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**UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD**

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January 28, 2026

8:30 am Board Meeting

UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

James Webb
Michela Harris
Trevor Heaton
Jill Jones
Joe Havasi
Jeannie Simmonds
Rob Fehr
Tim Davis

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY STAFF MEMBERS' PRESENT

Candice A. Hasenyager
Clanci Hawks
Deidre Beck
Ken Hoffmam
George Meados
Jenifer Robinson
Skyler Davies
Henry Willmes
Christa Hutchison
Adriana Hernandez
Toby Hooker
Dave Pierson
Sami Heuser
Leanna Little-Woolf
Benj Morris
Lonnie Shull
Dan Griffin
Alex Heppner
Jodi Gardberg
Jeffrey Studenka
Daniel Lenz
Allie Rockhill
Tessa Scheuer
Jabob Vanderlaan
Cambria Linville
Amber Loveland
Brendon Quirk
Emily Canton

OTHERS PRESENT

Rob Dubuc
Trevor Schlossnagle
George Love
Calah Worthen
Haley Sousa

Mr. Webb called the Meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

ELECTION FOR VICE CHAIR

Mr. Webb opened the floor for nominations.

Motion: Ms. Jones moved to nominate Trevor Heaton.
Mr. Havasi seconded the motion.
With no further nominations, the nominations were closed.
A vote was held and Mr. Heaton was elected unanimously as the new Vice Chair.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Webb took roll call for the members of the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 10, 2025, Meeting

Motion: Ms. Simmonds moved to approve the meeting minutes.
Michela Harris seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:

Mrs. Hasenyager addressed the Board with the Following updates:

- Legislative Update
 - Stormwater
 - NRAE Appropriations Committee DEQ meeting on January 30, 2026.
- Board Member replacement, currently accepting applications for a Government Representative who does not represent the Federal Government.
- Consensus FY26 “minibus” appropriations bill that includes funding proposed earlier in the week for U.S. EPA. The bill budgets \$8.816B for the agency, a 3.5% reduction from the FY25 enacted amounts.
- Utah Division of Water Quality has opened applications for state Nonpoint Source Funding for state fiscal year 2027, which begins July 1, 2026.
 - The Nonpoint Source Program is allocated \$1 Million in state funding annually to assist landowners, partner agencies, communities, agricultural producers, NGOs, and watershed groups with voluntary projects that improve water quality and reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution.

Eligible projects include on-the-ground implementation, 9-element watershed planning, technical assistance, and information and education projects among others.

- Draft Integrated Report
 - 30-day public comment period begins February 2nd.
 - Presentation at the next board meeting
 - Section 305(b) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires states to submit a biennial report to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the quality of their waters. The 2026 Integrated Report (IR) prepared by the Utah Division of Water Quality (DWQ) to meet this federal requirement is a comprehensive analysis of the condition of the State’s rivers, streams, canals, lakes, reservoirs, and ponds.
 - Section 303(d) of the CWA requires states to submit a list of waterbodies that do not meet the State’s water quality standards as part of the IR. This list guides the State’s development of water quality restoration plans (Total Maximum Daily Load plans or TMDLs) for impaired waterbodies to bring them into compliance with their beneficial uses and water quality standards.
 - The IR supports DWQ’s commitment to protecting and improving the water quality of Utah ‘s rivers, streams, canals, lakes, reservoirs, and ponds by providing critical information and thorough analyses of water quality conditions, waterbody impairments, statewide trends, and emerging issues. DWQ uses these data to identify areas with impairments and prioritize projects, TMDLs, and best management practices (BMPs) to improve and enhance water quality in affected areas.

- The EPA released a new proposed **Rule 87052** to address CWA Section 401. The proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on Thursday (1/15). There is a 30-day public comment period.
 - *The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is publishing this proposed rule to update and clarify several substantive and procedural requirements for water quality certification under the Clean Water Act (CWA or the Act) Section 401. CWA Section 401 is a direct grant of authority to States (and Tribes that have been approved for “treatment as a State” status) to review for compliance with appropriate Federal, State, and Tribal water quality requirements any discharge into waters of the United States that may result from a proposed activity that requires a Federal license or permit. This proposed rule is intended to clarify several aspects of the certification process consistent with the statutory framework.*
 - *The comment period closes **February 17, 2026. PLPCO February 12, 2026***

WASTEWATER CERTIFICATION:

Recommendation for Appointment to the Utah Wastewater Operator Certification Council for February 1, 2026: Ms. Scheuer has recommended to the Board that Brian Lamar from the North Davis Sewer District and Phil Herald from the Rural Water Association of Utah be reappointed to the Council for the Term February 1, 2026- January 31, 2029. Both would serve as representatives at large, given their extensive experience in wastewater education.

Motion: Ms. Jones moved to authorize Phil Herald and Brian Lamr to represent on the Council for the term February 1, 2026, to January 31, 2029.
Mr. Havasi seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT:

Request for Approval of Settlement Docket No. I23-08 for Citation Oil & Gas Corp:

Mr. Quirk requested Board approval of Settlement Docket No. I23-08.

Motion: Mr. Heaton moved for approval of the Settlement of Docket No. I23-08 for Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Ms. Simmonds seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Request for Approval of Settlement Docket No. I23-11 for Citation Oil & Gas:

Mr. Quirk requested Board approval of Settlement Docket No. I23-11.

Motion: Ms. Jones moved for approval of the Settlement of Docket No. I23-11 for Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Mr. Fehr seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting.
Ms. Simmonds seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

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Minutes

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Next Meeting – February 25, 2026

Meeting begins at 8:30 am

In-Person

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195 North 1950 West

Board Room 1015

Salt Lake City, UT 84116

James Webb 02/25/2026

James Webb, Chair
Utah Water Quality Board