

Fire Board

- The fire board meeting is scheduled for 7/7 this month. I will give a verbal update in our council meeting.

Renewable Energy Report

- RMP finally filed Part 2 of our program to the PSC on 6/4. There are several parts of the RMP Part 2 application that are not beneficial to URC. Among these are the “avoided costs” that I talked about in my report last month. Another is that RMP wants 5 years of their expected “administrative costs” paid in the first year of the program. They also want to hire a full-time administrator to handle our program. We think both are unreasonable asks and will file our responses to the PSC soon.
- Stewardship Utah has closely monitored the progress of our program. They have decided to give us \$50,000 toward the administrative costs for our program application.
- On the national front, Trump’s budget bill (as passed by the House) would have some serious financial consequences for our program. We are hoping the Senate modifies or deletes from the bill the removal of renewable energy tax credits developers can claim. If not, it could mean increased rates for community members enrolled in the URC program.

PUBLIC WORKS (Water, Sewer & Irrigation)

- Continued weekly testing of the finished drinking water for toxin found in the Virgin River.
- Continued daily operations at the water treatment plant.
- Working with Sunrise Engineering and Interstate Rock on the sewer lagoon improvements project.
- The Sewer effluent filter building construction is finished. Engineers are still working with Parkson to make the filters function properly to achieve compliant TSS numbers.
- Interstate is working on the Sewer inflow meter station installation. They are also working on completing items on the punch list that were identified for the entire improvements project.

STREETS

- Working with UDOT on the SR9 resurfacing project that is currently underway.
- Sunrise and Landmark design and review of the Red Hawk road mitigation is complete.
- Plans are finished and ready for bid for the Church to Quail Ridge sidewalk project.

ULCT LPC Housing Advisory

We had a meeting to talk about the ideas that came out of the State Housing Plan committee sub-groups. The only thing everyone agrees on is that the State should not preempt local control of land use issues. We could support mandates for ADU's, smaller lots, parking maximums, etc., if there is flexibility for municipalities to choose what works for us.

Five County Association of Governments Mayor's Meeting

UDOT did a presentation on funding opportunities for active transportation programs. They have \$45 million in annual state funding which can be used to plan, construct, operate, and maintain paved trails within the Utah Trail Network. The funding requires a 40 percent match.

State Housing Plan

This group had its final (for now) weekly meeting and sent recommendations to the larger committee that includes ideas for slowing the conversion of long-term housing to nightly rentals, tax incentives for owners who convert nightly rentals to long-term housing, and real estate taxes to fund an affordable housing fund.

Visitor Use Management Plan (ZNP)

The executive committee met to discuss alternatives and visitor capacities. We looked at two specific areas that are overcrowded: The Narrows and The Grotto (including Angels Landing). We'll meet again this summer to move the conversation forward, but there seems to be no universally-acceptable alternative for everyone in the group.

June 9 - Washington County Solid Waste Board Meeting

Administrative board meeting to discuss:

- March - April 2025 disbursements
- March - April 2025 budget
- 2024 Audit Presentation - Hinton Burdick
- Consider approval of an electric sign
- Seek approval to accept Clean Dirt from cities and towns
- Seek approval to lower the charge for clean dirt to Dixie Power
- Discuss financial assistance for Washington City Landfill Road replacement
- Ribbon cutting for new infrastructure - June 6

June 17 - Scenic Byway CMP Update

Workgroup meeting to discuss Chapter 3: Visitor experience and marketing, Stewardship

June 23 - Community Health Coalition Meeting (from Ryan's meeting notes):

- Introduction of Mahogani Madrigal from Southern Utah Hospice
- Discussions around the recreation building and where it fits into the list of priorities
- Oral histories: Darci will be taking the lead on putting together a program to interview members of the communities and record their stories
- Discussion on how to inspire our community through our efforts, possible connection to the messaging committee
- Senior Birthday Party on July 18. Robyn is looking for help gathering pics and other information from members of the community who would be celebrated. That info can be emailed directly to her. Discussion on how to include people who don't want to be publicly recognized.
- Conversations surrounding more localized "meet your neighbor" or "block party" events to build community connection.
- National Parks and Recreation month in July, encouraging people to get out and recreate. Prizes for participants. Suggestions to utilize banners at the fire station and Lion's Club pancake breakfast (NOT ON THE ELECTRIC SIGN!!) to promote. Family Healthcare will also promote on their social media pages.
- Discussion on Real Day (link [HERE](#)) and possibility of doing something with it here locally. A general awareness of the pitfalls of too much technology.
- Roundtable item brought up by Jack about honoring Nina Rodriguez and the naming of other areas in town (pickleball courts, field, River Park). Discussion about the CHC's position to help out with this task.
- Suggestion by Levi to promote June 2026 as Men's Mental Health Month.

June 24 - Scenic Byway CMP Update

Workgroup discussion for Chapter 1 - Introduction - I wasn't able to attend this meeting

Pat Campbell
Council Department Report
July 2025

Zion Bike Ambassador Program

The Bike Program is in full operation. New Bike Ambassadors are on the road.

Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT)

The second round of interim meetings for 2025 is underway. We are still waiting for every committee to publish their agendas for both regular committee meetings on Wednesday as well as appropriations committees on Tuesday. ULCT staff will be at the Capitol to track all of the action and will report back next week. This is just a quick look at the legislature's schedule:

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Interim Recap

Multiple committees discussed issues relevant to cities, ranging from Political Subdivisions to Public Utilities and Economic Development to Transportation.

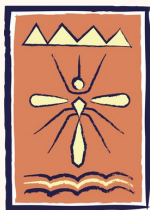
Mosquito Abatement District

If you have mosquito concerns don't hesitate to request service using this website:

<https://www.swmosquito.org/service-request>

Next Board meeting is Aug-14

Attached is the June report



SOUTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT & CONTROL DISTRICT

JUNE 2025

BOARD MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Summer is heating up, but our team is staying cool and getting the job done! We hope you're finding ways to beat the heat, too. We wanted to take a moment to share a few updates on what we've been working on lately and what's coming up next.

MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Here are the trap numbers through June 12, 2025:

Collections (adults):

- Total mosquitoes collected year-to-date- 6040 mosquitoes
- Comparison to last year- 19891 mosquitoes

Testing:

- Total vials tested year-to-date- 119
- Comparison from last year- 211
- Positive West Nile Virus (WNV) pools to date- 0
- Comparison to last year- 0
- Positive St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE) pools to date- 0
- Comparison to last year- 0

Service Calls:

- Total service calls to date: 17
- Comparison to last year: 18



WELCOME TO THE TEAM

We're excited to welcome two new members to our team this season—Tessa Richins and Caden Iverson!

Tessa comes to us with three seasons of experience at Summit Mosquito Abatement District. She brings a strong background in both fieldwork and lab operations, and we're thrilled to have her knowledge and expertise on board.

Caden is a familiar face to many of us—he worked with our team during the 2023 season and is now back for another round. Caden brings valuable local insight and a great attitude that makes him a perfect fit.

Please join us in giving Tessa and Caden a warm welcome!



MOSQUITO AWARENESS WEEK 2025

It's National Mosquito Control Awareness Week—a time to spotlight the vital work being done across the country to reduce mosquito populations and protect public health. Here at Southwest Mosquito Abatement District, we're proud to be part of that effort!

This week is all about raising awareness on how mosquitoes impact our communities and what we can all do to help.

We want to extend a big thank you to the residents of Washington County for your continued efforts in helping us keep our communities free of mosquito-borne diseases. Your actions—like dumping standing water, reporting mosquito activity, and staying informed—play a crucial role in our success.

Together, we're making a difference. We appreciate your support and partnership in protecting public health!

INVASIVE AEDES AEGYPTI

Aedes aegypti is back in St. George again this year. We found some larvae last week and brought it back to the lab to let it hatch out. It was officially identified as *Aedes aegypti*. Just as a reminder, these mosquitoes like to lay their eggs in containers in urban areas. We are scouring neighborhoods and backyards to try to eradicate this invasive species. I have attached a copy of the flyer that we provide to residents with information about *Aedes aegypti* and how they can help us minimize future hatch outs.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Our Mosquito Surveillance Techs spend a lot of time out in the field, and while their main focus is on tracking mosquitoes and larvae, they often come across all kinds of interesting things along the way. From unexpected wildlife to odd objects in remote areas, their work gives them a front-row seat to the quirks of the outdoors. We've attached some photos of the fun, strange, and surprising things they've come across this month—enjoy a glimpse into the unexpected side of mosquito surveillance!



COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer! As we move into the hotter months, please help spread the word in your communities—West Nile Virus season is approaching, and it's important for residents to take precautions, especially when spending time outdoors in the evening.

Our next Board meeting is August 14th. One of the discussions will be about the 2025 Annual Conference, that will take place October 27–29 at the Sheraton Park City. If you're interested in attending, please start making plans now and let us know so we can begin coordinating.

Kyla Topham
Council Department Report
July 2025

URC- Part 2 of our application was submitted by RMP and the scheduling hearing has taken place. Our regular board meeting for the month of July will take place next week. Bids for our solicitation are due the 10.

I attended a special workshop to review and discuss communication strengths and challenges for communication about the project as we move closer to going live. Springdale is unique in the group, but the discussion had a few good points, and I am looking forward to seeing what Penna Powers comes up with.

Community Health Coalition- We met and discussed how to continue previous efforts to gather oral histories. We coordinated with Robyn for the senior birthday party happening on July 18. We reviewed our application and approval for Get Healthy Utah. We briefly considered if this group is a good fit for working on Jack's suggestion of naming the pickleball courts and maybe the ball field. We also talked about the pros and cons of Real Day for Springdale. Real Day is an awareness campaign about spending less time on social media on the first day of every month.

Community Development- Working to wrap up the Smart Springdale Travel. Continuing to work on the Charge West project and the invasive species removal project.

Plaza- work is continuing and should be completed before the end of summer. We are now working on signage.