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DRINKING WATER BOARD MEETING

February 27, 2025 9:00 AM

Via Zoom Webinar & In Person:
Dixie Convention Center
1835 S Convention Center Dr,
St. George, UT 84790

Nathan Lunstad Cell # 385-239-5974

MINUTES – FINAL

1. Call to Order

Kristi Bell, Chair, called the Drinking Water Board (Board, DWB) meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

2. Roll Call – Nathan Lunstad

Board Members present at Roll Call: Kristi Bell, Eric Franson, Justin Maughan, Corinna Harris, Phil Bondurant, and Shazelle Terry.

Division of Drinking Water (DDW, Division) Staff Present: Nathan Lunstad, Jessica Fitzgerald, Steph Alpizar, Allyson Spevak, Wayne Boyce, Kjori Shelley, Heather Pattee, Andrea Thurlow, Cadence Hernandez, Russell Seeley, Kcris Hunter, Blake Tullis, Michelle Deras, Ryan Dearing, Mike Newberry, Kayla, Cambrie,

Other Attendees: Dale Pierson, Trevor Andra, Nathan Fischer, Clint Dilley, Brittan Tudor, Bill Losuhuun

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. December 26, 2024 (Supplemental)
- B. January 7, 2025

- Eric Franson moved to approve the Drinking Water Board meeting minutes on December 26, 2024 and January 7, 2025. Phil Bondurant seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

4. Disclosure for Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Directors Report – Nathan Lunstad

A. New Employees; Stephanie Alpizar

Acting as the new Administrative Assistant for the Division of Drinking Water.

B. Enforcement Report (Board Packet Item Only)

The Enforcement Report can be found in the Drinking Water Board Packet.

C. Other

Nathan Lunstad briefed the Board on several Division updates.

Legislative Session

Nathan provided an update on the legislative session and mentioned that multiple bills related to drinking water are being reviewed.

Executive Director

Nathan thanked Kim Shelley for her time as the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality. She resigned from her position and is now the Director of Public Lands for Salt Lake City. Tim Davis has been appointed the new Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality.

Federal Administration

The Division is reaching out to federal partners to help support where it can help protect the public.

6. Rural Water Association Report – Dale Pierson

Dale Pierson thanked the Board for attending the Rural Water Annual Conference. He presented the Rural Water Association Report and gave a brief overview of the items the Rural Water Association of Utah is focused on. Dale discussed the breakdown of general conference attendees versus those who are gaining certification at the conference.

7. Financial Assistance Committee Report

A. Status Report – Wayne Boyce

Wayne Boyce, DDW Financial Manager, provided an overview of the Status Report included in the packet. This report covers various financial aspects such as Federal SRF, ARPA, Authorized Projects, Lead Service Line, Emerging Contaminants, and State SRF.

Wayne highlighted the current SRF availability, as there are numerous projects planned for 2025 that have been added, using about \$48 million of approximately \$50 million in federal grants.

The State SRF availability is at about -\$6.8 million.

B. Cashflow – Wayne Boyce

The fiscal year 2025 cash projections for the Division are currently at about \$64 million.

C. Project Priority List – Heather Pattee

Heather Pattee reported there were two (2) new projects being added to the Project Priority list:

1. **Magna Water District** scored 20.7 points on the project priority list. Their project is to replace lead or galvanized steel water service lines requiring replacement.
2. **Helper City** scored 12.1 points on the project priority list. Their project is to replace lead or galvanized steel water service lines requiring replacement.

The Financial Assistance Committee recommends the Drinking Water Board approve the updated Project Priority List.

- Justin Maughan moved that the Board approve the updated Project Priority List. Corinna Harris seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

D. SRF Applications

i. Federal

a. Magna Water District - Andrea Thurlow

Representing Magna Water District was Clint Dilley, General Manager, Marie Owens, consulting engineer, and Trevor Andra, District Engineer.

Andrea Thurlow presented the Magna Water District's financial assistance request. Project details can be found in the Drinking Water Board Packet.

Board Discussion

Philip Bondurant requested to know how many homes served by the water lines are planned to be replaced and if the lines are also potentially lead or galvanized. Marie Owens explained that there are 69 service lines with potentially more to be discovered. The number of homes served by these lines has not yet been determined but 90% of them are within the EPA's environmental justice block for disadvantaged communities. They suspect that the homes are either galvanized or copper.

Kristi Bell requested they speak to the IPS points on the system. Clint Dilley explained that during COVID there was an abnormal amount of usage but since then it has been reconsidered. Magna Water District has made progress towards the source capacity and has replaced half of the EDR treatment filters. The EDR plant now has about 15% more capacity. They are also planning to bid and construct more to increase capacity. They also plan to start a wastewater treatment reuse project for landscape irrigation as they've seen this help offset increases from growth on the drinking water side.

Kristi Bell inquired as to the safety of ladders. Trevor Andra explained that they have two old steel tanks, they plan to replace them with one buried concrete tank but as of now, they do not have a solution to this issue. Nathan Lundstad added that DDW has technical assistance staff that could help come up with a solution.

Marie Owens spoke about the fact that Magna Water District has other projects they're also trying to complete and has kept a close eye on the costs and is prioritizing this project over others. They are also trying to make this project an equal program that will help not just the 90% in the disadvantaged communities, but also the 10% outside of these communities. Marie Owens mentioned that the community's water usage was already above the 1.75 criteria and the community has increased their water usage to bring in the revenue that they need despite already being beyond the disadvantaged status. Eric Franson, as a Financial Assistance Committee member, gave context that the Financial Assistance Committee discussed this topic and settled on option one, found in the project packet, being the better choice.

- Eric Franson moved that the Drinking Water Board authorize a construction loan of \$4,000,000 with \$3,200,000 = in principal forgiveness to Magna Water District, for a repayable loan amount of \$800,000 at 2% interest for 20 years. Justin Maughan seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

8. Public Comment Period

None.

9. Open Board Discussion

Upcoming Board Training

Eric Franson suggested having the Board Training after new Board Members are identified. The other Board Members agreed.

10. Next Board Meeting

Date: June 10, 2025
Time: 1:00 PM
Place: Multi-Agency State Office Building
195 N 1950 W
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

11. Adjourn

- Eric Franson moved to adjourn the meeting. Justin Maughan seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:46 am