Remaining Funds Available	(End of year balance if all listed projects were fully paid)		<u>\$ 58,175,000</u>	

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

**BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES**

**CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND - COLORADO RIVER REUSE FUNDS**

**Funding Status  
May 14, 2026**

Funds Available for Projects This FY \$ 145,000,000

**Projects Contracted This FY**

1 Washington County Water Conservancy Dist (IA) RE494 \$ 66,133,000 03/04/26

Total Funds Contracted \$ 66,133,000

Funds Balance \$ 78,867,000

**Projects with Funds Committed**

1 None \$ -

Total Funds Committed \$ -

Funds Balance \$ 78,867,000

**Projects Authorized**

1 Washington County Water Conservancy Dist (IB) RE494 \$ 128,867,000 06/26/25

Total Funds Authorized \$ 128,867,000

Remaining Funds Available (End of year balance if all listed projects were fully paid) \$ (50,000,000)

\* To be presented at Board Meeting

**BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES**

**SMALL SYSTEM SECONDARY METER GRANT FUNDS**

**Funding Status  
May 14, 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

May 14, 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 and East Fork Irrigation Co	RE411	RCF	722,500	1,700,000	08/09/18
3 Ferron Canal and 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



## **Transparent Water Billing Grants Update**

### **May 14, 2026**

#### **Background**

In September 2021 and January 2025, the Board of Water Resources pre-approved grant funds for Transparent Water Billing Projects throughout the State to increase water conservation. The board provided funding from Conservation and Development Restricted Funds (appropriated by the legislature). The division has contracted with 12 water providers, and collaborated with 26 entities, for a total of \$1,950,445. About \$1,691,580 has been spent to date.

- Syracuse City - \$67,500
- West Point City - \$100,000
- Clinton City - \$100,000
- Grand Water & Sewer District - \$31,280
- Mt. Pleasant City - \$43,567
- Roy Water Conservancy District - \$75,000
- Richfield City - \$44,054
- Ephraim City - \$62,740
- Lindon City - \$81,823
- Washington County Water Conservancy District - \$1,274,500
- City of Cedar Hills - \$44,378
- Parowan City - \$25,603

These pilot projects provide data for efforts invested, people reached and actions taken. They also enable categorization of water use and trends. The projects provide valuable information about how to help end users understand how they are using water, and for cities to communicate effectively with residents. Lessons learned include:

- **Be flexible and adaptable**
  - Service providers are accommodating and are continually creating useful tools
  - Contact the right people at the right time
  - Customers appreciate notifications and view efforts as helpful
- **Focus on leaks, rain delays, delayed start dates and use within tiers to start**
- **Collaboration and exchanging information are beneficial**

## **Progress Report**

- The division is receiving new applications through May 15
- Three more cities have already been confirmed
- At least three more expected
- One final report has been submitted
- Three projects are complete, with final reports in progress
- Upon completion, cities are choosing to continue services without grant funding

**Presented by Josh Zimmerman, Water Conservation Coordinator**



# BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES

## Feasibility Report



**Applicant:** Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company

**Project Number:** RE504  
**Fund:** Conservation and Development Fund  
**Cost Estimate:** \$1,360,000  
**Board Funding:** \$1,156,000

**Application Received:** 2/19/2026  
**Board Meeting Date:** 5/14/2026

**Board Member:** Timothy Hawkes  
**Project Manager:** Ann Baynard

**Project Summary:** The purpose of the project is to replace approximately 4,360 feet of 4-inch to 12-inch secondary irrigation pipeline along 2000 West in Clinton City.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the board authorize 85% of the project cost, up to \$1,156,000, and that the project be purchased at 2.46% interest over 15 years with annual payments of approximately \$93,100.

### Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Email Address	Phone
President	Scott Paxman	spaxman@weberbasin.gov	801-771-1677
Manager	Rick Smith	ricks@davisweber.org	801-774-6373
Engineer	Nate Smith J-U-B Engineers	nsmith@jub.com	801-547-0393



## Location

The proposed project is located in Clinton City in Davis County.

## Introduction & Background

Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company was organized in 1884 and is registered in good standing with the Utah Department of Commerce. The company delivers approximately 60,000 acre-feet of irrigation water annually to its 40,000-acre service area, which includes wholesale water to Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Roy Water Conservancy District, Syracuse City, and retail water to over 15,000 secondary irrigation connections and approximately 10,000 acres of farm ground.

Water is diverted from the Weber River and delivered primarily through the 17-mile-long Davis & Weber Canal. The applicant also owns shares in several irrigation companies, which it uses to supplement its own water diversions. Since 1980, the Board has funded nearly 25 projects for the applicant for both canal improvements and residential secondary irrigation systems in Clinton, Kaysville, Layton and West Point. The Board also provided approximately \$17.7 million in grant funds and \$6.7 million in loan funds for secondary water meters.

## Existing Conditions & Problems

Construction of the applicant's secondary irrigation system began in 1988. Over the years, many miles of pressurized irrigation pipe, ranging in size from 2-inch to 42-inch, have been installed to serve the rapidly growing area.

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is planning improvements to 2000 West north of 1800 North in Clinton City. The existing road will be widened, and the asphalt replaced with a concrete surface. The applicant has a secondary irrigation pipeline, that was installed around 30 years ago, that is located within the road footprint and does not meet current UDOT standards. Nearly a mile of the pipeline needs to be removed and replaced with a new pipeline that meets current standards. It must be installed prior to UDOT proceeding with the roadwork.

## Proposed Project

The applicant is requesting financial assistance from the board to replace approximately 4,360 feet of 4-inch to 12-inch secondary irrigation pipeline in conjunction with the UDOT project along 2000 West in Clinton City. The pipeline will be moved out of the road footprint, which will enable better accessibility for operation and maintenance.

Since this is a UDOT project, UDOT will hire the contractor and oversee the work. UDOT will cover 50% of the estimated costs for the applicant and has estimated the impact cost to be \$550,000. Thus, UDOT will cover 50%, or \$225,000, of the cost. This is reflected in the cost estimate. Construction is expected to begin in early 2027.



### Benefits

Constructing the proposed project will allow the applicant to continue to supply secondary irrigation water in the area and allow better access to the pipeline for maintenance.

### Cost Estimate

The following cost estimate is based on the engineer’s preliminary design and has been reviewed by staff:

Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
1	Mobilization/Traffic Control	Lump Sum	1	\$41,000	\$41,000
2	Remove Existing Pipe	Lump Sum	1	251,000	251,000
3	Secondary Water Service/Meters	Lump Sum	1	136,000	136,000
4	4-inch PVC Pipe	Feet	10	100	1,000
5	8-Inch PVC Pipe	Feet	930	153	142,000
6	10-Inch PVC Pipe	Feet	1,190	130	155,000
7	12-Inch PVC Pipe	Feet	2,230	142	317,000
8	Fittings and Valves	Lump Sum	1	245,000	245,000
9	Drains	Lump Sum	1	40,000	40,000
<b>Construction Cost</b>					<b>\$1,328,000</b>
Contingency					76,000
Design and Construction Engineering					160,000
Legal and Administrative					21,000
Less UDOT Impact Portion					-225,000
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$1,360,000</b>

### Cost Sharing and Repayment

The recommended cost sharing and repayment are as follows:

Agency	Proposed Cost Sharing	% of Total
Board of Water Resources	\$1,156,000	85%
Applicant	204,000	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,360,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

The applicant provides both agriculture and secondary irrigation water at an estimated 50/50 split. Therefore, the recommended interest rate is an average of the board’s agricultural rate of 1% and the board’s current maximum municipal and industrial rate, which is 3.92%.



Staff recommends the board authorize 85% of the project cost, up to \$1,156,000, and that the project be purchased at 2.46% interest over 15 years with annual payments of approximately \$93,100.

**Economic Feasibility**

There is no viable alternative for this project as UDOT is requiring the applicant to remove the pipeline from the road footprint; therefore, a benefit/cost ratio of 1.0 has been assigned.

**Financial Feasibility**

Based on the board’s water service affordability guidelines, residents in the applicant’s service area of Clinton, Kaysville, South Weber and West Point areas could pay up to \$94.63 monthly for water. The following table indicates the estimated monthly cost of water for residential connections:

Water Cost	Estimated Cost
Average Drinking Water Bill	\$29.77
Average Secondary Water Bill	29.17
Property Tax for Water	3.06
Proposed Board of Water Resources Loan*	0.52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$62.52</b>

\* Calculated by dividing the recommended annual repayment by the 15,100 residential connections, divided by twelve months.

While the affordability guideline indicates that applicants’ residential customers could afford more than \$32/month additional for water, the board has a minimum term of 15 years. This equates to an annual repayment of approximately \$93,100.

The applicant does not set the rates for their customers’ drinking water. As seen in the table above, the estimated average secondary water bill is nearing the estimated average monthly bill for drinking water.

The applicant recently raised its secondary water rates and is trying to keep rates reasonable while maintaining the aging system and expanding as needed for growth. A rate study will be conducted over the next few years to determine a tiered rate schedule.



## **Water Rights & Supply**

The applicant holds dozens of water rights for Weber River diversions and wells to be used on over 40,000 acres and owns shares in several irrigation companies. It also has storage rights of 28,000 acre-feet in East Canyon Reservoir and 29,000 acre-feet in Echo Reservoir. The board holds title to 21 of the applicant's major water rights from previous projects.

## **Easements**

While the new pipeline will be moved to a new alignment, no new easements will be required as it will remain within the UDOT right-of-way. It will be located within the sidewalk and park strip alignment, rather than within the roadway. The applicant has a Statewide Utility License Agreement with UDOT.

## **Environmental**

Since the proposed project is located within an area that is already developed, no long-term environmental impacts are expected due to the proposed project.

## **Water Efficiency**

The project is not expected to increase the system's efficiency. The applicant has a current Water Conservation Plan that indicates they will strive to meet the regional water conservation goal of a 20% reduction by 2030. The following practices and initiatives are listed in the plan as tools to complete this goal:

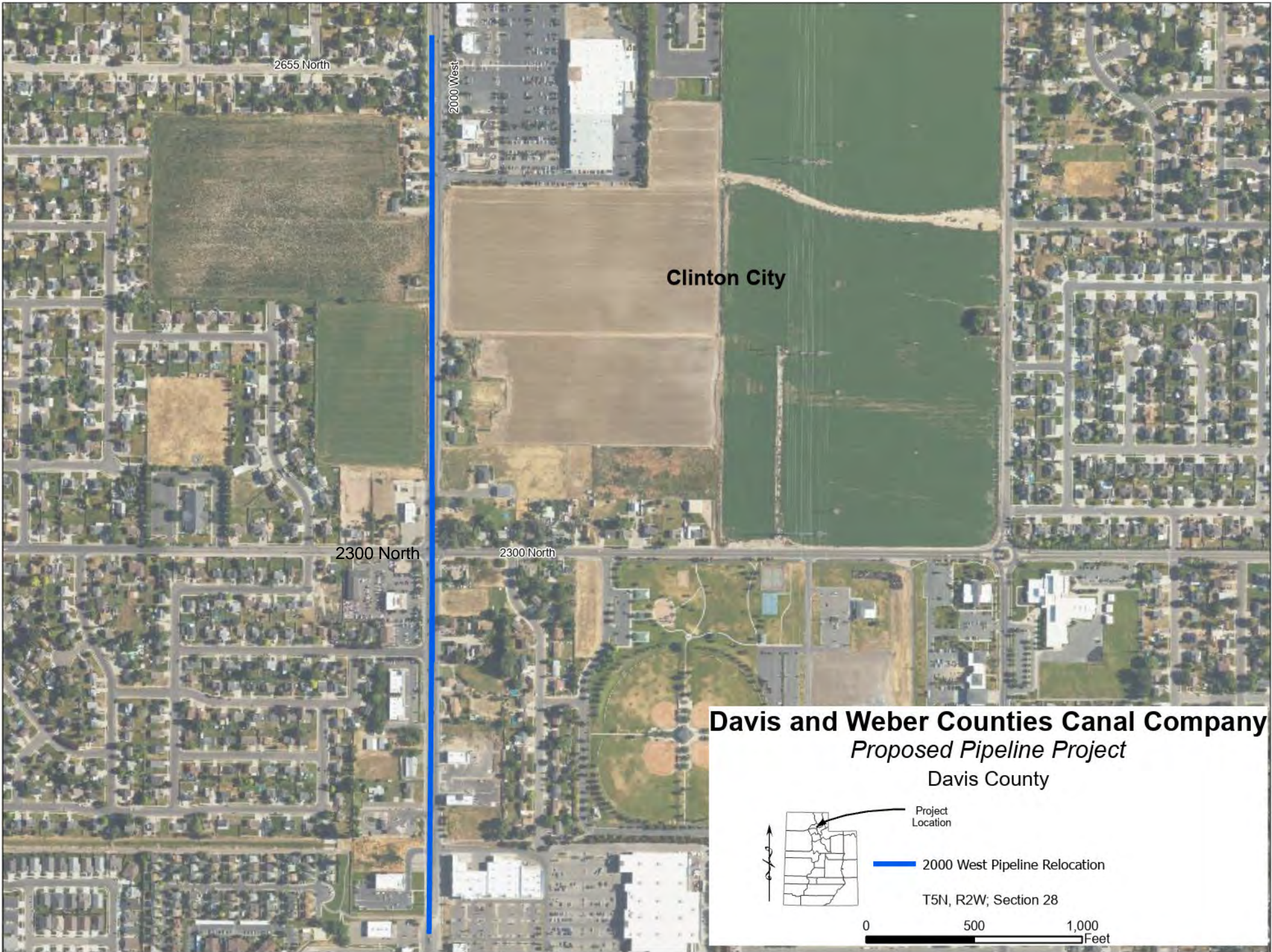
- Conduct water audits
- Establish restrictions during drought
- Shorten water delivery season, as needed
- Meter more ditch laterals
- Provide continued public education
- Encourage water-wise landscaping
- Install secondary meters
- Require new developments to install secondary meters
- Encourage cities to draft ordinances
- Study and implement a tiered rate structure



## **Applicant's Responsibilities**

If the board authorizes the proposed project, the applicant must do the following before a purchase agreement can be executed:

1. Obtain all easements, rights-of-way, and permits required to construct, operate, and maintain the project.
2. Pass a resolution by the appropriate majority (as defined in the company's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws) authorizing its officers to do the following:
  - a. Assign properties, easements, and water rights required for the project to the Board of Water Resources.
  - b. Enter into a contract with the Board of Water Resources for construction of the project and subsequent purchase from the board.
3. Have an attorney give the Board of Water Resources a written legal opinion that:
  - a. The company is legally incorporated for at least the term of the purchase contract and is in good standing with the state Department of Commerce.
  - b. The company has legally passed the above resolution in accordance with the requirements of state law and the company's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.
  - c. The company has obtained all permits required for the project.
  - d. The company owns all easements and rights-of-way for the project, as well as the land on which the project is located, and that title to these easements, rights-of-way, and the project itself can be legally transferred to the Board.
  - e. The company is in compliance with sections 73-10-33, 10-9a-211, and 17-27a-211 of the Utah Code governing management plans for water conveyance facilities.
4. Obtain approval of final plans and specifications from the Division of Water Resources.



**BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES**  
**Committal of Funds**



**Applicant:** **Veyo Culinary Water Association**

**Project Number:** RE445  
**Fund:** Conservation and Development Fund  
**Total Cost:** \$1,266,000  
**Board Funding:** \$1,076,000

**Application Received:** 1/18/2021  
**Authorized:** 3/17/2021  
**Reauthorized:** 12/9/2025  
**Board Meeting Date:** 5/14/2026

**Board Member:** Spencer Jones  
**Project Manager:** Brad Caldwell

**Project Summary:** The purpose of the project is to replace two deteriorating steel tanks with a 500,000-gallon reinforced concrete tank.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the board commit 85% of the project cost, up to \$1,076,000, and that the project be purchased at 1% interest over 30 years with annual payments of approximately \$41,700.

**Project Contacts:**

Title	Name	Email Address	Phone
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Manager	Slade Hughes	sladehughes@gmail.com	435-231-4684
Engineer	Todd Gardner Alpha Engineering	toddgardner@alphaengineering.com	435-628-6500



## Location

The proposed project is located in Veyo, about 20 miles north of St. George in Washington County.

## Project Summary

The purpose of the proposed project is to replace the two deteriorating steel tanks with a single 500,000-gallon reinforced concrete tank. The project is anticipated to begin in summer 2026.

The project funding was originally authorized in 2021. Due to the amount of time that passed, the costs increased and funding was reauthorized in December 2025. The applicant has completed the necessary requirements to commit funds.

## Cost Estimate & Sharing

The cost estimate and sharing remain as reauthorized:

Agency	Reauthorized Cost Sharing	% of Total
Board of Water Resources	\$1,076,000	85%
Applicant	190,000	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,266,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Repayment

Staff recommends the board commit 85% of the project cost, up to \$1,076,000, and that the project be purchased at 1% interest over 30 years with annual payments of approximately \$41,700.

# BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES

## Committal of Funds



**Applicant:** Veyo Irrigation Company

**Project Number:** RE498  
**Fund:** Revolving Construction Fund  
**Total Cost:** \$2,150,000  
**Board Funding:** \$990,000

**Application Received:** 6/13/2025  
**Authorized:** 10/9/2025  
**Board Meeting Date:** 5/14/2026

**Board Member:** Spencer Jones  
**Project Manager:** Brad Caldwell

**Project Summary:** The purpose of the project is to convert the open canal system to a pressurized system by installing about two miles of HDPE pipeline, service connections, meters and a pump station.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the board commit 46% of the project cost, up to \$990,000, and that the project be purchased at 0% interest over 25 years, with annual payments of approximately \$39,600.

### Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Email Address	Phone
President	Stuart Bowler	stuart@infowest.com	435-619-0269
Treasurer	Jay McAllister	bbmc39@msn.com	435-628-3321
Finance Director	Will Jones	willjones15@hotmail.com	435-669-5021
Engineer	Todd Gardner Alpha Engineering	toddgardner@alphaengineering.com	435-628-6500



## Location

The proposed project is located in and around Veyo, about 20 miles north of St. George in Washington County.

## Project Summary

The applicant is requesting funding to convert the existing open canal system to a pressurized system by installing about two miles of HDPE pipeline, service connections, meters and a pump station. Construction is expected to begin in summer of 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	% of Non-Grant Total
Board of Water Resources	\$990,000	46.0%	82.5%
Water Optimization Grant (Utah Department of Agriculture and Food)	950,000	44.2	-
Applicant	210,000	9.8	17.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,150,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Repayment

Staff recommends the board commit 46% of the project cost, up to \$990,000, and that the project be purchased at 0% interest over 25 years, with annual payments of approximately \$39,600.

**BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES**  
**Committal of Funds**



**Applicant:** Cottonwood Gooseberry Irrigation Company

**Project Number:** RM095  
**Fund:** Conservation and Development Fund  
**Total Cost:** \$3,292,000  
**Board Funding:** \$840,000

**Application Received:** 1/6/2023  
**Authorized:** 3/22/2023  
**Board Meeting Date:** 5/14/2026

**Board Member:** Blaine Ipson  
**Project Manager:** Ann Baynard

**Project Summary:** The purpose of the project is to purchase and install 655 secondary water meters.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the board commit 25.5% of the project cost, up to \$840,000, and that the project be purchased at 1% interest over 15 years, with annual payments of approximately \$60,800.

**Project Contacts:**

Title	Name	Email Address	Phone
President	Lynn Anderson	sla@cut.net	435-262-0369
Secretary	Ashlee Olsen	ashleeolsen24@gmail.com	385-208-9048
Engineer	Layne Jensen Franson Civil Engineers	ljensen@fransoncivil.com	801-756-0309



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## Location

The proposed project is located in Fairview, about six miles north of Mt. Pleasant in Sanpete County.

## Project Summary

In the March 2023 board meeting the board committed ARPA grant funds to purchase and install 655 secondary water meters. The board also authorized funding for a loan at that time. The applicant has installed 430 meters to date.

The applicant has completed the necessary requirements to commit funds for the loan.

## Cost Estimate and Sharing

The cost estimate and sharing remain as authorized:

Agency	Authorized Cost Sharing	% of Total
Board of Water Resources - Loan	\$840,000	25.5%
Board of Water Resources - Grant	2,305,000	70.0
Applicant	147,000	4.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,292,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Repayment

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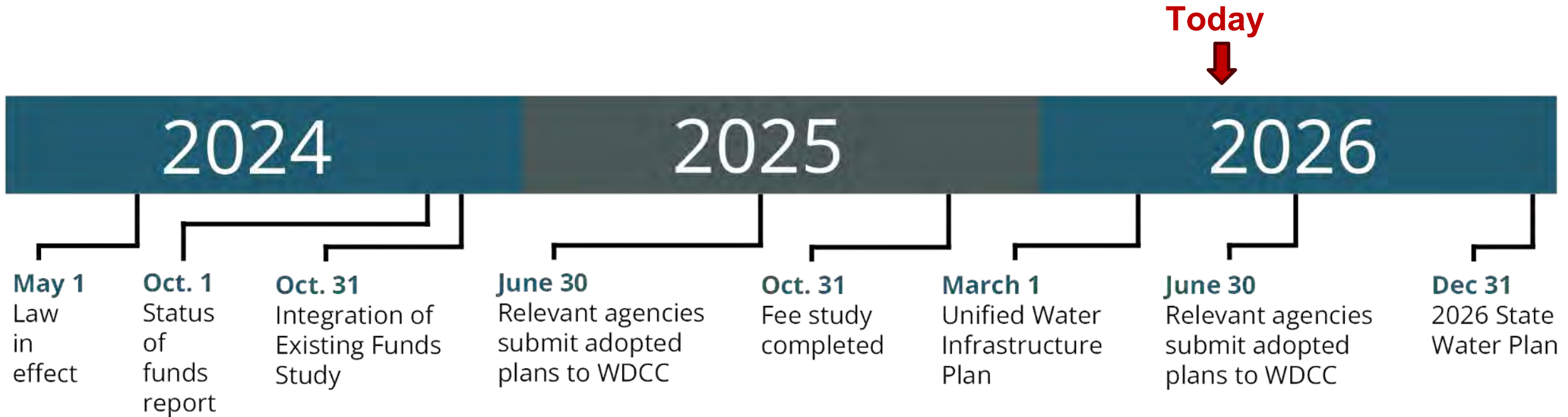
# Unified Water Infrastructure Plan - UWIP

Eric Dixon, P.E. | Division of Water Resources  
Keith Larson, P.E. | Bowen Collins & Associates

# H.B. 280 (2024) and H.B. 285 (2025)

- Water Infrastructure Fund
- Unified Water Infrastructure Plan (UWIP):
  - Proactive infrastructure planning
  - Greater collaboration between funding agencies
  - Comprehensive prioritized list of water infrastructure projects
- Studies
  - Integration of Existing Funds Study
  - Infrastructure Fee Study

# Timeline



Studies and UWIP available online

# Key Decision Makers

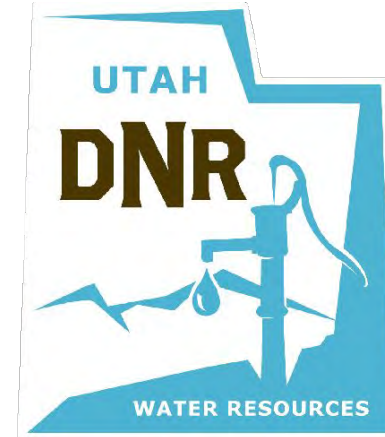
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**DRINKING WATER**



**WATER QUALITY**



Funding Level  
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**10-AC Lake Dam Repair and Lining**  
 Repairs and reconstruct High Hazard dam, and line lake. Also serves Wolf Creek Irrigation Company

**Entity:** Wolf Creek Water And Sewer Improvement District  
**Time Frame:** Medium-Term (2-5 Years)

**Project Type:** Secondary Water  
**Project Sub-Type:**

**Status:** Not Started  
**Priority:** 3

**Duration (Months):**  
**Total Cost:** \$7,710,691

**Funding Sources:**  
 \$6,168,553 General, \$1,542,138 Local Funds

**100 East and 400 South Upsize Replacement Costs**  
 update the system pipe to meet demand

**Entity:** American Fork  
**Time Frame:** Long-Term (5+ Years)

**Project Type:** Secondary Water  
**Project Sub-Type:**

**Status:** Not Started  
**Priority:** 48

**Duration (Months):**  
**Total Cost:** \$2,806,348

**Funding Sources:**  
 \$2,806,348 Local Funds

**100 West Pressurized Irrigation Improvements**  
 Install New Pressurized Irrigation in 100 West

**Entity:** Heber City  
**Time Frame:** Short-Term (1 Year)

**Project Type:** Secondary Water  
**Project Sub-Type:**

**Status:** Not Started  
**Priority:** 3

**Duration (Months):**  
**Total Cost:** \$500,000

**Funding Sources:**  
 \$250,000 General, \$250,000 Local Funds

**100 West Well Redevelopment**  
 Redevelop existing well

**Entity:** Alpine  
**Time Frame:** Long-Term (5+ Years)

**Project Type:** Secondary Water  
**Project Sub-Type:**

**Status:**  
**Priority:**

**11800 Well Rehab**  
 Provide redundant pump for Upper Zone

**Entity:** Highland  
**Time Frame:** Long-Term (5+ Years)

**Project Type:** Secondary Water  
**Project Sub-Type:**

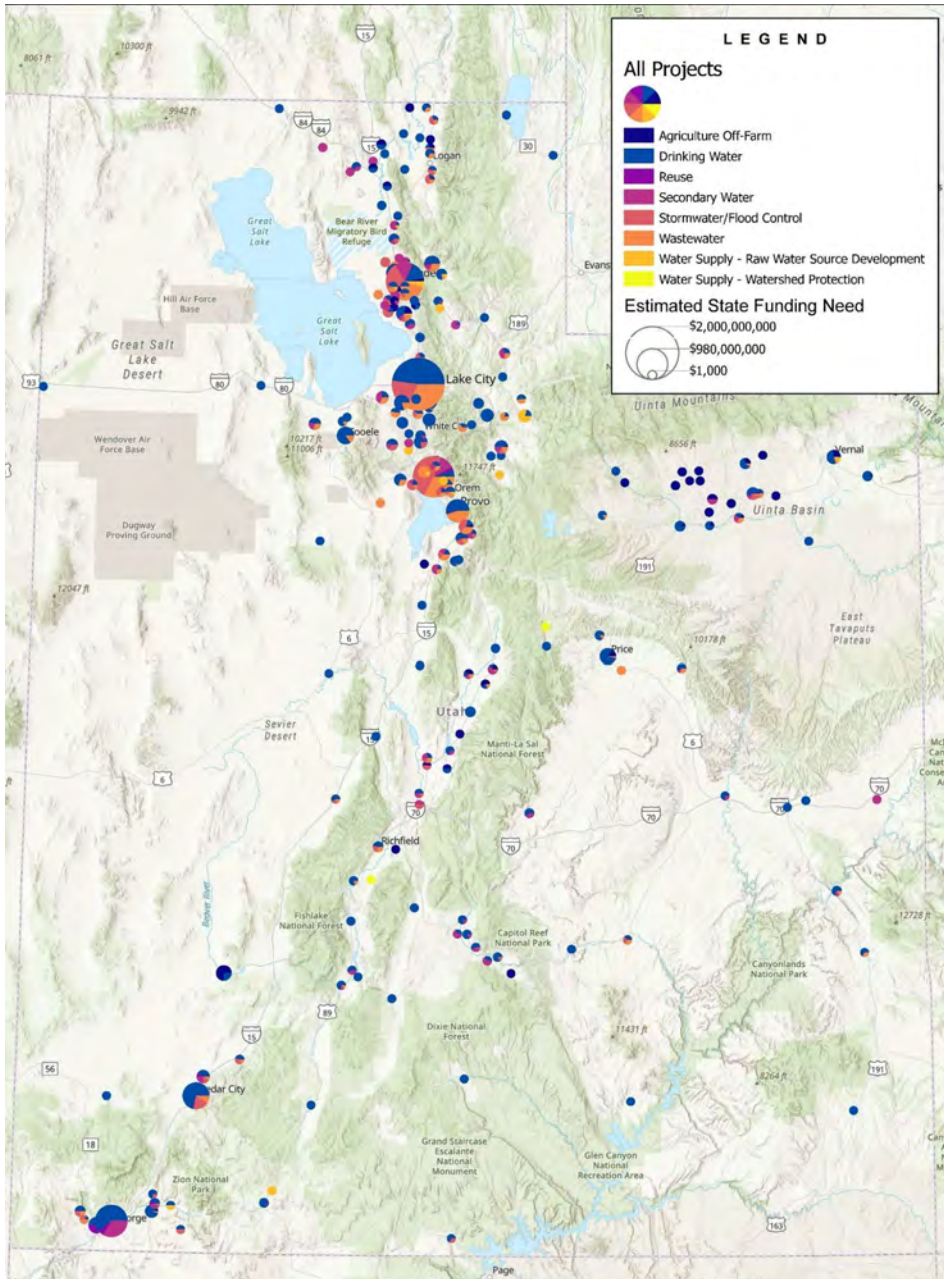
**Status:**  
**Priority:**

**1500 South Distribution Line (100 W to 860 E)**  
 expansion of the irrigation system due to development

**Entity:** American Fork  
**Time Frame:** Long-Term (5+ Years)

**Project Type:** Secondary Water  
**Project Sub-Type:**




**Status:**  
**Priority:**



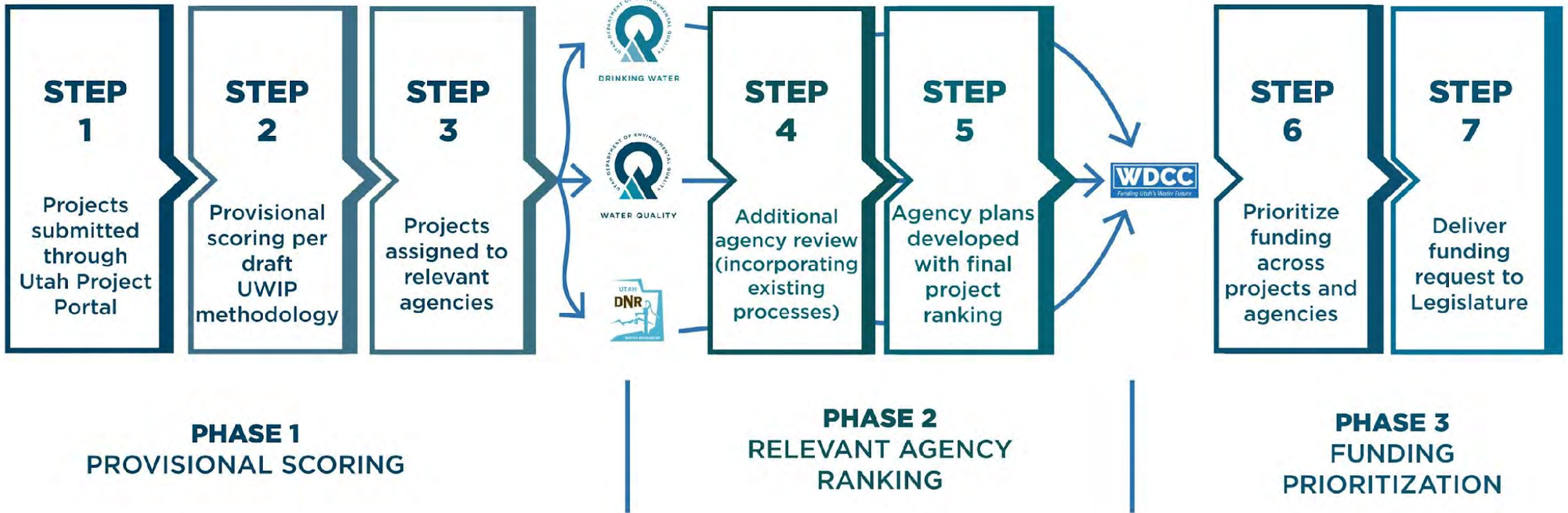
# FY 2027 UWIP Data

- **Project Submission Data Summary:**
  - Total projects: 4,167
  - Number of entities: 263
  - Estimated total project cost: \$24 Bn
  - Estimated state funding need: \$6.3 Bn
- **WRe**
  - Total projects: 713
  - Number of entities: 115
  - Estimated total project cost: \$4.2 Bn
  - Estimated state funding need: \$1.3 Bn

# Projects Assigned to Agencies

	Lead Entity	Infrastructure Type
	<b>WRe</b>	Agriculture Off-Farm
		Secondary Water
		Water Supply – Raw Water Source Development
	<b>DDW</b>	Drinking Water
	<b>DWQ</b>	Reuse
		Stormwater
		Wastewater
		Water Supply – Watershed Protection

# UWIP Prioritization Process



# Legislative Recommendations

- Current typical funding = \$100 Mn
- \$100 Mn in additional funds to WIF (loan or grant)
- Distribute additional funds amongst relevant agencies based on near- and long-term needs as identified in UWIP database

Agency	First \$50 Million (50% of WIF Funds)		Second \$50 Million (second 50 percent of WIF Funds)		Total Funding From WIF	
<b>DDW</b>	40%	\$20 Mn/yr	50%	\$25 Mn/yr	45%	\$45 Mn/yr
<b>DWQ</b>	30%	\$15 Mn/yr	40%	\$20 Mn/yr	35%	\$35 Mn/yr
<b>WRe</b>	30%	\$15 Mn/yr	10%	\$5 Mn/yr	20%	\$20 Mn/yr
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50 Mn/yr</b>		<b>\$50 Mn/yr</b>		<b>\$100 Mn/yr</b>

# Impacted Funds

## Funds Available to the Drinking Water, Water Quality, & Water Resources Boards

### Funds **Subject** to the UWIP Process

#### Grants or Loans

- Water Infrastructure Fund (created in HB 280 2024)
- DW & WQ State HGF

#### Loans

- Drinking Water Security – Drinking Water Loan Program Subaccount
- Water Quality Security – Utah Wastewater Loan Program Subaccount
- Water Resources Conservation & Development Loan Funds

“Water infrastructure fund money”  
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### Funds **Not Subject** to the UWIP Process

#### Grants

- Drinking Water and Water Quality Funds with Federal Ties
- Dam Safety Grants
- Federal DW & WQ HGF

#### Loans

- Water Resources Water Infrastructure Restricted Account (WIRA)
- Water Resources Revolving Construction Fund
- Drinking Water & Water Quality Funds with Federal Ties

# Impacts to Board

- For New WIF Funding (if any)
  - To receive a loan or grant from the WIF, a project must be included in the most recent Agency Plan (submit on the Utah Project Portal)
  - Agency Boards will review Agency Plan project rankings (due annually by June 30)
  - Upon review by WDCC and Legislative approval of funding, agencies will administer WIF funding
- For Existing Revolving Loan Funds
  - Impacts to existing Board processes expected to be minimal
  - To receive a loan from the Boards, a project must be included in the most recent Agency Plan
    - To avoid interfering with existing board processes, projects could be amended into the Agency Plans

# Additional Considerations

- WRe will no longer fund drinking water (to be funded by DDW Board) or reuse projects (to be funded by DWQ Board) with WIF funds
  - WRe can fund these projects with non WIF funds
- Excess money (unobligated) by the end of the FY (starting FY 2027) will be consolidated into the WIF

# Questions?

Contact and information:

email: [UWIPprojects@utah.gov](mailto:UWIPprojects@utah.gov)

UWIP site: [water.utah.gov/uwip-projects](http://water.utah.gov/uwip-projects)

UPP site: [upp.utah.gov](http://upp.utah.gov)

[ericdixon@utah.gov](mailto:ericdixon@utah.gov)

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# Provisional Scoring

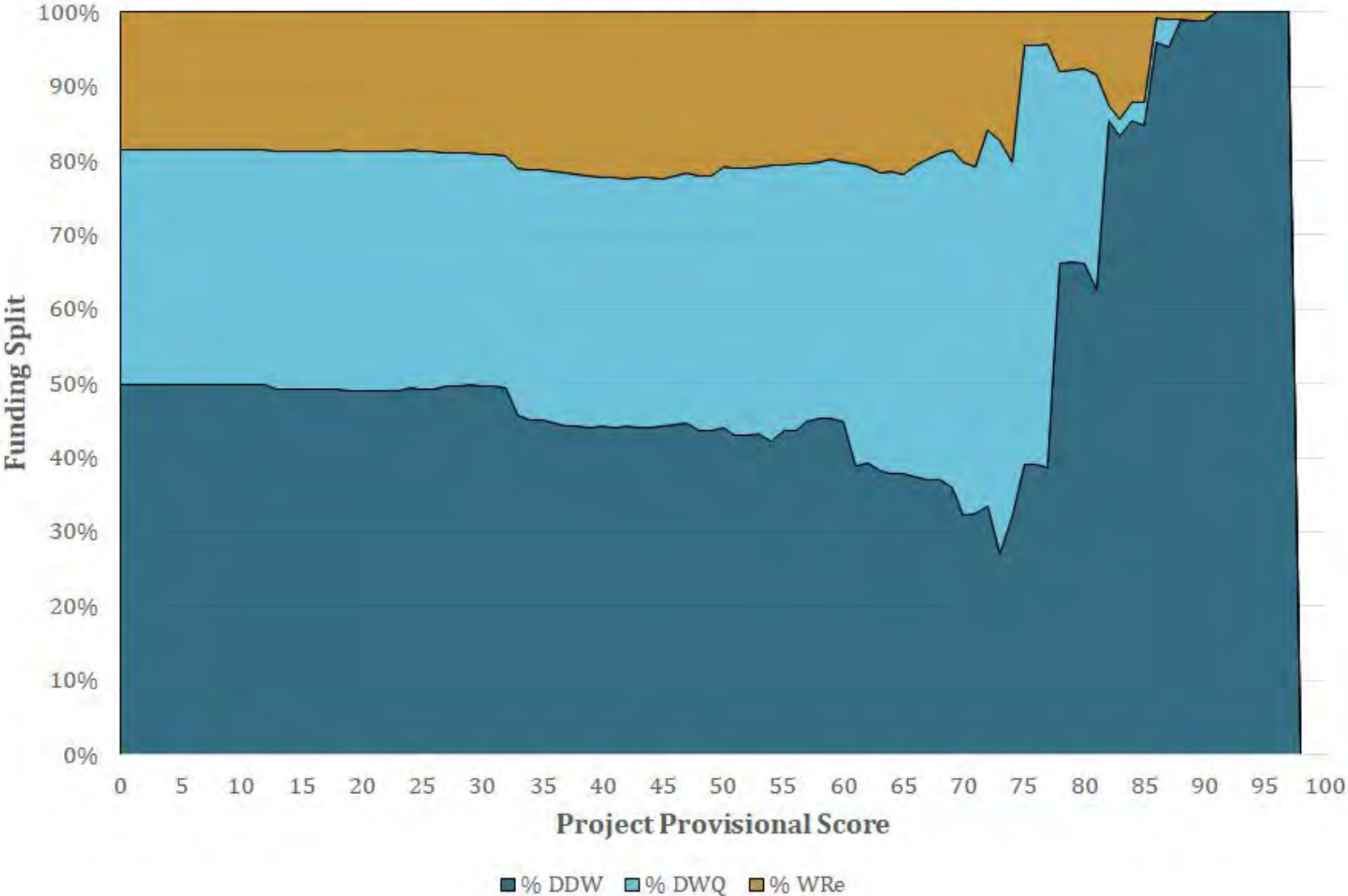
Project Scoring Criteria	Weight
Hardship	18%
Critical issue	22%
Water efficiency	18%
Sound design	14%
Applicant priority	16%
Population benefited and non-state funding	12%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Summary of Typical Relevant Agency Funding

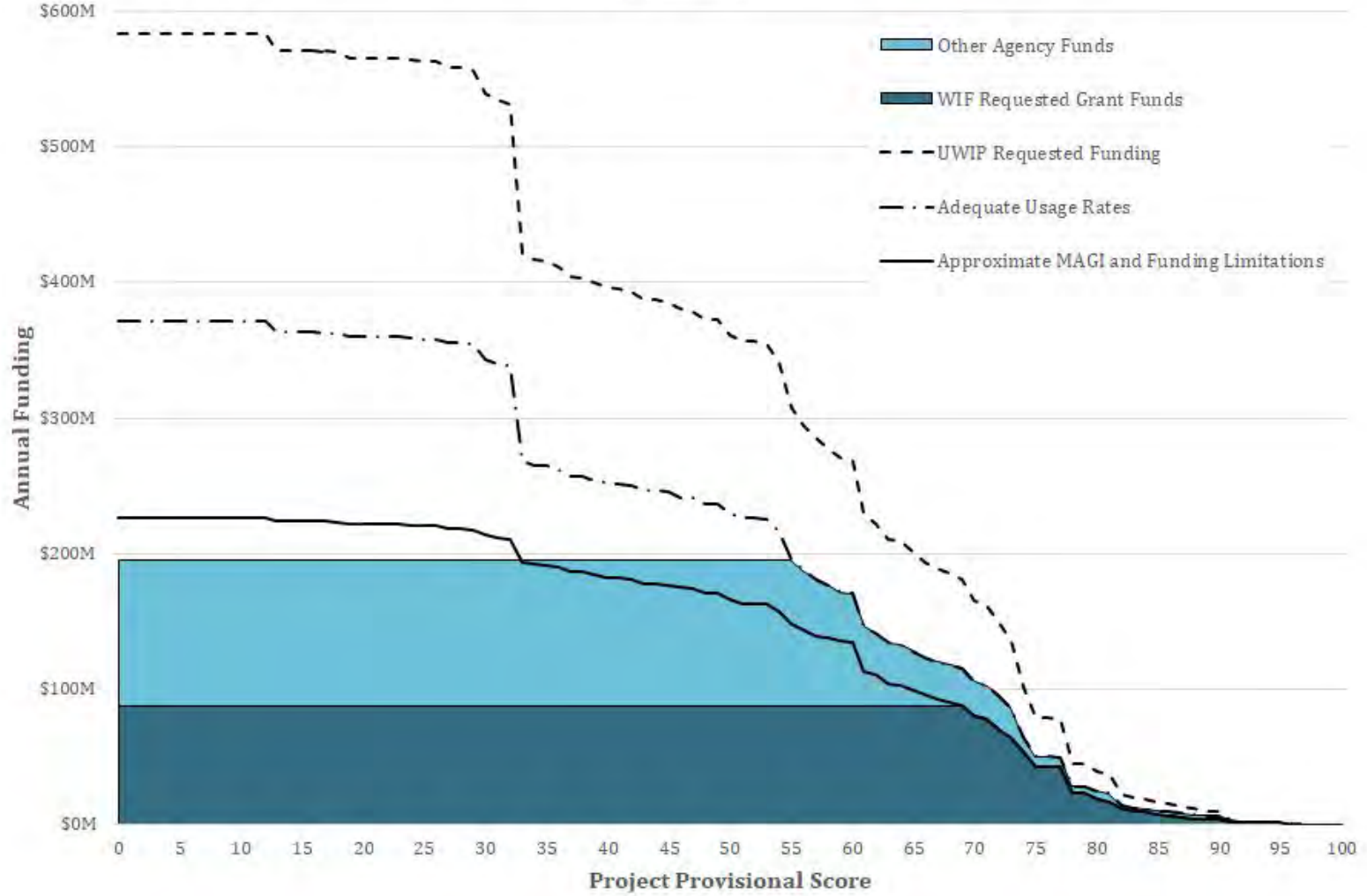
Source	1/16 <sup>th</sup> of a Percent Sales Tax*	State Loan Repayment	Federal Loan Repayment	Total
DDW	\$1.6 Mn	\$2.5 Mn	\$17.2 Mn	\$21.3 Mn
DWQ	\$1.6 Mn	\$2.5 Mn	\$17.2 Mn	\$21.3 Mn
WRe	\$42.4 Mn	\$18 Mn	—	\$60.4 Mn
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45.6 Mn</b>	<b>\$23 Mn</b>	<b>\$34.4 Mn</b>	<b>\$103 Mn</b>

\*Total less administrative costs

### Funding Split by Agency 1-2 Year Projects



### Annual Funding by Provisional Score (FY 2027)



# Legislative Deadlines

- Agency Plans – June 30, 2026
  - Prioritized list of projects within each agency
- Unified Water Infrastructure Plan (UWIP) – March 1, 2030
  - Prioritized list of project across agencies
- WDCC Report To LWDC – October Interim Meeting
  - Annual report of funding levels available for projects and unfunded projects
  - LWDC to recommend additional funding allocation and funding source
- Status of Funds Report – September 1, 2026
  - Beginning and ending FY balance revenues received and projected revenues
- WDCC Compilation of Status of Funds Reports – October 1, 2026

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkFow-HXdLSkBytTtg6jfw>

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BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 18, 2026

## SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIONS

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8. **WITHDRAWALS:** SPENCER JONES moved that RE493 Dry Gulch Irrigation Company, RM051 Richards Irrigation Company, and the loan funds for RM064 Paradise Irrigation Company be withdrawn from further consideration by the Board. WILLIAM MERKLEY seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
  
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** JULIETTE TENNERT moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 PM. All voted in favor.

## THOSE PRESENT

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Mike Davis  
Vice Chair Dana Van Horn  
Juliette Tennert  
Dale Buxton  
William Merkley  
Brian Steed  
Spencer Jones  
Blaine Ipson  
Tim Hawkes

### STAFF PRESENT

Director Joel Williams  
Assistant Director Shalaine DeBernardi  
Marisa Egbert  
Ann Baynard  
Ben Marett  
Ethan Stayner  
Shannon Clough  
Eric Dixon  
Brad Caldwell (online)  
Sarah Shechter, Attorney General's Office  
AV Team Paul Gedge, Carmen McDonald (online)

### OTHERS

Jordan Clayton, Snow Survey Supervisor, NRCS  
Elise Mondragon, Office Manager (outgoing), Grantsville Irrigation Company (online)  
Rhonda Peterson, Office Manager (incoming), Grantsville Irrigation Company (online)  
Bodee Paulick, Grantsville Irrigation Company (online)  
Marie Dougherty, Mayor, Clinton City (online)  
David Williams, Public Works Director, Clinton City (online)  
Bryce Wilcox, J-U-B Engineers  
Bill Ford, President, Elberta Water Company  
Jeff Humphrey, General Manager, Weber-Box Elder Conservation District and South Ogden Conservation District  
Marcus Keller, Crews & Associates

Dee Staples, President, Wolf Creek Irrigation Company (online)

EJ Harris, Secretary/Treasurer, Wolf Creek Irrigation Company (online)

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, Utah 84790

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

CHAIR MIKE DAVIS called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM, introduced himself and the Board members introduced themselves.

DIRECTOR JOEL WILLIAMS introduced himself and the staff present.

**NRCS SNOW REPORT:**

JORDAN CLAYTON presented a snow survey update.

**DISCUSSION OF BOARD PROJECTS:**

<b><u>Project Number</u></b>	<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>Project Manager</u></b>
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**COMMITTAL OF FUNDS:**

<b>RE469 Grantsville Irrigation Company</b>		<b>Tooele</b>	<b>Ann Baynard</b>
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ANN BAYNARD presented the report.

<b>RE490 Clinton City</b>		<b>Davis</b>	<b>Ann Baynard</b>
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ANN BAYNARD presented the report.

MAYOR MARIE DOHERTY thanked the Board for their consideration.

DANA VAN HORN asked for an update on the project's progress, specifically regarding whether roadwork has commenced and if the timeline is working for all involved.

BRYCE WILCOX confirmed that the project is underway and proceeding according to schedule. The City's payments are scheduled quarterly toUDOT,and everything is working according to plan.

**RE503 Elberta Water Company**                      **Utah**                      **Ethan Stayner**

ETHAN STAYNER presented the report.

**RM129 Weber-Box Elder Conservation District**   **Weber**                      **Ann Baynard**

ANN BAYNARD presented the report.

**RM130 South Ogden Conservation District**   **Weber**                      **Ann Baynard**

ANN BAYNARD presented the report.

TIM HAWKES commented about the importance of metering and informing the public about their use, and thanked the districts for their efforts.

JEFF HUMPHREY and MARCUS KELLER expressed appreciation to the board for their favorable funding terms and staff for their assistance in the process.

**SPECIAL ITEMS:**

**RM067 Wolf Creek Irrigation Company**                      **Weber**                      **Ben Marett**

BEN MARETT presented the report.

DEE STAPLES expressed appreciation to the board for their help both in the past and currently.

**RE493 Dry Gulch Irrigation Company**                      **Duchesne**                      **Marisa Egbert**

**RM051 Richards Irrigation Company**                      **Salt Lake**                      **Ben Marett**

**RM064 Paradise Irrigation Company**                      **Cache**                      **Marisa Egbert**

**BRIEFING INFORMATION TO THE BOARD:**

**STATUS OF FUNDS:**

SHALAINE DEBERNARDI presented the report.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

DIRECTOR JOEL WILLIAMS I would like to provide a quick legislative update. Since we're talking about dam safety funds, we did finally get an additional appropriation of \$6.2 million. When combined with our existing \$3.8 million, this provides a total of \$10 million annually for dam safety. These funds will be transferred from the C&D fund into the Revolving Construction Fund for use. This increase is much needed, as project costs have risen over the years and the previous \$3.8 million allocation was no longer sufficient to keep pace. This will help us stay better on top of the projects as they come up each year.

While many of the most interesting bills did not pass, there were several significant ones that did. Specifically, House Bill 296, sponsored by Representative Hoang Nguyen, was successful this year after failing to pass last year. This legislation updates water conservation plans to allow water providers the option to commit water to the Great Salt Lake as a conservation measure.

House Bill 313 from Representative John Arthur updates landscaper certification requirements. Professionals will now be required to complete six hours of training, including at least one hour focused on water conservation landscaping principles and one hour on fire risk management landscaping principles. These updates were well-received when presented to the Utah Water Task Force.

House Bill 473 from Representative Scott Chew moves the Colorado River Authority from the Governor's Office to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Our team is looking forward to welcoming them into the DNR family and beginning our work together. We have already been working closely with them, but I believe our collaboration will be further enhanced now that we are part of the same department.

The board is expanding from seven to ten members. Under this new structure:

- The Commissioner now holds an official voting seat.
- The Water Resources Director is also a voting member.
- The southeast portion of the state will get their own representative (instead of Water Resources director).
- The State Engineer and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources will serve as non-voting members.

Additionally, the bill clarified who may not serve as the Colorado River Commissioner. Specifically, it stipulates that the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, the State Engineer, and the Director of Water Resources are all ineligible to hold that position. Senate Bill 46, Water Wise Landscaping Amendments, sponsored by Senator Stratton. The bill defines "functional turf," which we believe may complicate the topic. It is widely understood that there are many appropriate uses for grass; therefore, we feel it would be more effective to define "non-functional turf" instead. By defining specific areas where grass should not be used, such as park strips and parking lot islands, there would be greater clarity and it would better support our water conservation goals. We

will continue to monitor the progress and see where it goes. For this year it only applies to state properties.

Senate Bill 252, sponsored by Senator Pitcher, focuses on ensuring state agencies implement efficient water and irrigation systems. Starting May 6th, any new state facility must install irrigation systems with a distribution uniformity of 75% or greater. While this is a high standard to achieve, the Department of Facilities and Construction Management (DFCM) co-presented on the bill and has committed to meeting this requirement for new state properties. Additionally, any new grass areas on these properties must utilize low-water-use turf as certified by Utah State University. This bill represents a positive step forward in allowing the state to lead by example in water conservation efforts.

As I mentioned, several notable bills did not pass this legislative session. Despite receiving strong support in committee and from both the Senate and the House, several water conservation bills did not make it across the finish line. This year, over a thousand pieces of legislation were introduced, and approximately half were successful. Among those that did not pass were a water loss study in HB 154. HB 155 which encouraged tiered conservation rates. HB 328 which would have defined non-functional turf. Despite strong support from water conservancy districts, many positive comments, passing both committees, Senator Stratton introduced a Senate substitute that changed the definition from "non-functional turf" to "functional turf." The bill failed in that form. We plan to try again next year to establish a "non-functional turf" definition that will help the state prioritize water use for appropriate areas. HB 349 would have modified the board's authority for funding dam and reservoir projects. While the board already has the authority to receive applications for new or expanded reservoirs, the original bill would have allowed the board to utilize the Water Infrastructure Restricted Account (WIRA). Currently, WIRA is limited to a specific list of five or six uses; this bill would have expanded that list to include dams and reservoirs. At a certain point in the session the bill was substituted to remove that specific authority. However, it still tasked the board with evaluating potential reservoirs and reporting annually to the legislature on the number of applications received. In the end the bill did not pass, though it made for some interesting discussion.

There was the airborne chemical amendments bill, which we were involved in due to the need to distinguish between cloud seeding and concerns regarding chemtrails. The bill clearly defined the distinction between the two, explicitly stating that the activities associated with chemtrail theories would be illegal, while clarifying that cloud seeding is a separate, regulated practice. For the second year in a row, however, the bill did not pass. While this could be viewed as a win for science, it is a missed opportunity for our office. The passage of this bill would have provided us with a helpful tool when responding to residents concerned about our cloud seeding program. It would have

allowed us to clarify that the activities they are worried about are indeed illegal and distinct from our actual operations.

**Attorney General Update:**

SARAH SCHECTER will provide an update regarding the Great Salt Lake litigation during a closed session in the next portion of the meeting, which will allow her to advise the Board under attorney-client privilege.

The legislature appropriated \$5 million for litigation regarding the Great Salt Lake and the Colorado River. Water Horse is completely resolved so we will no longer have to talk about it.

DANA VAN HORN moved for a recess. JULIETTE TENNERT seconded the motion. Meeting recessed at 2:27 PM and will reconvene at 2:45 PM.

CHAIR MIKE DAVIS ended brief recess at 2:46 PM.

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**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

JOEL WILLIAMS welcomed MARISA EGBERT.

MARISA EGBERT updated the Board about the new ADA rules. We're overhauling our board report templates for ADA accessibility. The goal is to make sure screen readers can properly read everything, and we need to be ready by the end of April. Privacy updates are happening for contact info. Since we do everything digitally now, we're swapping out addresses (including personal home addresses on applications) for just

email addresses and phone numbers. Shout-out to the compliance team! Becky Holt and Summer Dawn Shumway are leading the charge across the office to make sure we're in compliance.

JOEL WILLIAMS presented his report.

State Water Plan update, a draft is coming out "next week" for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) directors to review. You can expect a draft for a wider audience to be released in May. After that, it will be put out for public comment. The final goal is to have the plan published by the end of this year.

Conservation updates, the Governor's "Built Here" initiative aims for 75% of state residents to live in an area with water-wise ordinances, qualifying them for an incentive program to fund water-wise landscaping. We are currently at 65%. We are seeking more cities to join, and West Point City recently adopted the qualifying ordinances, making them eligible. Blanding and Centerville are considering ordinances. We are happy to go out and meet with anyone if they have questions about this. The goal is to reach 75% water efficiency by 2029. We are hosting webinars taught by water resources staff and experts, focusing on residential water efficiency. The next one that will be coming up is about the Department of Agriculture and Food's Pollinator Program. The Transparent Water billing application opened on March 16th and will be open through May 15th. For water providers interested in help with their billing program and better communication with water users of explaining their water use to them.

The Great Salt Lake Basin Integrated Plan is currently working on a draft integrated water plan, expected by the end of this year, despite some discussion about its alignment with the overall Integrated Plan. The final Great Salt Lake Basin Integrated Plan, which incorporates a basinwide model developed with the Bureau of Reclamation, is scheduled for completion by the end of 2027.

ERIC DIXON Unified Water Infrastructure Plan (UWIP) update. The plan has been finalized and is on the division's website. Also the Utah Project Portal has been open since November, and that's where entities can come and put their projects in anytime and update them whenever they want. A new annual submission deadline will be set for water project inclusion in agency annual plans, including the Division of Water Resources. While the annual plan updates yearly, submissions are currently rolling. The next board meeting will include a 10-15 minute presentation on the impact of the UWIP to the board's process. The goal is a seamless transition with minimal process changes. The intent is to compile a 20-year overview of all state water infrastructure projects to proactively anticipate funding needs. Submissions will be distributed to the three relevant agencies: Water Resources, Drinking Water, and Water Quality. The

submission process will largely follow historical procedures, with minor initial adjustments. A clearer update will be provided at the May board meeting.

BLAINE IPSON I move to go into a Closed Session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, Utah Code Section 52-4-205(1)(c). DANA VAN HORN seconded the motion. Roll call vote was held. All Board members voted in favor of a closed session.

BRIAN STEED moved to return to open meeting. BLAINE IPSON seconded All in favor of an open session.

CHAIR MIKE DAVIS We are out of closed session and back into regular session. No action was taken.

JULIETTE TENNERT wanted to recognize DIRECTOR JOEL WILLIAMS and that this is his first official meeting as Director.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

JULIETTE TENNERT moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 PM. All voted in favor.