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### *MINUTES*

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

June 25, 2025  
8:30 AM

#### **UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

#### **DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

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| John Mackey          | Alex Heppner      | Christine Osborne |
| Emily Canton         | Judy Etherington  | Cambria Linville  |
| James Harris         | Skyler Davies     | Adriana Hernandez |
| Leanna Littler-Woolf | Dan Griffin       | Amy Dickey        |
| Clanci Hawks         | Benj Morris       | Austin Miller     |
| Eric Castrejon       | Lindsay Cowels    | Allie Rockhill    |
| Jenifer Robinson     | George Meados     | Beth Wondimu      |
| Jeff Studenka        | Sam Taylor        | Dave Pierson      |
| Sandy Wingert        | Christa Hutchison |                   |
| Ken Hoffman          | Jordan Bryant     |                   |
| Samantha Heusser     | Paul Burnett      |                   |
| Tessa Scheuer        | Harry Campbell    |                   |
| Ben Holcomb          | Jake Vander Laan  |                   |

**OTHERS PRESENT & ONLINE**

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| Chris Anderson    | Liz Harris     | Leland Myers   |
| Jesse Ralphs      | Soren Simonsen | Robert Saterks |
| Liam Thrukill     | Haley Sousa    |                |
| Manjot Nasson     | Giles Demke    |                |
| David Torgersen   | Sullivan Love  |                |
| Richard Mickelsen | Ashley Peck    |                |

**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 May 28, 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 Mackey explained that the EPA has published draft guidance on the implementation of the Supreme Court decision Maui v Hawaii Wildlife Fund. The decision addresses functional equivalent of a discharge. In this case, Maui used a deep well injection for disposal of treated effluent. Further information is available on the meeting recording at [June Meeting Recording](#).
- Mr. Mackey discussed the President's proposed budget, which includes a 90% cut to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) appropriation. This would reduce the annual capitalization grant to about \$1.4m, which reduces the amount of money the Board can award for projects. The grant represents about 1/3 of annual revenue for project. Further information is available on the meeting recording at [June Meeting Recording](#).
- Mr. Mackey discussed the Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) season. The Division is seeing warning level concentrations in some of the waters around the State. With increasing temperatures and upcoming holiday recreation, the Division has monitoring crews out collecting samples. For further information about Utah Recreational Water Quality, please visit [Utah Recreational Water Quality](#).

**TRAINING:**

**Open & Public Meetings Act Training:** Ms. Sousa & Ms. Harris with the Utah Attorney General's Office provided Open & Public Meetings training to the Board.

**WASTEWATER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM:**

**Presentation of Awards for Retiring Wastewater Operator Certification Council Members:**

Tessa Scheuer & John Mackey presented the awards.

**FUNDING:**

**Financial Status Report:** Adriana Hernandez presented the financial status report as indicated in the packet.

**Ash Creek Special Service District Emerging Contaminant**

**Grant Program Authorization:** Mr. Hoffman presented a request for authorization for funding in the amount of \$2,645,320 as principal forgiveness with special conditions as indicated in the packet.

**Motion:** Ms. Jones motioned to approve the Emerging Contaminant Program funding for Ash Creek in the amount of \$2,645,320 as principal forgiveness with special conditions as recommended by staff.  
Mr. Havasi seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**Spring City Sewage Collection System Improvement: Request to**

**Convert a \$289,000 Design Advance into a Hardship Grant:** Mr. Hoffman presented a request for authorization to convert Spring City's \$289,000 Design Advance into a Hardship Grant with special conditions as indicated in the packet.

**Motion:** Ms. Harris motioned to authorize the conversion of the Design Advance to a Hardship Grant in the amount of \$289,000 with special conditions as recommended by staff.  
Ms. Kaufusi seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**RULE MAKING:**

**Recommendation to Adopt Amendments to R317-2**

**Standards of Quality for Water of the State:** Mr. Vander Laan addressed the Board on the adoption of amendments to Utah's Water Quality Standards R317-2.

**Motion #1:** Ms. Jones moved to not approve the amendments for R317-2.  
Mr. Heaton seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion #2:** Ms. Jones moved to have the Division refile the Colorado Salinity & Methylmercury Rules. It is recommended that the staff bring back more information for the Board.  
Mr. Havasi seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Timpanogos Special Service District:** Richard Mickelsen presented a video he had prepared for the Board. The video requests the Board to direct the Division to conduct a cost benefit analysis of the 2015 Technology-based Effluent Limit Management Strategy before establishing additional load allocations for phosphorus or nitrogen. Mr. Mickelsen's full Public Comment can be listened to at [June Meeting Recording](#).

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Ms. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Mr. Fehr seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting**  
**August 27, 2025**  
**MASOB & Via Zoom**  
**195 North 1950 West**  
**Salt Lake City, UT 84116**

Via [Zoom](#)

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James Webb, Chair  
Utah Water Quality Board