



Governing Board Meeting
Thursday, April 2, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Meeting Location:

Education Center at Conservation Garden Park
Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
8275 South 1300 West
West Jordan, UT 84088

In accordance with state statute and the adopted electronic meeting policy, Governing Board members, invited guests, visitors, and other participants may join the meeting virtually using the following access information.

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AGENDA

*****Please note: start times for agenda items are approximate.*****

1. Governing Board Welcome, Roll Call & Introductions

~ 10:00 AM

- a. Welcome Jordan River Commission Governing Board Members, and other meeting participants present in person and online.

Governing Board representatives, guests, and visitors, please use this link or QR code to record attendance – [Governing Board Meeting Attendance Record](#)



- b. Introduction of New Governing Board Members & Representatives

1) New Representatives

- a) Lehi – Councilmember Emily Lockhart
- b) South Salt Lake – Councilmember Ray deWolfe
- c) Saratoga Springs – David Jellen, Senior Planner (Alternate)
- d) Utah Transit Authority – Nichol Bourdeaux, Chief Planning & Engagement Officer, and Jaron Robertson, Director of Planning (Alternate)
- e) Others

2. Public Comments

This is an opportunity for members of the general public to provide comments to the Governing Board. Comments will be limited to two minutes per speaker, and the entire public comment period is limited to ten minutes.

3. Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget Hearing & Adoption

~ 10:10 AM

- a. Budget Presentation : Soren Simonsen, Executive Director, will present the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget for the Jordan River Commission, including proposed fee and contribution schedules for Interlocal Members and Partner organizations (Governing Board Ex-Officio), and requests for funding from the Jordan River Recreation Area legislative appropriation in consultation with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands
- b. Budget Hearing : Members of the Public will have an opportunity to speak to the Governing Board regarding the proposed budget
- c. **[Action Item]** Consider Adopting the Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget
- d. **[Action Item]** Consider Adopting Commission Resolution #6 establishing an annual base budget increase of 2.5% for future fiscal years, subject to adjustment by the Governing Board as part of the annual budgeting process

Notes:

4. Presentations & Discussion

~ 10:30 AM

- a. Riparian Toolkit for Local Governments (15 minutes) : Rylee Babino, a graduate student in the University of Utah Department of City & Metropolitan Planning, will present a Professional Project to develop a toolkit for riparian preservation and restoration through local plans and codes
- b. Jordan River Restoration Updates (10 minutes) : Jens Ammon, Jordan River Restoration Coordinator with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands, will share an update of recent and ongoing riparian habitat restoration and outdoor recreation programs through sovereign lands and community partnerships
- c. Jordan River Parkway Design & Public Safety Guidelines Overview (15 minutes) : Soren Simonsen, Executive Director of the Jordan River Commission, will share an overview and progress report of the ongoing development of design and public safety guidelines for the Jordan River Parkway
- d. State & Federal Legislative Updates (10 minutes) : Soren Simonsen, Executive Director of the Jordan River Commission, will provide an update of recent and current legislative activity
 - 1) 2026 General Session of the Utah Legislature
 - 2) 119th Congress
 - 3) Other State and Federal Funding and Related Programs
 - 4) U.S. Congressional District Boundary Updates

Notes:

5. Commission Business

~ 11:30 AM

- a. Technical Advisory Committee Report : Gina Grandpre, Chair of the Jordan River Commission Technical Advisory Committee, will share an update of Committee activity and input to the Governing Board

- b. Event Advisory Committee Report : the Chair and Vice Chair are unavailable and this item will be deferred to a future meeting
- c. Fiscal Year 2026 Third Quarter Financial Report (written report)
- d. Upcoming Meeting Schedule
 - 1) Great Salt Lake Issues Forum – May 6-8, 2026 (<https://fogsl.org/issues-forum>)
 - 2) May Watershed Council Meeting – date TBD (please complete the survey at <https://forms.gle/q8BsmYcPtFwaqN5R8>)
 - 3) Thursday, May 21, 2026, 2:00 PM – Jordan River Commission & Watershed Council Field Trip : Jordan River Migratory Bird Reserve in South Jordan
 - 4) Thursday, June 4, 2026, 2:00 PM – Governing Board Meeting
- e. Annual Utah Open and Public Meetings Act Training : <https://youtu.be/Pr966j67tq4>

Notes:

6. Director’s Report (as time permits)

~ 11:50 AM

- a. Commission Staffing
- b. Upcoming Events & Activities
- c. Grants & Funding
- d. News & Media

Notes:

7. Adjourn

~ 12:00 PM

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Some agenda items are listed as “action items” where specific action is anticipated by the Governing Board and Watershed Council. However, the Governing Board and Watershed Council may also take action on matters related to any agenda item during the meeting, even if not specifically noted as such.

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