

**Salt Lake County Council of Governments**  
**Quarterly Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, November 20th, 2025.

**Time:** 11:30 lunch for COG members; 12:00 – 1:00 pm meeting

**Place:** Wasatch Front Regional Council, 41 N. Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, UT. 84101.

**COG Membership:**

- ✓ Mayors from each jurisdiction, including the Salt Lake County Mayor
- ✓ City Council representative from each city of the First Class (population of 100,000 or more) (Salt Lake City, Sandy, West Valley City, West Jordan) – Salt Lake City Councilmember Dan Dugan; Sandy Councilmember Brooke D’Souza; West Jordan Councilmember Chris McConnehey; West Valley Councilmember William Whetstone
- ✓ Four County Council members –Councilmember Laurie Stringham, Councilmember Ross Romero, Councilmember Aimee Winder-Newton (Alternate), Councilmember Natalie Pinkney (Alternate)

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**COG Membership Attendees:** Alta – Mayor Roger Bourke; Bluffdale – Mayor Natalie Hall; Brighton – Mayor Dan Knopp; Cottonwood Heights – Mayor Mike Weichers; Draper – Mayor Troy Walker; Herriman – Mayor Lorin Palmer; Holladay – Mayor Robert Dahle; Midvale – Mayor Dustin Gettel; Millcreek – Mayor Cheri Jackson; Riverton – Mayor Trent Staggs; Salt Lake City – Dan Dugan; Salt Lake County – Councilmember Ross Romero; Councilmember Natalie Pinkney; Sandy – Mayor Monica Zoltanski; South Jordan – Mayor Dawn Ramsey; Taylorsville – Mayor Kristie Overson; West Jordan – Mayor Dirk Burton; West Valley City – Mayor Karen Lang; Salt Lake County – Mayor Jenny Wilson

**Other:** Katherine Fife, Molly Wheeler, Lisa Hartman, William Whetstone, Katherine Fife, Brooke D’Souza, Miranda Jones-Cox, Brooke Lockyer, Doug Hill, Anndrea Wild, Wayne Neiderhauser, Kelly Caleb, Helen Peters, Ryan Anderson, Carlton Christensen, Mike Hinder, Chandler Berth, Janice Kimball, Lise Brunhart, Andrew Gruber, Britney, Alicia, (virtual) John Hiskey, David Spatafore, Bod Bedore, Jamie Dansie, Ryan Loose, Patrick Craig, Don Willie, Laurie Stringham

**Staff:** Lauren Littlefield, Tiffany Marquez, Derick Davis

## ***MINUTES***

1. **11:30 am – 12:00 Noon (30 minutes) Lunch and networking.**
2. **12:00 noon (2 Minutes) Welcome and Approval of Minutes** – Mayor Natalie Hall welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. She also requested a motion to approve the minutes from the July 17 meeting. Ross Romero motioned to approve, and Brett Hales seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
3. **12:02 (20 Minutes) Update on Winter Response Task Force and Plan Implementation** – Anndrea Wild, Director of Office of Homelessness & Criminal Justice Reform, and Wayne Neiderhauser, State Homelessness Coordinator. Anndrea spoke on the Code Blue Programs data and challenges. They were able to secure 648 beds but had a deficit of 452 of the 1100. Anndrea said that while the plan did not cover all of the bed needs, many permanent resources have come online. Some of those include a couple of group homes, Odyssey House, The Other Side Village, and a youth homelessness center. She highlighted the information on the flyer that was handed out. Some of the challenges that they are still facing are that the beds are filling up, and people are being turned away. Anndrea also thanked Wayne Neiderhauser for all his time and service, taking the reins as the State Homelessness Coordinator. Wayne said that SLCo has been a leader in the winter response. He spoke on the shortfall of beds and the lack of funding. He spoke about his experiences as the State Homelessness Coordinator. He talked about the new “Campus” to help people experiencing homelessness. That will have approximately 1300 beds available. This space will provide shelter and services for those in need. Wayne thanked the cities that have stepped up with space to help with shelter. He spoke about having recovery services and housing to help this population. Studies have shown that the number of homeless individuals is not determined by mental health issues or poverty, but by the cost of housing. He recommended that the sunset on the winter task force be extended. He said other counties have had success with winter shelters. Mayor Hall thanked Anndrea and Wayne for their time and effort with the Code Blue project.
4. **12:22 (10 Minutes) Nomination for COG member on the Salt Lake County Solid Waste Management Council** – Patrick Craig, Executive Director, Salt Lake County Solid Waste Management. Patrick summarized what the council does and thanked Mayor Smolka for his work on the council. Patrick asked for a member of COG to replace Mayor Smolka. The council meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month at 2 pm. Due to some Mayors not being in attendance, the COG members decided to reach out to the mayors of the cities that receive benefits from the Solid Waste Management Council to find a replacement for Mayor Smolka. Patrick will reach out to the mayors for a nomination or volunteer to fill the vacant position and present at the next COG meeting in January 2026.

5. **12:32 (20 Minutes) Salt Lake County General Plan Water Element Overview** – Ryan Anderson, Salt Lake County Municipal Program Manager. Ryan spoke and presented on the Salt Lake County Water Use and Preservation Element. The project team consisted of members of SLCo, GSBS Consulting, and Bowen Collins and Associates. The purpose is to comply with Utah Code § 17-27a-403 (SBs 110 {2022} and 73 {2023}). The existing conditions are outlined in the

Wasatch Canyons General Plan – 2020  
SLCo West General Plan – 2022  
Sandy Hills General Plan - 2023

The subarea analysis was divided into 11 areas with tailored evaluation of land use, supply, and conservation conditions.

Parts of the program include.

1. Reduce water demand in new and existing areas.
2. Modify local government operations to improve conservation and implement efficient practices.
3. Support coordination for regional water conservation efforts.
4. Develop new and utilize existing land preservation tools and resources.
5. Protect water resources and the Great Salt Lake quality.
6. Maintain delivery system integrity and protection.

The next steps for adoption are going through the planning commissions and the county council. The public hearing and second reading of this program are scheduled for January 2026.

6. **12:52 (8 Minutes) Other Business and Adjourn** – Mayor Natalie Hall asked for other business. No topics were brought up. Mayor Hall mentioned that Mayor Hales will be the COG Chair for 2026, and Mayor Gettel will be the Vice-Chair, and a secretary will be chosen at the next COG meeting in January. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.