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MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026, AT 1:00 PM AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, OREM, UTAH.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Shelley Brennan, Chair

Wayne Andersen, Vice Chair

Kevin J. Anderson

Steve Farrell

Wade E. Garner

Steve Hanberg

Marvin Kenison

Kathy Wood Loveless

L. Alma Mansell

Greg McPhie

Jim Riding

Jennifer Scott

Randy Vincent

Brad Wells

TRUSTEES EXCUSED

Jon Bronson

Kirk Christensen

Max Haslem

STAFF PRESENT

Gene Shawcroft, General Manager

Lisa Anderson, Board Executive Assistant

Emma Barton, Conservation Program Coordinator

Robert Moore, General Counsel

Ric Cantrell, Director of Strategic Engagement

Kent Cottle, IT Manager

Will Garner, Project Engineer

Matthew Gregg, Computer System Specialist

Jared Hansen, Director of Water Policy

Tyler Harvey, Facilities, Fleet, & Emergency Mgr

David Imlay, Raw Water Operations Manager

Shawn Lambert, CFO

Bart Leeftang, Assistant General Manager

Rick Maloy, Project Coordinator

Aspen Neville, GIS Analyst

Roger Pearson, CUPCA/Special Programs Manager

Brad Perkins, Engineering Manager

Mike Rau, Finished Water Operations Manager

Rob Shelley, Senior System Administrator

Bronson Stewart, Controller

Amanda Strack, Water Conservation Manager

Bruce Ward, Chief Engineer

Chair Shelley Brennan called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

Paulette Webster, Contracts Administrator

Mike Whimpey, Assistant General Manager

Gerard Yates, Deputy General Manager

GUESTS PRESENT

Stetson Bassett, Carollo

Rick Baxter, Bureau of Reclamation

Sterling Brown, Strawberry Water Users

Paul Christensen, Department of the Interior

Chris Dermody, Dermody Consulting

Ronald Dunn, Congressman Mike Kennedy's Office

Adam Jones, Brown & Caldwell

Keith Larson, Bowen Collins & Associates

Andy Reidling, MWDSLS

David Robertson, LRB Public Finance Advisors

Benton Smith, BYU

Jamie Tsandes, Bowen Collins & Associates

Wade Tuft, JWCD

Jeremy Williams, Hazen and Sawyer

Ben Woolf, Bureau of Reclamation

Joseph Zalla, Jacobs

MINUTES

*Motion that the Board approve the minutes of January 21, 2026, Work Session and Board Meeting made by Trustee Wells and seconded by Trustee McPhie.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 14; *Motion Passes.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gene Shawcroft introduced and welcomed guests and expressed his thanks and appreciation to the dedicated staff, who consistently work incredibly hard. He stated that a lot is happening in the District, and while he knows some of it, he's aware there's much more.

COMMITTEES

TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - CHAIR JIM RIDING

Will Garner, Project Engineer, presented Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Service Agreement with Hazen & Sawyer for the Don A. Christiansen Regional Water Treatment Plant Cathodic Protection Installation Project. He stated that this amendment expands Hazen's scope following completion of phase-one design and bidding, adds construction-phase services, and initiates phase-two design of the full cathodic protection system. The project addresses significant corrosion risks identified in a 2014 assessment, which found active corrosion and projected pipe failures within 25–38 years, and recommended providing cathodic protection within 15 years. Phase one involves electrically bonding and isolating underground piping, while phase two involves designing and installing the cathodic protection system. Due to aging and failing pumps originally installed between 1977 and the early 2000s, pump replacement work has also been incorporated. The amendment extends the schedule to 2027 and increases the contract by \$342,000.

*Motion that the Board approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Service Agreement with Hazen & Sawyer for the Don A. Christiansen Regional Water Treatment Plant Cathodic Protection Installation Project in an amount not to exceed \$342,100.00, made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Andersen.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 14; *Motion Passes.*

Will next explained that the construction work for this project will include bonding all buried piping, installing electrical isolation where needed, and adding copper bonds at each joint of the 36-inch backwash line and several smaller-diameter pipes to ensure electrical continuity for future cathodic protection. The contractor will also complete necessary bonding within vaults, install 38 new test stations, and replace the previously discussed pumps along with their associated VFDs. Five contractors attended the pre-bid meeting, and VanCon submitted the lowest responsible bid at \$1,482,000. Based on our review of their proposal and their successful performance on similar recent projects—including bonding the Alpine Aqueduct Reach 3 and the Hades Feeder Line—the District is confident in their ability to complete this work.

*Motion that the Board award the construction contract for the Don A. Christiansen Regional Water Treatment Plant Cathodic Protection Installation Project to VanCon Construction in the amount of \$1,482,000.00, made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Hanberg.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 14; *Motion Passes.*

Chair Riding reminded the Board that during the Work Session earlier today, Bart Leeftang, Assistant General Manager, presented the need for a technology consulting services agreement.

*Motion that the Board approve the Technology Consulting Services Agreement with Dermody Consulting Services, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Mansell.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 14; *Motion Passes.*

WATER SUPPLY PLANNING & CUPCA PROGRAMS - ACTING CHAIR RANDY VINCENT

Rick Maloy, Project Coordinator, presented the Amendment to the District's Integrated Water Supply Plan Agreement with Carollo Engineers for Task Order 5 - North Utah County Water Supply Plan. He reminded the Board that Chief Engineer Bruce Ward previously outlined the need for updated water-supply planning, which is the purpose of Task Orders 5 and 6. These two efforts—covering North and South Utah County—will proceed simultaneously and build on significant prior work completed by municipalities and groups such as the North Utah County Aquifer Council. The project follows a comprehensive “one-water” approach, evaluating surface water, groundwater, stormwater, and potential water-reuse opportunities. It involves close coordination among District staff, all major utilities in the county, and consultant teams led by Carollo with support from local engineering firms.

The work begins with a full assessment of existing water supplies, risks, water rights, and opportunities for new sources, followed by detailed demand forecasting for varying growth scenarios, particularly in rapidly developing South Utah County. Modeling will identify future supply gaps, enabling the development and prioritization of actionable strategies, infrastructure needs, policy considerations, and funding responsibilities. While much of the work overlaps countywide, differences between the northern and southern aquifers and differing municipal growth patterns justify the two separate task orders. Participating cities will contribute funding based on size—approximately \$200,000 for Task Order 5 and \$125,000 for Task Order 6. Both efforts will run concurrently over the next 18 months.

In response to a question from Trustee Vincent, Rick stated that North and South Utah County areas have the most critical needs at this time, but in the future similar efforts be made in other areas of the District, where appropriate and in coordination with local municipalities, water districts and related organizations.

*Motion that the Board approve the Amendment to the District's Integrated Water Supply Plan Agreement with Carollo Engineers for Task Order 5 - North Utah County Water Supply Plan in an amount not to exceed \$698,695.00 made by Trustee Vincent and seconded by Trustee Farrell.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 14; *Motion Passes.*

*Motion that the Board approve the Amendment to the District's Integrated Water Supply Plan Agreement with Carollo Engineers for Task Order 6 - South Utah County Water Supply Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$674,770.00, made by Trustee Vincent and seconded by Trustee Garner.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 14; *Motion Passes.*

Brad Perkins, Engineering Manager, presented Change Order No. 5 to the construction contract with VanCon for the Spanish Fork Santaquin Pipeline - Santaquin Reach Project. He stated that the project is nearing completion, with more than 90% of the work finished. Water delivery is on track to begin in early April, and full project completion is expected by late May. All four miles of pipeline have been installed, connected, and pressure-tested, and nine turnout vaults have been constructed. Remaining tasks include final valving and interior piping. Recent site photos show the completed Salem and Santaquin turnouts and the nearly finished Payson turnout, which only requires the deck pour.

Change Order No. 5 totals just over \$200,000 and represents an increase of slightly more than 0.25% of the original contract amount. Most of the change order relates to a single item—the ULS cone valve repair—along with minor adjustments for unforeseen utility conflicts, small site enhancements, and design clarifications. The cone valve work, originally a planned O&M project, was added after VanCon submitted a significantly lower bid than the competing contractor. Because the valve is a 20-ton, 42-inch component that had been leaking for years, VanCon’s on-site removal, disassembly, and repair—completed with support from the manufacturer—addressed a long-standing operational issue. O&M is now pleased to have this component fully restored.

*Motion that the Board approve Change Order No. 5 to the construction contract with VanCon for the Spanish Fork Santaquin Pipeline - Santaquin Reach Project in the amount of \$205,957.00, made by Trustee Vincent and seconded by Trustee Hanberg.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 14; *Motion Passes.*

Jared Hansen, Director of Water Policy, presented the current water supply report. He stated that Utah’s snowpack remains extremely poor, at roughly one-third of normal, with only about a 10% chance of recovering this winter and a 30% chance of ending the season at a record low. Drought conditions have worsened compared to last year, reversing the improvements previously made. The one bright spot is soil moisture, which remains above normal across key drainages due to early-season storms and recent rainfall. However, statewide snow water equivalent flatlined in January at record-low levels, and many SNOTEL stations are reporting near-record lows.

Precipitation has been slightly better than last year, but much of it fell as rain rather than snow, creating limited long-term benefit. Reservoir forecasts vary significantly by elevation: higher-elevation watersheds are performing better, while lower-elevation basins show very poor outlooks. Jordanelle, Duchesne Basin reservoirs, and Strawberry all face low inflow forecasts that will limit their ability to fill.

Weather projections for the next three months call for below-normal precipitation and above-normal temperatures, continuing the warm and dry pattern. Jared presented photos from ski areas and snowmobile trailheads showing unusually sparse snow coverage, with man-made snow dominating ski runs and low-elevation recreation areas lacking snow entirely.

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High-elevation SNOTEL sites such as Trial Lake and Strawberry Divide also show snowpack far below median levels. While a recent storm helped slightly, far more additional storms—and colder temperatures—are needed. March remains a critical month, but overall, this is one of the warmest and most snow-deficient winters observed in recent years.

In response to a question from Trustee Farrell, Jared stated that this year, the District will be able to make 100% of contracted water deliveries; however, due to the lack of adding to the reservoir storage, next year will be in question.

FINANCE, AUDIT, & BUDGET - CHAIR GREG MCPHIE

*Motion that the Board approve the financial reports, as certified by the Chief Financial Officer, for the period ending January 2026. The CUPCA expenditures total \$917,573.30, and the total District expenditures posted during the same period total \$10,391,113.73, made by Trustee McPhie and seconded by Trustee Wells.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 2; Recused: 0; *Motion Passes.*

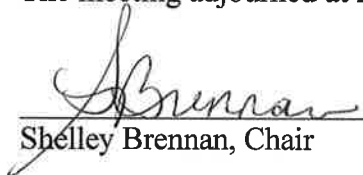
*Motion that the Board strike agenda items 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 made by Trustee Mansell and seconded by Trustee Garner.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 14; *Motion Passes.*

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion that the Board adjourns made by Trustee Vincent.*

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

  
Shelley Brennan, Chair

  
Gene Shawcroft, General Manager

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