

MINUTES OF THE **WORK SESSION** OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024, AT 11:45 AM AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, OREM, UTAH.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Shelley Brennan, Chair  
Wayne Andersen, Vice Chair  
Jon Bronson  
Kirk Christensen  
Steve Farrell

Wade E. Garner  
Steve Hanberg  
Max Haslem  
Kathy Wood Loveless  
L. Alma Mansell

Eldon Neves  
Jim Riding  
Jennifer Scott  
Randy Vincent  
Brad Wells

TRUSTEES EXCUSED

Marvin Kenison

Greg McPhie

STAFF PRESENT

Gene Shawcroft, General Manager  
Lisa Anderson, Board Executive Assistant  
Kirk Beecher, Lands Manager  
Gary Brimley, Water Rights Engineer  
Jim Brooks, Human Resources Manager  
Derek Bruton, Project Engineer  
Heath Clark, Asset Management Manager  
John Coker, IT Manager  
Kent Cottle, Assistant IT Manager  
Linda Critchfield, HR/Finance Generalist  
Chris Elison, Engineering Manager  
Jared Hansen, CUP Manager  
Nick Kaloupis, Computer System Specialist  
Shawn Lambert, CFO  
Cort Lambson, Engineering Manager

Bart Leeftang, Assistant General Manager  
Alex Lowell, Project Engineer  
Rick Maloy, Strategic Initiatives Manager  
Devin McKrola, Bonneville O&M Manager  
Robert Moore, Legal Counsel  
Travis Nielsen, HR Generalist  
Roger Pearson, CUPCA/Special Programs Mgr  
Brad Perkins, Project Engineer  
Carolyn Quigley, Administrative Assistant  
Mike Rau, Water Quality Manager  
Bronson Stewart, Controller  
Sarah Sutherland, Environmental Program Manager  
Bruce Ward, Chief Engineer  
Mike Whimpey, Assistant General Manager  
Gerard Yates, Deputy General Manager

Chair Shelley Brennan called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

Roger Pearson, CUPCA/Special Programs Manager presented an overview of the Nebo Regional Water Project (NWP). He recalled that planning for this project has been in the works for several years and provided a brief historical overview of the Strawberry Valley Project which was developed in the early 1900's to collect water and convey water from Strawberry Reservoir to southern Utah Valley. Roger stated that currently there is an agreement in place with Strawberry Water Users Association to deliver about 61,000 AF of Strawberry water through CUP facilities. He then reminded the Board that in 2004, a resolution was passed to reserve 10,000 AF of water for Juab County and that for the past five years Dave Pitcher, former Assistant General Manager, presented on numerous occasions on the Plan Formulation Project. Roger shared that the construction and development of this project would affect and involve a broad range of people across the District, the Board, and residents of south Utah County and Juab County for the next 15-20 years and longer. He said that due to the rapid

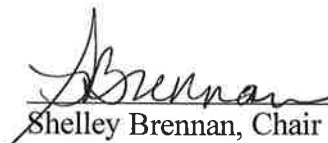
current and future expected growth, the District worked tirelessly to develop the technical plans to move forward and deliver water to these areas.

Roger next explained that the District has been working with the High Line Canal Company on plans to enclose the Strawberry High Line Canal. The goals for this project include providing improved public safety, reducing liability, providing efficient water management, capturing saved water, improving water conservation and incorporating conserved water and return flows into Bonneville Unit water supply. As the Plan Formulation Work progressed, it became apparent that the enclosure of the Strawberry High Line Canal would be integral to meeting overall water needs in South Utah Valley and that the two efforts should be merged. This will provide regional resiliency for communities in south Utah County.

Bruce Ward, Chief Engineer, reviewed plans for project implementation of the project and reemphasized that this project will involve every aspect of the District, including environmental, water supply, conservation, finance, legal, engineering, IT/OT, Asset Management, GIS, raw and finished water O&M, CUPCA and Special Projects with the Board of Trustees at the center of all of it. He shared that the District has started financial modeling, and it will be revised and evolve over time as more of the project pieces come together. Bruce shared that the next part of the project is the NEPA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which is a multi-year effort lead by Sarah Sutherland. He then stated that the design contract for the South Utah Valley Regional Water Treatment Plant (SUVRWTP) will be coming to the Board for approval in January 2025 and the enclosure of the Strawberry High Line Canal and ULS Conversion beginning in 2026. The goal is to begin delivery of water in approximately mid-2032.

In response to a question from Trustee Scott, Bruce stated that the 10,000 AF could be taken by Juab County in Phase I if they are ready and able to take it at that time. Trustee Bronson asked when bonding may occur. Bruce responded that bonding will be part of the process, and the financial model will help identify when that will be necessary. Trustee Wells asked if the High Line enclosure is self-funded, and Bruce reported that the cost will be incorporated into the overall project. Bruce stated that as the project is just kicking off, the District will become more informed on the funding needs over the next three to six months.

There were no committee reports. The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

  
Shelley Brennan, Chair

  
Gene Shawcroft, General Manager