BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES
BOARD MEETING

JUNE 25, 2026

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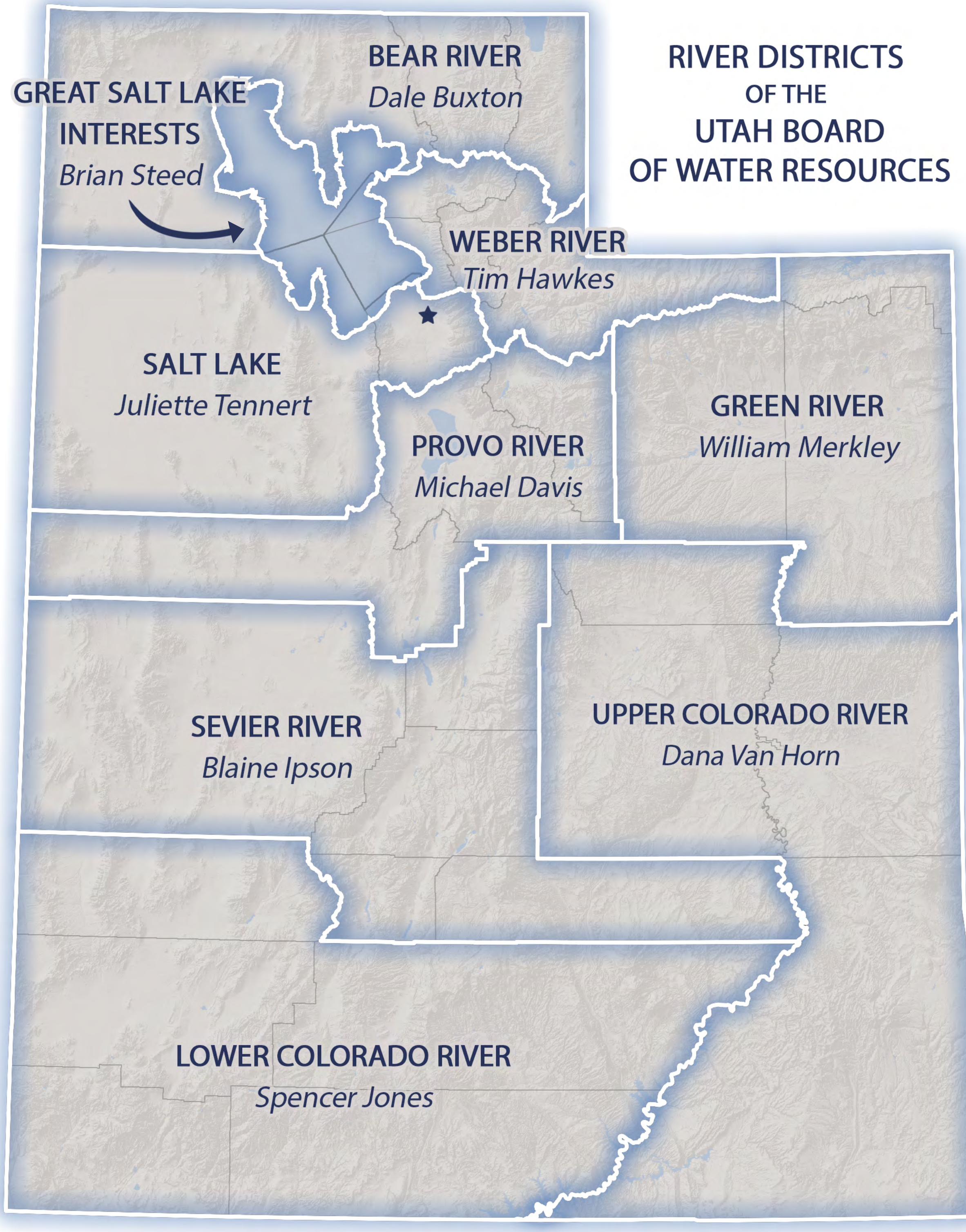
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
1594 WEST NORTH TEMPLE, #310
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84114

Board of Water Resources Calendar

MONTH	PLACE
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)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BEAR RIVER
Dale Buxton
GREAT SALT LAKE
INTERESTS
Brian Steed
WEBER RIVER
Tim Hawkes
SALT LAKE
Juliette Tennert
GREEN RIVER
William Merkley
PROVO RIVER
Michael Davis
UPPER COLORADO RIVER
Dana Van Horn
SEVIER RIVER
Blaine Ipson
LOWER COLORADO RIVER
Spencer Jones

Agenda
Utah Board of Water Resources
Board Briefing and Action Meeting
June 25, 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/fW--ZSEQfZI

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:
Chair Mike Davis

DISCUSSION OF BOARD PROJECTS:

Project Number	Applicant	County	Project Manager
COMMITTAL OF FUNDS:			
RE499	Lake Creek Irrigation Company	Wasatch	Ben Marett
RE488	North Creek Irrigation Company of Mt. Pleasant, Inc.	Sanpete	Ann Baynard
RE501	Cache Highline Water Association	Cache	Brad Caldwell
SPECIAL ITEMS:			
RC067	Twin Creeks Special Service District (Jones Dam - Additional Funds)	Wasatch	Ethan Stayner
RE505	Wolf Creek Irrigation Company (Authorization/Committal of Funds)	Weber	Ben Marett
RM016	Highland City (Contract Amendment)	Utah	Ethan Stayner
APPLICATION SUMMARY:			
RE506	Moab City	Grand	Ethan Stayner

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):

STATE WATER PLAN UPDATE:
Stephanie McGinnis

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
June 25, 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 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	102,000	(Add'l Amt.)		03/13/26
	Total Funds Contracted				$ 3,831,000	
	Funds Balance				$ 11,824,000	
	Projects with Funds Committed					
*	1 Cache Highline Water Association	RE501	$ 255,000			06/25/26
	2 Elberta Water Company	RE503	98,000			03/18/26
*	3 North Creek Irrigation Company, of Mt. Pleasant	RE488	500,000			06/25/26
	4 Veyo Irrigation Company	RE498	990,000			05/14/26
	5 West Milburn Irrigation Company	RE442	335,000			10/08/20
*	6 Wolf Creek Irrigation Company	RE505	255,000			06/25/26
	Total Funds Committed				$ 2,433,000	
	Funds Balance				$ 9,391,000	
	Projects Authorized					
	1 Farm Creek Irrigation Company	RE502	$ 435,000			01/29/26
	Total Funds Authorized				$ 435,000	
	Remaining Funds Available	(End of year balance if all listed projects were fully paid)			$ 8,956,000	

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REVOLVING CONSTRUCTION FUND - DAM SAFETY

Funding Status
June 25, 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 Twin Creeks Special Service District (Jones Dam)	RC067	**Grant	40,000	(Add'l Amt.)		06/03/26
	6 Wasatch County (Lake Creek)	RC073	**Grant	150,000			07/21/25
	7 Washington County Water Cons Dist (Ash Creek)	RC074	**Grant	300,000			08/14/25
	8 Washington County Water Cons Dist (Kolob)	RC070	**Grant	500,000	(Add'l Amt.)		11/18/25
	9 Woodruff Irrigating Company (Birch Creek)	RC050	**Grant	500,000			06/11/26
	Total Funds Contracted					$ 3,642,000	
Funds Balance						$ 14,906,000	
Projects with Funds Committed							
	1 Salt Lake City Public Utilities (Red Pine)	RC072	**Grant	$ 150,000			03/01/26
*	2 Twin Creeks Special Service District (Jones Dam)	RC067	**Grant	1,436,000	(Add'l Amt.)		06/25/26
	3 Washington County Flood Contr. Auth. (Warner)	RC049	**Grant	212,000			03/22/17
	4 Washington County Flood Contr. Auth. (Stucki)	RC050	**Grant	88,400			03/22/17
	Total Funds Committed					$ 1,886,000	
Funds Balance						$ 13,020,000	
Projects Authorized							
	1 None			$ -			
	Total Funds Authorized					$ -	
Remaining Funds Available	(End of year balance if all listed projects were fully paid)					$ 13,020,000	

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** Dam Safety Projects

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CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

Funding Status
June 25, 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	**	7,737,000			04/16/26
	Total Funds Contracted/Closed					$ 16,101,000	
	Funds Balance					$ 95,008,000	
	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 Lake Creek Irrigation Company	RE499		7,604,000			06/25/26
	5 Mountain View Irrigation Inc.	RM033	**	743,000			12/06/22
	6 Newton Water Users Association	RM044	**	92,000			09/15/22
	7 Veyo Culinary Water Association	RE445		1,076,000			05/14/26
	8 West Panguitch Irrigation & Reservoir Company	RE489		4,250,000			10/10/24
	9 Wolf Creek Irrigation Company	RM067	**	42,330	(Add'l Amt.)		03/18/26
	Total Funds Committed					$ 17,425,000	
	Funds Balance					$ 77,583,000	
	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 Powder Mountain Water & Sewer Imp District	RE497		1,395,000			05/15/25
	4 Weber-Box Elder Conservation District	RE400		1,687,000			08/10/17
	Total Funds Authorized					$ 16,503,000	
	Funds Balance					$ 61,080,000	
	Secondary Meter Projects Authorized						
	1 Newton Town Sprinkling Company	RM045	**	$ 132,000			08/04/22
	Total Funds Authorized					$ 132,000	
	Remaining Funds Available	(End of year balance if all listed projects were fully paid)				$ 60,948,000	

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** Secondary Meter Projects

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CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND - COLORADO RIVER REUSE FUNDS

Funding Status
June 25, 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

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SMALL SYSTEM SECONDARY METER GRANT FUNDS

Funding Status
June 25, 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

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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	Moab City	RE506	C&D	3,000,000	5,600,000	06/10/26
	10	Morgan City	RL589	C&D	2,552,000	6,004,000	08/19/22
	11	Sanpete WCD (Narrows Dam)	RD377	C&D	29,325,000	34,500,000	04/07/83
	12	Settlement Canyon Irrigation Co (Phase 2)	RE240	C&D	552,500	650,000	10/02/08
	13	Wellsville-Mendon Conservation District	RE364	C&D	680,000	800,000	03/18/15
		Subtotal			$ 57,948,000	$ 80,822,000	

* New Application

Applicant: **Lake Creek Irrigation Company**

Project Number: RE499
Fund: Conservation and Development Fund
Total Cost: $8,946,000
Board Funding: $7,604,000

Application Received: 6/6/2025
Authorized: 8/21/2025
Board Meeting Date: 6/25/2026

Board Member: Michael K. Davis
Project Manager: Ben Marett

Project Summary: The purpose of the project is to replace and upsize about 15,000 feet of pipeline, replace a diversion structure, replace an existing pressure reducing valve and vault, install a system water meter and vault and install additional connections to the distribution system.

Recommendation: Staff recommends <u>the board commit 85% of the project cost, up to $7,604,000, and that the project be purchased at 1.24% interest over about 26 years, with annual payments of $346,000.</u>

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Email Address	Phone
President	Greg McPhie	gmcphie@irby.com	801-372-6050
Secretary	Melissa McKrola	lakecreekirrigation@msn.com	435-671-7138
Engineer	Nathan Davis Bowen Collins & Associates	ndavis@bowencollins.com	801-495-2224

Location

The proposed project is located about four miles east of Heber City in Wasatch County.

Project Summary

The purpose of the project is to replace and upsize about 15,000 feet of pipeline, replace a diversion structure, replace an existing pressure reducing valve and vault, install a system water meter and vault and install additional connections to the distribution system.

A bid opening was held for the project in May 2026, and the bids came in below the engineer's cost estimate. The updated project cost is $8,946,000.

Cost Estimate & Sharing

The recommended cost estimate and sharing are as follows:

Agency	Authorized Cost Sharing	% of Total	Proposed Cost Sharing	% of Total
Board of Water Resources	$8,645,000	85%	$7,604,000	85%
Applicant	1,525,000	15	1,342,000	15
TOTAL	**$10,170,000**	**100%**	**$8,946,000**	**100%**

Repayment

The authorized repayment was approximately $347,800 at 1.26% over 30 years. The interest rate was pro-rated for a combination of agricultural and secondary use. The municipal rate at that time was 4.12%, but is currently 3.92%, so the pro-rated interest rate has been adjusted to 1.24%. Additionally, the financial feasibility indicated an annual net benefit of approximately $407,000. The proposed repayment is calculated as 85% of the net benefit, which is approximately $346,000.

Staff recommends the board commit 85% of the project cost, up to $7,604,000, and that the project be purchased at 1.24% interest over about 26 years, with annual payments of $346,000.

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES
Committal of Funds

Applicant: **North Creek Irrigation Company, of Mt. Pleasant, Inc.**

Project Number: RE488
Fund: Revolving Construction Fund
Total Cost: $6,020,000
Board Funding: $500,000

Application Received: 5/23/2024
Authorized: 3/19/2025
Board Meeting Date: 6/25/2026

Board Member: Blaine Ipson
Project Manager: Ann Baynard

Project Summary: The purpose of the project is to pressurize the applicant's entire system by piping about seven miles of unlined open ditch, as well as installing turnout meters and improving the headworks structure.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the board commit 8.3% of the project cost, up to $500,000, and that the project be purchased at 0% interest over 15 years, with annual payments of approximately $33,400.

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Email Address	Phone
President	Edwin Christensen	echristensen83@gmail.com	435-469-0456
Secretary	Barry Olsen	barryolsen27@gmail.com	801-380-2739
Project Manager	Don Johnson	dj5748336@hotmail.com	801-243-9175
Engineer	Taylor Stauffer J-U-B Engineering	tstauffer@jub.com	801-547-0393

Location

The proposed project is located northeast of Mt. Pleasant City in Sanpete County.

Project Summary

The purpose of the project is to pressurize the applicant's entire system by piping about seven miles of unlined open ditch, as well as installing turnout meters and improving the headworks structure.

Cost Estimate & Sharing

Since authorization in March 2025, the applicant has received additional grant funding from the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food and Bureau of Reclamation. The applicant has a final bid tabulation for Phase I of the project and the engineer's cost estimate for Phase II. The new cost of the project is estimated to be $6,020,000.

Agency	Authorized Cost Sharing	% of Total	Proposed Cost Sharing	% of Total
Board of Water Resources	$1,732,000	30.7%	$500,000	8.3%
WaterSMART Grant Bureau of Reclamation	2,596,760	46.1	2,865,260	47.6
Water Optimization Grant Utah Department of Agriculture & Food	1,000,000	17.8	2,455,357	40.8
Applicant	305,240	5.4	199,383	3.3
TOTAL	**$5,634,000**	**100%**	**$6,020,000**	**100%**

Repayment

The board authorized 30.7% of the project cost, up to $1,732,000 from the Conservation and Development Fund, to be repaid at 1% interest over approximately 27 years with annual payments of $75,000. Due to the reduction of board funds, the applicant has requested the funds come from the Revolving Construction Fund at 0% interest.

Staff recommends <u>the board commit 8.3% of the project cost, up to $500,000, and that the project be purchased at 0% interest over 15 years, with annual payments of approximately $33,400</u>.

Applicant: **Cache Highline Water Association**

Project Number: RE501
Fund: Revolving Construction Fund
Cost Estimate: $795,000
Board Funding: $255,000

Application Received: 7/25/2025
Authorized: 10/9/2025
Board Meeting Date: 6/25/2026

Board Member: Dale Buxton
Project Manager: Brad Caldwell

Project Summary: The purpose of the project is to upgrade an existing 36-inch metal pipeline, and install a traveling screen, sediment basin and SCADA system.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the board commit 32.1% of the project cost, up to $255,000, and that the project be purchased at 0% interest over 25 years with annual payments of approximately $10,200.

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Email Address	Phone
President	Jon Wells	jonsllew@gmail.com	435-799-5691
Treasurer	Lyle Thornley	finance@cachehighline.com	435-757-2393
Secretary	Marianna Larsen	mariannaplarsen@outlook.com	435-757-1215
Engineer	Steven Wood Sunrise Engineering	sdwood@sunrise-eng.com	435-563-3734

Location

The proposed project is located in Smithfield City in Cache County.

Project Summary

The proposed project consists of installing a “fold and form” liner within the existing 36-inch metal pipe. Other major project components include new concrete anchors, a traveling screen, sluice gates, box culvert, sediment basin and baffled chutes. Construction has begun and is scheduled to be completed in summer 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 Funds
Board of Water Resources	$255,000	32.1%	85.0%
WaterSMART Grant (US Bureau of Reclamation)	295,000	37.1	-
Water Optimization Grant (Utah Department of Agriculture and Food)	200,000	25.1	-
Applicant	45,000	5.7	15.0
TOTAL	**$795,000**	**100%**	**100%**

Repayment

Staff recommends the board commit 32.1% of the project cost, up to $255,000, and that the project be purchased at 0% interest over 25 years with annual payments of approximately $10,200.

Applicant: **Twin Creeks Special Service District**

Project Number: RC067
Fund: Dam Safety Grant
Total Cost: $4,585,000
Board Funding: $3,668,000

Application Received: 1/12/2023
Committal: 5/9/2024
Board Meeting Date: 6/25/2026

Board Member: Michael Davis
Project Manager: Ethan Stayner

Project Summary: The purpose of the project is to upgrade Jones Dam to meet state minimum safety standards.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the board commit an additional $1,476,000 in dam safety grant funds, and that the contract be amended to state the board will provide 80% of the project cost, up to $3,668,000, as a dam safety grant.

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Email Address	Phone
General Manager	Max Covey	mcovey@jssd.us	435-654-9233
Engineer	Jon Howe Bowen Collins & Associates	jhowe@bowencollins.com	801-495-2224

Location

The proposed project is located about nine miles east of Heber City, in Wasatch County.

Project Summary

The purpose of the project is to upgrade Jones Dam to meet the state minimum safety standards. Phase 1 upgrades constructed under the existing dam safety grant contract included improving the spillway, constructing a stability berm, installing drains and lining the outlet conduit.

During initial filling of the reservoir, in July 2025, excessive seepage was discovered at the downstream toe of the dam which was bypassing the recently installed toe drain. This necessitates a second phase of construction that includes the extension of the toe drain along both abutments and a pipeline to carry the gathered flow into a nearby reservoir on the district's system.

The project cost estimate for Phase 2 is an additional $1,835,000, which brings the total cost of Jones Dam upgrades to $4,585,000.

Cost Estimate & Sharing

The committed and proposed cost sharing is as follows:

Agency	Committed Cost Sharing	% of Total	Proposed Cost Sharing	% of Total
Board of Water Resources Dam Safety Grant	$2,192,000	80%	$3,668,000	80%
Applicant	548,000	20	917,000	20
TOTAL	**$2,740,000**	**100%**	**$4,585,000**	**100%**

The board previously committed 80% of the project cost, up to $2,192,000, as a dam safety grant.

Staff recommends the board commit an additional $1,476,000 in dam safety grant funds, and that the contract be amended to state the board will provide 80% of the project cost, up to $3,668,000, as a dam safety grant.

BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES
Special Item – Authorization and Committal of Funds

Applicant: **Wolf Creek Irrigation Company**

Project Number: RE505
Fund: Revolving Construction Fund
Cost Estimate: $300,000
Cost Estimate: $255,000

Application Received: 5/11/2026
Board Meeting Date: 6/25/2026

Board Member: Tim Hawkes
Project Manager: Ben Marett

Project Summary: The purpose of the project is to replace approximately 350 feet of pipeline that runs under State Route 158.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the board authorize and commit 85% of the project cost, up to $255,000, and that the project be purchased at 0% interest over 15 years with annual payments of approximately $17,000.

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Email Address	Phone
President	Stephen Noel	snoel@smithknowles.com	801-920-6062
Treasurer	EJ Harris	ejharris158@gmail.com	801-388-8500
Engineer	Aksel Albertsen Gardner Engineering	aksel@gecivil.com	801-476-0202

Location
The proposed project is located about 2 miles northeast of Eden in Weber County.

Introduction & Background
The applicant provides water from Wolf Creek to 402 sprinkle-irrigated acres and 170 secondary irrigation connections. A stream diversion structure located next to Powder Mountain Road (State Route 158) directs water into a pressurized distribution system. The distribution system consists primarily of the diversion structure on Wolf Creek, distribution pipeline, and two irrigation storage ponds.

The board has provided funding to the applicant for two previous projects. The first project was contracted in 1999 and included work to pressurize the distribution system. This project's final payment is due December 2026. The second project was a secondary metering project, which was completed this year and is scheduled to be repaid by 2039.

Existing Conditions & Problems
The applicant's main service line runs below State Route 158 about 2 miles northeast of Eden, immediately downstream of the stream diversion structure. The pipeline was installed approximately 25 years ago. The pipeline is severely deteriorated and is at risk of collapse. Should the pipe fail, the applicant won't be able to deliver water and would likely damage State Route 158.

Proposed Project
The purpose of the project is to replace approximately 350 feet of pipeline located under State Route 158. Construction is scheduled to begin soon after the funding is acquired and to be completed in less than one month. Engineering services are being provided by Gardner Engineering.

Benefits
The proposed project will preserve and protect the applicant's ability to deliver water to shareholders. It will also decrease the likelihood of damaging State Route 158.

Cost Estimate

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

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
1	Mobilization	1	Lump Sum	$21,000	$21,000
2	Remove Existing 36" CMP	350	Feet	$60	$21,000
3	Install 24" Dual Wall HDPE	356	Feet	$250	$89,000
4	Install 4' Irrigation Manhole	1	Each	$10,000	$10,000
5	Asphalt 2" Mill Fill	1,800	Square Feet	$10	$18,000
6	Asphalt Remove & Replace	30	Tons	$400	$12,000
7	Chip Seal	2,500	Square Feet	$2	$5,000
8	Road Base	200	Tons	$35	$7,000
9	Pipe Bedding	320	Tons	$35	$11,200
10	Pipe Bedding Foundation	70	Tons	$40	$2,800
11	Traffic Control	1	Lump Sum	$20,000	$20,000
				Construction Cost	**$217,000**
				Contingency	$44,000
				Design & Construction Engineering	$34,000
				Legal & Administrative	$5,000
				TOTAL	**$300,000**

Cost Sharing & Repayment

The recommended cost sharing and repayment are as follows:

Agency	Proposed Cost Sharing	% of Total
Board of Water Resources	$255,000	85%
Applicant	$45,000	15%
TOTAL	**$300,000**	**100%**

Staff recommends the board authorize and commit 85% of the project cost, up to $255,000, and that the project be purchased at 0% interest over 15 years with annual payments of approximately $17,000.

Financial Feasibility

Because there is no economic benefit expected from the proposed project, and because the purpose of the project is to maintain the applicant's ability to deliver water, a benefit/cost ratio of 1.0 is assumed.

Water Rights & Supply

The applicant has one water right (35-7188) with a diversion of 20 cfs or 2,243 acre-feet annually. This water right is currently held by the board in connection with previous projects.

Easements

The applicant will need to obtain a construction permit to do the work under State Road 158. No new easements will be required.

Environmental

The project will take place in previously disturbed soil under and around State Road 158. The contractor will be expected to provide erosion control for the project.

Water Conservation

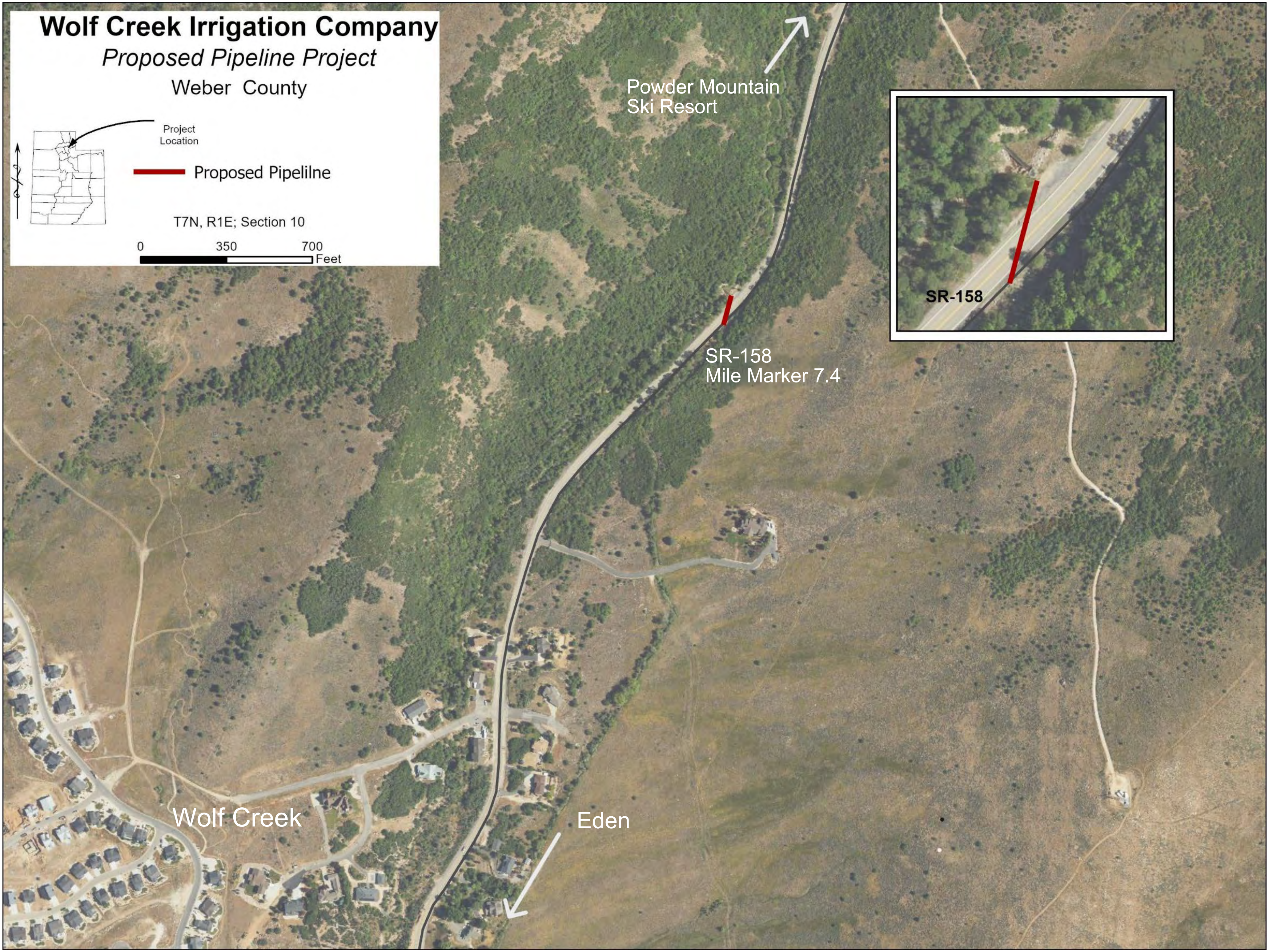
This project is not expected to conserve any water.

Applicant's Responsibilities

If the board authorizes and commits funding for 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. 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's water rights applicable to the project are unencumbered and legally transferable to the Board of Water Resources, and that they cover the land to be irrigated by the project.
    f. The company is in compliance with sections 73-10-33, 10-20-211, and 17-79-211 of the Utah Code governing management plans for water conveyance facilities.

The applicant has already submitted design plans and specifications and a Water Conservation Plan that has been approved by the division.


Wolf Creek Irrigation Company
Proposed Pipeline Project
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BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES
Special Item – Contract Amendment

Applicant: **Highland City**

Project Number: RM016
Fund: ARPA Grant
Total Cost: $9,150,000
Board Funding: $5,000,000

Application Received: 5/5/2022
Authorized: 8/4/2022
Committed: 8/4/2022
Board Meeting Date: 6/25/2026

Board Member: Michael Davis
Project Manager: Ethan Stayner

Project Summary: The purpose of the project is to purchase and install about 4,500 secondary meters.

Recommendation: Staff recommends <u>the board amend the grant contract to provide 70% of the non-grant portion of project costs, up to $5,000,000, as a secondary meter grant.</u>

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Email Address	Phone
Mayor	Brittney P. Bills	mayor@highlandut.gov	801-756-5751
Public Works Director	Chris Trusty	ctrusty@highlandut.gov	801-772-4508
Engineer	Tavis Timothy BT Engineering	tavis@b-t-eng.com	801-319-1288

Location

The project is located in Highland City in Utah County.

Project Summary

In August 2022, the board provided $5,000,000 in ARPA grant funds to the applicant to install secondary meters. The applicant's cost estimate for the project was $9,800,000 and they had received a WaterSMART grant of $2,000,000 to pay a portion of the costs. At that time, 70% of the non-grant portion of project costs was $5,460,000, but Utah Code 73-10-34.5 limited the maximum grant amount to $5,000,000. Therefore, staff recommended, and the board provided only 51% of the total project cost.

As the project nears completion, the cost estimate has decreased, but the project total percentage included in the grant contract limits the amount of grant funds available to the applicant. The applicant is requesting an amendment to its grant contract to allow proper utilization of the ARPA grant funds provided.

Cost Estimate & Sharing

The committed and proposed cost sharing are as follows:

Agency	Committed Cost Sharing	% of Total	Proposed Cost Sharing	% of Total	% of Non-Grant
Board of Water Resources	$5,000,000	51.0%	$5,000,000	54.6%	70.0%
WaterSMART Grant Bureau of Reclamation	2,000,000	20.4	2,000,000	21.9	-
Applicant	2,800,000	28.6	2,150,000	23.5	30.0
TOTAL	**$9,800,000**	**100%**	**$9,150,000**	**100%**	**100%**

Staff recommends the board amend the grant contract to provide 70% of the non-grant portion of project costs, up to $5,000,000, as a secondary meter grant.

Applicant: **Moab City**

Project Number: RE506
Fund: Conservation and Development Fund
Cost Estimate: $5,614,000
Board Funding: $3,000,000

Application Received: 6/10/2026
Board Meeting Date: 6/25/2026

Board Member: Dana Van Horn
Project Manager: Ethan Stayner

Project Contacts:

Title	Name	Email Address	Phone
Mayor	Joette Langianese	jlangianese@moabcity.gov	435-260-0932
Grants Coordinator	Alex Veilleux	aveilleux@moabcity.gov	435-260-2086
Treasurer	Marcy Mason	mmason@moabcity.gov	435-210-0026
Engineer	Mark Jolissaint	mjolissaint@moabcity.com	435-210-0026

Location
The proposed project is located three miles south of Moab in Grand County.

Proposed Project
The applicant is requesting financial assistance from the board to construction of a 1.5 million gallon water tank and chlorination station.

Construction Start Date
July 2026

Water Rights
The city has various water rights for the drinking water system.

State Water Plan Update
June 25, 2026

Background

House Bill 280 (2024) requires the state water plan to be updated no less frequently than every 10 years, with the next update due December 2026. The Division of Water Resources has established an internal goal of updating the plan every five years to ensure it remains responsive to changing conditions and emerging water challenges.

Collaboration

The 2026 update reflects extensive collaboration with state agencies, watershed councils, water conservancy districts and the public. Their contributions have strengthened the technical accuracy of the document and helped ensure that regional priorities and local perspectives are reflected throughout the plan.

Current Status

- The vision, goals and themes have been finalized and provide the framework for the plan.
- Chapters cover Utah's current and future water resources, water administration, healthy watersheds and ecosystems, vibrant communities and productive agriculture.
    - Chapter 8 provides a local perspective of each watershed council basin, including an overview of the area, water use, key challenges and needs and a local success story.
- The draft has undergone multiple rounds of technical review and editing to improve consistency, reduce redundancy and ensure alignment across chapters.

Looking Ahead - Upcoming 2026 Milestones

- July and August - Public engagement
    - A statewide virtual presentation will provide an overview of the plan, allow time for questions and explain how members of the public can participate in the public comment process.
    - Written comments received during the 30-45 day public comment period will be evaluated and considered before finalizing the document.
- December - Publish the final 2026 State Water Plan.
    - The final plan will be available online and in print.

Presented by Stephanie McGinnis, State Water Plan Manager

The Utah Board of Water Resources meetings are regularly streamed live and are recorded so citizens can watch them later. Please use the following link to access the most recent recordings: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkFow-HXdLSkBytTtg6fjfw

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BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2026

SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIONS

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** TIM HAWKES moved to approve the March 23, 2026 minutes. BLAINE IPSON seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2. **RE504 Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company** TIM HAWKES moved 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. BLAINE IPSON seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

3. **RE445 Veyo Culinary Water Association** SPENCER JONES moved 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. DALE BUXTON seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

4. **RE498 Veyo Irrigation Company** SPENCER JONES moved 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. BLAINE IPSON seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

5. **RM095 Cottonwood Gooseberry Irrigation Company** BLAINE IPSON moved the board commit 25.5% of the project cost, up to $840,000, and that the project be purchased at 1% interest over15 years, with annual payments of approximately $60,800. SPENCER JONES seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** DALE BUXTON moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 AM. BLAINE IPSON seconded the motion.

THOSE PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Chair Mike Davis
Vice Chair Dana Van Horn (online)
Juliette Tennert
Dale Buxton
Spencer Jones
Blaine Ipson
Tim Hawkes
William Merkley (online)
Brian Steed (online)

STAFF PRESENT
Director Joel Williams
Assistant Director Shalaine DeBernardi
Assistant Director Todd Stonely
Marisa Egbert
Ann Baynard
Josh Zimmerman
Shannon Clough
Eric Dixon
Brad Caldwell
Ashley Sampson
Michael Sanchez
Sarah Shechter, Attorney General's Office
AV Team Paul Gedge and Carmen McDonald

OTHERS
Jordan Clayton, Snow Survey Supervisor, NRCS
Rick Smith, General Manager, Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company
Slade Hughes, Manager, Veyo Culinary Water Association (online)
Brian Miller, President, Cottonwood Gooseberry Irrigation Company (online)
Ashlee Olsen, Secretary, Cottonwood Gooseberry Irrigation Company (online)
Rachel Valek, Bowen Collins & Associates

Utah Board of Water Resources
Board Briefing and Action Meeting
May 14, 2026
Department of Natural Resources Auditorium
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84114

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

CHAIR MIKE DAVIS introduced himself and board members present and those online introduced themselves.

DIRECTOR JOEL WILLIAMS introduced himself and the staff present.

NRCS SNOW REPORT:
JORDAN CLAYTON presented a snow survey update.

TRANSPARENT WATER BILLING UPDATE:
JOSH ZIMMERMAN presented the board with the update on the transparent water billing initiative, emphasizing enhanced efficiency and conservation efforts.

DANA VAN HORN I would like to share my strong support for this program. During my time as manager at Grand Water, we would have been unable to financially do this work without the state's help. The program has provided tremendous value to our water users. It is an excellent tool that uses modern language to effectively reach all customers. I highly recommend that any system considering this program contact the Division to start a conversation.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD PROJECTS:

Project Number	Applicant	County	Project Manager

FEASIBILITY REPORTS:

RE504 Davis and Weber Counties Canal Co — Davis — Ann Baynard
ANN BAYNARD presented the report.

Board, staff and applicant discussed the concerns of work in conjunction with UDOT and the railroad, and the difficulties in planning that causes.

COMMITTAL OF FUNDS:

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<u>BRIEFING INFORMATION TO THE BOARD:</u>

STATUS OF FUNDS:
SHALAINE DEBERNARDI presented the report, highlighting that there hasn't been much change since March.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:
DIRECTOR JOEL WILLIAMS Interim is next week. On May 20th at 8:30 a.m. we will give a presentation to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee that will include a water status and drought update and the Unified Water Infrastructure Plan, the long-term strategy for funding infrastructure. On Thursday, May 21st, at 8:00 a.m., we will present to the Legislative Water Development Commission. This session will focus on the water supply and provide a division update regarding our current division activities and any concerns we wish to share with the commission.

ATTORNEY GENERAL UPDATE:
SARAH SCHECTER Requested to have a closed session for an update on the Utah Physicians vs. DNR lawsuit. This will take place later after board actions.

BLAINE IPSON moved for a recess. SPENCER JONES seconded the motion. Meeting recessed at 9:44 AM and will reconvene at 10:00 AM.

CHAIR MIKE DAVIS ended recess at 10:01 AM. Confirmed all board members present.

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>
TIM HAWKES moved to approve the March 23, 2026 minutes. BLAINE IPSON seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed. (Roll call vote)

<u>BOARD ACTIONS (see project list above)</u>:

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POLICIES RELATED TO THE INVESTIGATION ACCOUNT:

SHALAINE DEBERNARDI and SARAH SHECHTER presented information to the board regarding the Investigation Account, which is a subaccount within the Revolving Construction Fund. The board was provided with state statute and board rules that govern this account, its use and the director's authority to approve contracts using funds in the account. Board input and feedback was requested. The board can request studies through the director, and staff will present an annual update regarding contracts funded.

UNIFIED WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (UWIP) UPDATE:

ERIC DIXON and RACHEL VALEK presented the report and discussed how this process will impact the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

JOEL WILLIAMS I wanted to follow up on our recent introductions to properly recognize our incredible AV staff. During the meeting, I neglected to mention Paul Gedge and Carmen McDonald, who are working in the booth behind us. Participating in other meetings recently has made us truly realize how spoiled we are to have such high-quality, technologically advanced support. From the seamless handling of screens to the multiple camera angles, we are very grateful for their expertise and help.

It has been a busy few months for us. Following the legislative session and my appointment as Director, we moved straight into the Utah Water Users Workshop in St. George. After that busy stretch, I was able to take a short vacation. At the end of April, I had the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., for the Western States Water Council meetings. I attended alongside State Engineer Teresa Wilhelmsen and Candice Hasenyager, now the Director of Water Quality.

During our time there we met with our congressional delegates. There was significant interest in Utah's current drought conditions and several questions regarding the Great Salt Lake and Colorado River.

I also wanted to provide an update on the State Water Plan. Steph McGinness, Becca Frei, and their team have completed a draft that is now out for preliminary review. It was sent this past Tuesday to the Water Conservancy Districts and the Watershed Councils to gather their initial feedback. Our plan is to incorporate those adjustments and open the draft for full-scale, statewide public review in July. We are on track to have the final plan finished and published by the end of the year.

Our water conservation team has also been very active due to heightened public interest because of the drought. The team has been traveling across the state to lead Localscapes classes and conservation meetings, including a recent session in Fairview. Upcoming highlights include:

- May 27: DIY Webinar "Build a Drought-Ready Yard Without Starting Over", focusing on small changes like smart controllers and limited watering.
- May 30: Sego Lily Spring Fair in Sandy.
- June 6: Weber Basin Spring Garden Fair in Layton.
- June 8: Sevier County Community Night Out and Resource Fair in Richfield.

We will have booths at each of these events to promote water conservation and education. More information is available on our website.

I also have year-end results from our cloud seeding program. Due to the lack of snow this year, we only operated the generators for about 30% of our budgeted amount. However, we saw increased performance from our drone program, which recorded about 400 flight hours compared to an average of 45 hours over the previous three years. These flights are helpful for targeting specific clouds.

The SNOWSCAPE research campaign has concluded, and the team is currently processing data and conducting quality control. The environmental study team is analyzing snow, water, sediment, and soil samples to identify any potential impacts from silver iodide used in cloud seeding. While previous studies have not detected levels above naturally occurring amounts, we are conducting this study to confirm those findings and analyze any potential environmental impacts.

DIRECTOR JOEL WILLIAMS addressed public interest and common questions regarding the proposed data center in Box Elder County and its potential water impacts. Given the heightened public interest and concern surrounding these topics, there is a three-page FAQ available on the Governor's website. Additionally, the board was provided with a handout containing detailed information from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

BLAINE IPSON I would like to make a motion. I move to close the meeting to discuss pending litigation pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-205(1)(c). SPENCER JONES seconded the motion. All voted in favor of a closed session.

BLAINE IPSON moved to return to open meeting. SPENCER JONES seconded the motion. All voted in favor of opening the session.

CHAIR MIKE DAVIS no action was taken. If there's nothing further to discuss I'd be looking for a final motion.

ADJOURNMENT

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