



## **Southeast Advisory Council Agenda**

**Monday, November 3, 2025**

**2:00 - 3:30 PM**

Grand County Administration Building

125 E. Center Street, Moab

*(food will be provided)*

**[Zoom Link](#)**

<https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/9598070519?omn=89703064190>

**1. Welcome (Simone Griffin)**

- a. Approval of April 21, 2025 meeting minutes

**2. Member Introductions and Roundtable**

- a. Two-Minute round-robin of individual council member updates

**3. Marc Stilson - Update on Negotiations**

**4. Cody Stewart - Curtailment Threats Discussion**

**5. Housekeeping and Administrative Items (Cody and Emma)**

- a. Emma Introduction
- b. 2026 Recommendations
- c. Next meeting date

**6. Wrap-Up and Meeting Conclusion (Simone Griffin)**

## **2025 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD**

### **1) Protect and enhance local economies**

- While we recognize change and sacrifice are needed from all citizens within the Colorado River Basin, we hope any decisions by the Board will continue to give due consideration to how those policies impact local economies. Living with less water will disproportionately impact certain communities more than others. Anticipated costs and impacts on Utah's citizens need to be given the highest consideration. We urge the board to commit to promoting and emphasizing economic development along the Colorado River system. Lake Powell and Flaming Gorge are both critical energy, recreation, and tourism resources and need to be defended.

### **2) Conservation**

- The Board should make every effort to encourage state policymakers to promote water conservation including within the Colorado River Basin. The state of Utah should set the goal of becoming a conservation leader in the western United States. All Utahns must utilize their existing water supplies as efficiently and effectively as possible. A variety of conservation measures should be funded and prioritized.

### **3) Protecting Habitat for all living things is a worthwhile objective**

- While a focus on economic impacts and water conservation needs to be considered first and foremost, we also urge the Board to keep in mind the critical wildlife and habitat considerations of the Colorado River watershed both for human and non-human species. Projects that improve wildlife habitat should be supported.

### **4) Defend Utah's allocation**

- The SAC acknowledges that any future development in the state must occur within the bounds of what mother nature provides. The Board and River Commissioner should stand firm in defending Utah's access to its full 23% share of water available.

### **5) Listen to agriculture and rural voices**

- The SAC believes that Utah's rural and agricultural communities are critical to Utah's economy and culture. We believe agriculture and rural communities throughout the state must be fully heard and duly considered whenever water policies and decisions are being made.

### **6) Support Storage and other responsible water projects**

-The SAC believes Utah should lead by example in encouraging responsible water development by pursuing additional storage opportunities that are cost-effective and

consistent with sound fiscal and water policy. Utah should encourage the other Basin states to do the same thing as well as explore desalinization and other water augmentation strategies.

### **7) Energy is Critical**

- As the nation transitions to cleaner energy, small-scale nuclear, new hydro, pump storage, geothermal, and small storage programs can play an important role in this transition. The Board should promote energy development through water resource projects. The significant energy security provided by Glen Canyon Dam should not be minimized.

### **8) Look at all options to maximize smart use**

- The SAC supports maximizing usage of local water resources, including recycling, regional reuse systems, and pursuing agricultural conversion on a willing-buyer/willing-seller basis. As the Board attempts to find ways to save and conserve water, we are encouraged by your past support of agricultural optimization (including crop-switching and targeted rotational and seasonal fallowing) where appropriate and cost-effective.

### **9) Measurement should continue to be a focus**

- The Board should commit to promoting highly accurate measurement and continue to coordinate closely with DNR and other state agencies to ensure that Utah uses the most advanced, recent data and that Utah's per capita use is being measured the same way as other states and municipalities.

## **ADVISORY COUNCIL GOVERNING RULE**

On December 2, 2021, the Authority Board adopted the following advisory council rule to help guide council operations:

### **ADVISORY COUNCIL GOVERNING RULE**

*This rule is established under the authority of the Colorado River Authority of Utah Act, Section 63M-14-209, to provide the general standards and procedures for the operation of the Colorado River Authority of Utah (“Authority”) Advisory Councils.*

#### **Advisory Council Membership**

- 1. There is created one or more Advisory Councils that shall consist of members representing a variety of Colorado River interests in the state of Utah.*
- 2. Advisory Councils will serve as a forum for civic engagement on the use, development, conservation, and protection of Utah’s Colorado River entitlement.*
- 3. Advisory Council Members may serve by appointment or by application. a. Each Advisory Council shall be governed by co-chairs, one selected by its membership and one selected by the Authority Board. The co-chairs will conduct meetings and present council recommendations to the Authority Board. (b) Authority staff shall provide administrative support to all Advisory Councils.*

#### **Advisory Council Meetings**

- 1. Advisory Councils shall meet on dates and times as jointly determined by the co-chairs.*
- 2. Each Advisory Council shall:*
  - a. hear broad input, including recommendations, data and information regarding all matters affecting Utah’s Colorado River system water; and*
  - a. make recommendations to the Authority Board in an advisory capacity.*

