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UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MASOB OR VIA [Zoom](#)

May 28, 2025
8:30 AM

UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Webb
Jill Jones
Trevor Heaton
Joe Havasi
Michelle Kaufusi
Michela Harris
Jeannie Simmonds

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

John Mackey	Alex Heppner	Christine Osborne
Emily Canton	Judy Etherington	Cambria Linville
James Harris	Skyler Davies	Adrianna Hernandez
Leanna Littler-Woolf	Dan Griffin	Amy Dickey
Clanci Hawks	Benj Morris	Austin Miller
Eric Castrejon	Lindsay Cowels	Alan Ochoa Rodriguez
Jenifer Robinson	George Meados	Mark Stanger
Jeff Studenka	Sam Taylor	Porter Heinz
Sandy Wingert	Christa Hutchison	Susan Woeppel
Ken Hoffman	Jordan Bryant	Lonnie Shull
Samantha Heusser	Paul Burnett	Jordan Bentley
Tessa Scheuer	Harry Campbell	Lucy Parham
Ben Holcomb	Jake Vanderlaan	Allie Rockhill
Katie Garth	Danielle Lenz	
John Schwarz	Dave Pierson	

OTHERS PRESENT & ONLINE

Ashley Sumner Matt Cooper
Bob Redweik Soren Simonsen
Melissa Reynolds

Mr. Webb, Chair, called the Meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Webb took roll call for the members of the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 26, 2025 Meeting

Motion: Jill Jones motioned to approve the meeting minutes.
 Joe Havasi seconded the motion.
 The motion passed unanimously

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Mackey addressed the Board with the following updates:

- Mr. Mackey introduced Water Quality's new Board Member Jeannie Simmonds. She addressed the Board with a brief introduction of herself.
- The EPA is intending to undertake rulemaking, to update the definition of Waters of the US. He noted that there will be a listening session held in the Board Room of the MASOB at 2:00 PM on Thursday May 29, 2025.
- We are also addressing a case involving San Francisco Versus EPA. It has to do with the no effect provisions that were in some permits. We've been requested by a permittee to take a look at and possibly remove the narrative standard from our permits. It's very important for a number of purposes, but we are taking a look at it and it may be something we bring back to the board.
- Mr. Mackey filled the Board in on his recent trip in we he joined a Delegation of Utahans to visit San Diego to tour a number of treatment plants, which included the Desalination Facility in Carlsbad but most interestingly, two wastewater reuse plants that they will be calling it indirect to potable where there is an advanced wastewater treatment plant followed by a drinking water reservoir that also has recreation and then followed there will be a water plant, so this is a reuse scheme as San Diego is very tight on their water. It was a very interesting and information trip and I was joined by Senators Moore and Sandel whom are Northern District Senators as well as Nathan Lunstad my counterpart in Drinking Water and the State Engineer.
- ASCE, American Society of Civil Engineers, is going to roll out their Infrastructure Report Card and this is where all the States get a grade for their Infrastructure. There is a preview today at the Capitol for agencies and officials.

- The Jordan River Commission is hosting a Lake to Lake Paddle Series, a series of guided paddles on the Jordan River with the first event scheduled for June 13, 2025. Mayor Kaufusi noted there several upcoming events around Utah Lake during this Lake to Lake Paddle Series. More information maybe found at [Jordan River Lake to Lake Friday Paddle Series](#)
- Mr. Mackey introduced Water Quality's new Administrative Manager, Christa Hutchinson. Ms. Hutchinson, gave a brief introduction of herself.

TRAINING:

Board Functions & Duties: Ms. Sousa & Ms. Harris with the Attorney Generals Office, presented a slide show training on the duties & functions of the WQ Board.

WASTEWATER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM:

Presentation of the Utah Wastewater Operator Certification Program 2024 Annual Report: Johnathan Gulber presented the 2024 Annual WWOC Report.

COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT:

Request for Approval of Settlement Docket No. I21-16 Citation Oil & Gas Corp.

Ms. Heusser asked the board to seek approval of the penalty in the amount of \$287,500.00.

Motion: Mr. Heaton motioned to approve the Administrative Settlement Docket No. I21-16 for Citation Oil & Gas Corp as described in the packet.
Mr. Havais seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

RULE MAKING:

Request to adopt the new Rule: R317-17 Great Salt Lake Mineral

Extraction Salinity Discharge Limits: Mr. Harris addressed the Board to formally approve adopt the new Rule.

Motion: Ms. Jones moved to adopt the new Rule R317-17
Ms. Kaufusi seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Request to initiate Rulemaking to adopt Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) by reference into R31-17 Castel, Mill & Pack Creek (*E. coli* TMDLs): Mr. Taylor addressed the Board to initiate Rulemaking.

Motion: Ms. Harris motioned to initiate Rulemaking.
Ms. Jones seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER:

State Nonpoint Source Program Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025 & Fiscal Year 2026 Project Selection: Mr. Burnett, presented the NPS Annual Reports to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Havasi seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

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Next Meeting
June 25, 2025
MASOB & Via Zoom
195 North 1950 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Via [Zoom](#)

James Webb

06/30/2025

James Webb, Chair
Utah Water Quality Board