



MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Senate Chair
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Chair
Rep. Scott H. Chew, Vice Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. Daniel McCay
Sen. Calvin R. Musselman
Sen. Ronald M. Winterton
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion
Rep. Michael L. Kohler
Rep. Logan J. Monson

Rep. Hoang Nguyen

Rep. Troy Shelley
Rep. Rex P. Shipp

Members Absent:

Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Jerry W Stevenson
Rep. Casey Snider

Staff Present:

Ivan D. Djambov, Finance Manager
Lacey K. Moore, Finance Officer
Tisha Gibby, Committee Secretary

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Hinkins called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

2. 10:25 a.m. Grazing Improvement and Predatory Animal Control Program Changes

Troy Forrest, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF), presented.

[2. GIP and Predatory Animal Control Presentation](#)

[2. GIP and Predatory Animal Control Funding Items Update](#)

Kelly Pehrson, Commissioner, UDAF, presented.

Rep. Albrecht congratulated UDAF on improvements that have been made.

Rep. Chew spoke about grazing management challenges and asked about the longevity of high density polyethylene (HDPE) aprons. Troy Forrest responded.

Rep. Shelley commented on trapping regulations and asked about revisiting some of those regulations. Troy Forrest responded.

Rep. Bennion asked about potential impact of HDPE aprons on water quality. Troy Forrest responded.

Rep. Shipp inquired regarding thermal imaging equipment. Troy Forrest responded.

3. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to approve the August 19, 2025 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 11
Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6
Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. J. Stevenson

4. Accountable Budget Process - Final Voting

Lacey Moore presented.

[4. NRAEQ Accountable Budget Process Final Recommendations](#)

Rep. Chew shared concerns regarding the demand management program.

Rep. Albrecht requested clarification on the previous comment. Rep. Chew responded.

MOTION: Sen. Musselman moved to approve Recommendations 1 and 2 as listed on the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee Accountable Budget Process final recommendations sheet. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 12
Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. J. Stevenson

Rep. Chew requested further clarification on the recommendations. Lacey Moore responded.

Chair Hinkins explained the voting process.

Rep. Shelley asked a question about the Colorado River Authority. Amy Haas, Executive Director, Colorado River Authority of Utah, responded.

Lacey Moore continued presenting.

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to approve Recommendation 3 as listed on the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee Accountable Budget Process final recommendations sheet. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

<u>Yea</u> s - 12	<u>Nay</u> s - 0	<u>Absent</u> - 5
Rep. C. Albrecht		Sen. D. McCay
Rep. S. Barlow		Rep. L. Monson
Rep. G. Bennion		Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. N. Blouin		Rep. C. Snider
Rep. S. Chew		Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Hinkins		
Rep. M. Kohler		
Sen. C. Musselman		
Rep. H. Nguyen		
Rep. T. Shelley		
Rep. R. Shipp		
Sen. R. Winterton		

Lacey Moore continued presenting.

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to approve Recommendations 4 and 5 as listed on the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee Accountable Budget Process final recommendations sheet. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

<u>Yea</u> s - 12	<u>Nay</u> s - 0	<u>Absent</u> - 5
Rep. C. Albrecht		Sen. D. McCay
Rep. S. Barlow		Rep. L. Monson
Rep. G. Bennion		Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. N. Blouin		Rep. C. Snider
Rep. S. Chew		Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Hinkins		
Rep. M. Kohler		
Sen. C. Musselman		
Rep. H. Nguyen		
Rep. T. Shelley		
Rep. R. Shipp		
Sen. R. Winterton		

Lacey Moore continued presenting.

[**4. FFSL Issue Brief**](#)

MOTION: Rep. Barlow moved to approve Recommendations 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 as listed on the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee Accountable Budget Process final recommendations sheet. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

<u>Yea</u> s - 12	<u>Nay</u> s - 0	<u>Absent</u> - 5
Rep. C. Albrecht		Sen. D. McCay
Rep. S. Barlow		Rep. L. Monson
Rep. G. Bennion		Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. N. Blouin		Rep. C. Snider
Rep. S. Chew		Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Hinkins		
Rep. M. Kohler		
Sen. C. Musselman		
Rep. H. Nguyen		
Rep. T. Shelley		
Rep. R. Shipp		
Sen. R. Winterton		

Rep. Albrecht asked for the agency response from the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands (FFSL) on the recommendations. Jamie Barnes, Director, FFSL, responded.

Sen. Musselman requested clarification on recommendation 10. Lacey Moore responded.

Ivan Djambov presented.

4. Oil, Gas, and Mining Issue Brief

Sen. Musselman inquired regarding follow-up reporting for implementation of the recommendations. Ivan Djambov responded.

Chair Hinkins asked a clarifying question, and Ivan Djambov responded.

Ivan Djambov continued presenting.

MOTION: Sen. Musselman moved to approve Recommendations 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 as listed on the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee Accountable Budget Process final recommendations sheet. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 13

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. D. McCay
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. J. Stevenson

Rep. Shelley requested additional information on orphan wells. Ivan Djambov responded.

Rep. Albrecht expressed agreement with the desire to improve permitting processes. Chair Hinkins responded.

Ivan Djambov continued presenting.

5. Line Item Performance Measures

Lacey Moore presented.

5. Line Item Performance Measure Dashboard

5. Line Item Performance Measure Table

MOTION: Rep. Barlow moved to approve line item performance measures and targets for fiscal year 2027, as presented in today's meeting materials. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 13
Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4
Sen. D. McCay
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Rep. Barlow moved to authorize legislative staff to include in the base budget bill for the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee the following recommendations to the Executive Appropriations Committee: 1. The accountable process budget changes adopted earlier today and in this interim; 2. Ongoing General and Income Tax Fund appropriations defined in the current year's appropriations acts; 3. Federal Fund, Dedicated Credit, Restricted fund and account amounts that are the lesser of current year ongoing appropriations or agency budget requests; 4. Adjustments to nonlapsing balances, transfers, and other dependent amounts as calculated; and 5. Line-item performance measures included in FY 2026 appropriations bills with any changes approved today. In consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Appropriations Subcommittee, staff may make any technical changes necessary, including balancing between the General Fund and Income Tax Fund, if applicable, to balance the overall budget. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 13
Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4
Sen. D. McCay
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. J. Stevenson

6. New Funding Item Follow Up Report

Ivan Djambov presented.

[6. New Funding Item Follow Up Report Dashboard](#)

Chair Hinkins asked a clarifying question. Ivan Djambov responded.

7. Great Salt Lake Distribution Management Plan

Teresa Wilhelmsen, State Engineer and Director, Division of Water Rights, presented with the assistance of Blake Bingham, Deputy State Engineer.

[7. Great Salt Lake Distribution Management Plan Presentation](#)

Sen. Musselman requested clarification on water rights calculations. Blake Bingham responded.

Rep. Albrecht inquired regarding health of forests and watershed. Teresa Wilhelmsen responded.

Teresa Wilhelmsen presented additional information.

Rep. Shelley asked about water rights for U.S. Magnesium LLC. Teresa Wilhelmsen responded.

Rep. Chew inquired regarding measurement sites. Teresa Wilhelmsen responded.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.