



MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 | 1:15 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Derrin R. Owens
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Logan J. Monson
Rep. Doug Owens
Rep. Thomas W. Peterson
Rep. R. Neil Walter
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Sen. Keven J. Stratton, Chair
Rep. Bridger Bolinder
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Michael L. Kohler
Speaker Mike Schultz
Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Casey Snider

Staff Present:

Charley Hart, Policy Analyst
Julie Humberstone, Managing Policy Analyst
Patricia Owen, Senior Associate General Counsel
Ryan C. Williams, Associate General Counsel
Kaelie Mortensen, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Albrecht called the meeting to order at 1:26 p.m.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 11.

Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 11

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. K. Stratton
Rep. R. Walter

2. Draft Legislation: Used Oil Management Act Amendments

[2 - Draft Legislation "Used Oil Management Act Amendments"](#)

[2 - Utah's Used Oil Program Presentation \(Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control\)](#)

Doug Hansen, Director, and Stevie Norcross, Assistant Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, gave a presentation on used oil management in the state and provided recommended updates to code.

The committee asked questions of Doug Hansen.

3. Water Policy Review

[3 - State Water Policy Review \(OLRGC\)](#)

Patricia Owen presented a review of the state water policy.

4. Review of Watershed Councils Act

[4 - Utah Watersheds Council Annual Report \(Utah Watersheds Council\)](#)

[4 - Watershed Councils Act Review \(OLRGC\)](#)

Charley Hart presented a review of the Watershed Councils Act.

[4 - Watersheds Councils Presentation \(Division of Water Resources\)](#)

Candice Hasenyager, Director, Division of Water Resources, and Scott Paxman, Chair, Utah Watersheds Council, presented on the Watershed Councils Act.

The committee asked questions of Candice Hasenyager and Scott Paxman.

5. Glass Recycling Study

[5 - H.B. 177 Statewide Glass Recycling Study Report \(Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control\)](#)

[5 - Statewide Glass Recycling Study \(Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control\)](#)

Doug Hansen, Director, and Stevie Norcross, Assistant Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, gave a presentation on the findings of a glass recycling study.

The committee asked questions of Doug Hansen and Stevie Norcross.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to present the report recommendations to the sponsor of the original bill that initiated the study for review and potential future legislation. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 10.

Yea - 9

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Rep. C. Watkins

Nay - 0

Absent - 10

Rep. B. Bolinder
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6. Federally Managed Public Lands Report

[6 - Recreation and Public Purposes Act Report \(Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office\)](#)

Redge Johnson, Director, and Dillon Hoyt, Deputy Director, Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office gave a report regarding the results of the land applications survey.

7. Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Updates

Amber Brown, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, gave a brief update on rule changes regarding the sale of kratom.

[7 - New World Screwworm Presentation \(Utah Department of Agriculture and Food\)](#)

Dr. Amanda Price, State Veterinarian, gave a presentation on the New World Screwworm.

The committee asked questions of Dr. Amanda Price.

8. Biosolids Disposal

[8 - Biosolids Summary Handout \(Wasatch Front Water Quality Council\)](#)

[8 - Wastewater Treatment Biosolids Presentation \(Wasatch Front Water Quality Council\)](#)

Phillip Heck, General Manager, Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility, and Leland Myers, Director, Wasatch Front Water Quality Council, have a presentation on biosolids management and disposal challenges.

The committee asked questions of Phillip Heck and Leland Myers.

9. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to adjourn.

Chair Albrecht adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.