

UTAH BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES

BOARD BRIEFING MEETING

October 9, 2025

8:30 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Mike Davis

Vice Chair Dana Van Horn

Dale Buxton

William Merkley

Blaine Ipson

Tim Hawkes

Juliette Tennert

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Brian Steed

Spencer Jones

STAFF PRESENT

Director Candice Hasenyager

DNR Deputy Director Todd Adams

Deputy Director Joel Williams

Assistant Director Shalaine DeBernardi

Assistant Director Todd Stonely (online)

Marisa Egbert

Tom Cox

Russell Hadley

Ann Baynard

Brad Caldwell

Rachel Shilton

Jack Hinzman

Shannon Clough

Jessica Cheun

Sarah Shechter, Attorney General's Office

AV Team Carmen McDonald (online) & Seth Magers

WELCOME

CHAIR MIKE DAVIS called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM. He then excused board members BRIAN STEED and SPENCER JONES from this meeting, and all board members present introduced themselves.

CANDICE HASENYAGER introduced the staff present.

OATH OF OFFICE - NEW BOARD MEMBER

TODD ADAMS administered the Oath of Office to swear in DALE BUXTON as a new board member.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD AGENDA ITEMS:

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Project Manager</u>
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FEASIBILITY REPORTS:

RE498	Veyo Irrigation Company	Washington	Russell Hadley
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RUSSELL HADLEY summarized the project report. The board discussed the annual repayment as compared to the company's current revenue, and the fact that their assessments will need to be increased to cover the repayment.

RE500	Smithfield Irrigation Company	Cache	Ann Baynard
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ANN BAYNARD summarized the project report. The board discussed the type of agriculture, and breakdown of agriculture versus residential users.

RE501	Cache Highline Water Association	Cache	Brad Caldwell
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BRAD CALDWELL summarized the project report, and noted that staff would like the board to require the applicant to report water use numbers to the Division of Water Rights as a condition of funding the project.

The board and staff had a lengthy discussion about reporting water use data to the Division of Water Rights, the difference between secondary and irrigation (which is reported by the river commissioner), and calling out a specific statutory requirement while ignoring others. There was also concern about the board regulating this item or collecting data. Ultimately, the board

decided it is appropriate to make funding conditional upon meeting the reporting requirements of the State Engineer.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

RD730 Mosby Irrigation Company (Deferred Payment) Uintah Tom Cox

TOM COX summarized the project report.

WITHDRAWAL:

RM120 Weber Basin Water Conservancy District Davis Ann Baynard

No presentation is needed, just a motion by the board.

CLOUD SEEDING OPERATIONS IN UTAH UPDATE:

JAKE SERAGO will present the update at the board meeting.

2026 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

During the board meeting we will ask the board to approve the dates for 2026.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Candice Hasenyager will present information.

INFORMATION TO THE BOARD:

SHALAINE DEBERNARDI presented the Status of Funds. There was also discussion about specific requests made by Washington County Water Conservancy District during their water reuse project authorization in June. The board clarified their position that allowing the district to revolve the funds is not an option allowed by the statute, taxable bonds are acceptable and these bonds should be issued on parity with other project bonds. The board also discussed future changes to board meeting procedures, and possibly holding one meeting instead of two.

SARAH SHECHTER provided a legal update. The board will have a closed session to discuss the Great Salt Lake lawsuit during the board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

BLAINE IPSON moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 AM. DALE BUXTON seconded the motion.