

UTAH BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES
BOARD BRIEFING MEETING
December 9, 2025
8:30 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Juliette Tennert (Acting Chair)
Vice Chair Dana Van Horn (online)
Dale Buxton
William Merkley
Blaine Ipson (online)
Brian Steed
Spencer Jones

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Chair Mike Davis
Tim Hawkes

STAFF PRESENT

Director Candice Hasenyager
Deputy Director Joel Williams
Assistant Director Shalaine DeBernardi
Assistant Director Todd Stonely
Marisa Egbert
Tom Cox
Ann Baynard
Brad Caldwell
Ethan Stayner
Ben Marett
Shannon Clough
Jessica Cheun
Leila Ahmadi
Kaylee Tanner
Michael Sanchez
Sarah Shechter, Attorney General's Office
AV Team Paul Gedge

WELCOME

JULIETTE TENNERT Called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM and announced she'd be acting as Chair. She then excused Board members MIKE DAVIS and TIM HAWKES. Board members introduced themselves.

CANDICE HASENYAGER introduced the staff present.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

LEILA AHMADI introduced KAYLEE TANNER, a new employee who joined the Hydrology and Modeling section as an Engineer II.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD PROJECTS

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Project Manager</u>
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ARPA SECONDARY METER REPORTS:

MARISA EGBERT provided a detailed update on secondary meter projects and reminded the board of the ARPA deadline of December 31, 2026. Returned funds became an issue as changing legislation allowed more systems to become eligible for exemption and projects were completed under budget. The prioritization process for distributing funds was discussed, using the criteria in Utah Code 73-10-34.5. This final round of projects will reallocate the \$12,295,531.8 that has been returned.

RM085	Mt. Pleasant City (Withdrawal)	Sanpete	Ann Baynard
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ANN BAYNARD summarized the project report. The applicant will not be using the funds and is releasing them back to the board.

RM129	Weber-Box Elder Conservation District	Weber	Ann Baynard
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ANN BAYNARD summarized the project report.

RM130	South Ogden Conservation District	Weber	Ann Baynard
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ANN BAYNARD summarized the project report.

RM131	Morgan City	Morgan	Brad Caldwell
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STATUS OF FUNDS:

SHALAINE DEBERNARDI presented the current report, highlighting that the ARPA page was added back in to show the available funds and reallocation today.

LEGAL UPDATE:

SARA SHECHTER, provided an update on the Water Horse case, which sought to divert water from Utah for use in Colorado. The court upheld the decision of the State Engineer, who was victorious in the case. She also mentioned the Utah Physicians case, noting that discovery is ongoing and the defendants filed a motion for judgement on the pleadings. The judge is expected to hold a hearing on that motion in the spring.

ADJOURNMENT:

SPENCER JONES moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 AM. WILLIAM MERKLEY seconded the motion.