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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

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	Allie Rockhill
Jenifer Robinson	George Meados	Adriana Hernandez
Jeff Studenka	Sam Taylor	Beth Wondimu
Sandy Wingert	Christa Hutchison	Dave Pierson
Ken Hoffman	Jordan Bryant	
Samantha Heusser	Paul Burnett	
Tessa Scheuer	Harry Campbell	
Ben Holcomb	Jake Vanderlann	

OTHERS PRESENT & ONLINE

Chris Anderson	Liz Harris	Leland Myers
Jesse Ralphs	Soren Simonsen	Robert Saterks
Liam Thruckill	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 Mackey explained to the Board that the EPA has recently published a draft guidance on the implementation of the Supreme Court decision on Maui, regarding Maui versus Hawaii Wildlife Fund. Mr. Mackey noted that this has been a challenge for us. Maui addresses what's called functional equivalent of a discharge and in this case, Maui used a deep well injection for disposal of treated effluent. You may hear Mr. Mackey's full explanation on the meeting recording at [June Meeting Recording](#)
- Mr. Mackey wanted to touch base on the President's proposed budget. He said the thing that is most important for the Board is the current proposal. The skinny budget would include a 90% cut to SRF Funds and so what does that mean? If that were to be the end, it would be our annual Cap Grant would be reduced to about 1.4 million dollars per year and in terms of the amount of money that the Board has to put out and annual Cap. The Grant represents about a 3rd so effectively, we'd lose a 3rd of our budget so roughly depends on year to year. We'd have 20 million dollars a year to invest in loan funds instead of 30 million. There's of course lots of proposed changes, reductions in budgets for EPA funding and another important one to us and to permit east is what's called the CDX Exchange Network. This is a data management system that we use for a lot of things. For transporting information in large amounts. To lose this budget would really make things difficult for permittees to be able to report under their requirements of their permits to be able to obtain certain permits, You may hear Mr. Mackey's full explanation on the meeting recording at [June Meeting Recording](#)

- Mr. Mackey discussed that HAB Season is now upon us. Harmful Algal Blooms. We are seeing warning level concentration in some of the waters around the State. The trajectory for the next week or so is increasing temperatures. We have some holidays coming up with more recreation and so we have our monitoring crews out collecting samples and we have had some significant hits on both cell counts and toxic concentrations, Cyanotoxin concentrations. So, we will keep you informed about that. Learn about and check Utah Recreational Water Quality at [Utah Recreational Water Quality](#)

TRAINING:

Open & Public Meetings Act Training: Ms. Sousa & Ms. Harris with the Attorney General's Office presented a slide show training on conducting Open & Public Meetings.

WASTEWATER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM:

Presentation of Awards for Retiring Wastewater Operator Certification Council Members: Tessa Scheuer & John Mackey presented the awards.

FUNDING:

Financial Status Report: Presented by Adrianna Hernandez.

Ash Creek Special Service District Emerging Contaminant

Grant Program Authorization: Mr. Hoffman asked to seek approval from the Board to authorize funding in the amount of \$2,645,320 as principal forgiveness following staff's special conditions.

Motion: Ms. Jones motioned to approve the Emerging Contaminant Program for Ash Creek in the amount of \$2,202,646,320 as principal forgiveness as recommended by staff.
Mr. Havais 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 asked to seek approval from the Board to authorize a Hardship Design Advance in the amount of \$289,000 to Spring City following staff's special conditions.

Motion: Ms. Harris motioned to authorize the conversion of the Design Advance to a Hardship Grant in the amount of \$289,000 following the staff's special conditions.
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 adopt three 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 on Cyanotoxins 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 prepared for the Board. The objective of the video is to get the Utah WQ Board to give directions to the Division of WQ to do a Cost Benefit Analysis of the 2015 Technology based Phosphorus Effluent Limit Management Strategy before establishing additional load allocations. Mr. Mickelsen's full Public Comment can be listened to at [June Meeting Recording](#)

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Jones motioned 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](#)

James Webb 09/02/2025

James Webb, Chair
Utah Water Quality Board