



EMIGRATION CANYON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 17, 2026, 7:00 PM

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5025 E. EMIGRATION CANYON ROAD, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84108

EMIGRATION CANYON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES March 17, 2026

Council Members Present:

David Brems, Mayor
Nicholas Griffith, Council Member
Catherine Harris, Council Member
Jennifer Hawkes, Council Member
Robert Pinon, Council Member

Council Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Diana Baun, City Recorder
Sarah Leavitt, Deputy Recorder
Tamaran Woodland, Assistant City Engineer
Cameron Platt, City Attorney
Claire Gillmor, Land Use Attorney
Clayton Preece, Legal Counsel
Chief Christina Pettibrown, Unified Police Department
Chief Jason Mazuran, Unified Police Department
Det. Dawn Larsen, Unified Police Department
Officer Luis Lovato, Unified Police Department

Others Present:

1. Welcome and Determine Quorum

Mayor David Brems, presiding, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and determined a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Recognize Visiting Officials

4. Public Comments

EMIGRATION CANYON CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

MAYOR DAVID BREMS, COUNCIL MEMBER NICK GRIFFITH, COUNCIL MEMBER JENNIFER HAWKES,
COUNCIL MEMBER CATHERINE HARRIS, COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT PINON

None

5. Stakeholder Reports

A. Unified Police Department

Detective Dawn Larsen reported 37 calls for service during the month of February. Notable incidents included:

- A welfare check involving a suicidal individual in possession of a firearm. The officer located the individual, spoke with them, and ensured they received appropriate care. The weapon was secured and booked into UPD evidence.
- Two additional welfare checks on suicidal individuals, neither of whom were in possession of weapons.
- Six individuals found sleeping in their vehicles in the upper canyon, which Detective Larsen noted was an unusually high number for the month of February.
- A DUI arrest resulting in property damage to a private residence.

Detective Larsen also noted an upcoming race on April 4, requiring road closure to uphill travel from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The course begins above 707 North Emigration Canyon Road (near a home under construction) and runs to the road and ridgeline. The event is a 10K run only. Detective Larsen flagged that the city's VMS (Variable Message Sign) is currently out of service due to burned-out bulbs and will not be available to notify residents of the closure. She indicated that James Hamilton would be contacting the Mayor about whether a replacement sign needs to be obtained.

Mayor David Brems then shared that earlier that day he witnessed a vehicle cross a double yellow line and pass four cars on the straightaway near the lower garbage area at Sunnydale, nearly causing a head-on collision with the Mayor's vehicle. No plate was obtained. He also observed Detective Larsen pull over several motorists, including two motorcyclists.

UPD Chief Jason Mazuran and Precinct Chief Christine Pettibrown took the opportunity to recognize Mayor Brems for his eight years of service on the UPD Board. Chief Mazuran noted that this recognition is typically given at UPD Board meetings and highlighted the Mayor's leadership and advocacy for both the Emigration Canyon community and UPD officers. Mayor Brems acknowledged the significant challenges navigated during his tenure, including the transition from the Sheriff's Department to UPD. Council Member Pinon was also recognized as a valuable addition going forward.

B. Unified Fire Authority

No UFA representative was present. Council Member Harris reported that UFA remains understaffed, with the battalion chief division currently at 12 of 16 positions filled due to a combination of an injury and ongoing hiring. A permanent liaison is not expected to be assigned until May. Acting liaison Assistant Chief Robinson has been engaged on matters

such as the upcoming Firewise Day but was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Mayor Brems expressed concern about the approaching fire season, stating it would be important to have regular UFA representation at council meetings. Council Member Harris noted she has been working closely with Division Chief Widdison, who oversees the wildland division, and that planning for the season is already underway.

A brief discussion followed regarding a construction worker at a nearby job site who had been observed burning materials. Councilwoman Harris noted the activity appeared improper and potentially illegal, though enforcement remains a challenge.

C. Salt Lake County Animal Services

Gary Bowen was absent, no updates at this time.

D. Land Use Updates

Land Use Attorney Claire Gillmor noted that most land use updates would be addressed in closed session. She introduced Clayton Preece, identified as a partner expert, who would be joining the council for the land use discussion later in the meeting.

6. Project Updates

A. Engineering Updates

Tamara Woodland presented updates on five active projects involving Emigration Canyon:

- **MSD Transportation Master Plan** The asphalt condition assessment has been completed. Work is ongoing to finalize pavement cross sections and conduct traffic modeling for future needs. No finished product is available yet. Mrs. Woodland noted that an uphill-only bike lane has been recommended as the standard cross section, consistent with prior council direction. The Council confirmed that existing bike lane infrastructure in a few locations would be preserved.
- **Road Safety Improvement Project** An engineering kickoff meeting was held the previous Tuesday. The project website, initially set up on the MSD website, was taken down after it was determined that UDOT must host it due to funding source requirements. The UDOT-hosted site is expected to be live at the beginning of April. Mayor Brems requested that the consulting firm present to the council at the **April 21 meeting**, rather than waiting until May. A stakeholder work group is being planned, with two meetings anticipated — one in early April and one following the open house. The open house is planned for late May, and a public hearing is anticipated at the end of June.

The council discussed the composition of the stakeholder work group. The proposed members are:

- Brian Johansson
- Mike Sanguinetti
- Jessica Steed
- Council Members Griffith and Harris
- Former Mayor Joe Smolka
- Dale Barrett
- A UDOT representative
- Detective Larsen
- Michelle Henrie (added during the meeting)

Michelle Henrie, present at the meeting, confirmed her willingness to participate.

- **Emigration Creek Culverts Project** Mayor Brems and Woodland held an on-site meeting with residents on February 9. Residents raised several concerns, including a request for a third-party design review. Woodland explained that UDOT only requires third-party reviews when federal funding is involved or for bridge structures; culverts do not qualify. If the city wishes to pursue such a review independently, it would need to fund it and any resulting design or construction cost changes.

Design modifications are being made in response to resident input:

- Addition of riprap at the downstream end of the Skycrest culvert to protect adjacent property.
- Addition of a J-hook to redirect creek flows toward the center and protect the bank.

Regarding construction access: an earlier estimate showed that maintaining resident access through construction would reduce cost savings from \$100,000 to approximately \$30,000. Given this relatively modest savings and fire season considerations, the council agreed to phase construction to maintain access throughout. Temporary construction easements have been sent to property owners; no responses have been received yet. Construction is still anticipated for fall. Additional funding has been added to the MSD request list, subject to MSD Board approval.

Mayor Brems thanked Mrs. Woodland for responding to resident concerns.

- **Freeze Creek Wall Reconstruction (New Project)** This new project evaluates the condition of gabion basket walls between Freeze Creek and Margarethe Lane, near Emigration Canyon Road. Some gabion baskets have been observed tilting in the wrong direction, with potential voids forming behind them. The project is being reviewed by Mark Anderson under the MSD contract for an assessment of safety and required corrective action.
- **Emigration FEMA Flood Map Update** The updated flood map study was submitted to FEMA some time ago. FEMA has returned with multiple rounds of questions, all of which have been answered by the consultant. The matter is now back in FEMA's queue. Council Member Hawkes confirmed that the update is complete and awaiting FEMA approval, not under further revision. Tamaran Woodland noted that the best available data (the updated study) is being used as the current reference, even without formal FEMA adoption, and that this is consistent with standard practice given the significant discrepancies between the old and updated floodplain maps in some areas.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. February 17, 2026 City Council Meeting

Council Member Harris moved to approve the February 17, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes as published. Council Member Griffith seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

8. Presentation Items

- ### **A. Engineering Updates – None at this time.**

9. Council Business

- ### **A. Discussion and Potential Action on Resolution R2026-02, A Resolution Approving and Implementing the Updated 2025 Emigration Canyon Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Brian Buckhout, Emergency Management/Municipal Planner presented the updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Salt Lake County (included in the meeting's supporting documents published), noting this was his final presentation on the plan across all participating cities. Key points included:

- **Purpose:** Hazard mitigation plans identify community vulnerabilities and establish strategies to reduce long-term risk to life and property. The plan is approximately 458 pages and is intended as a reference document, not a cover-to-cover read.
- **Local Annex:** A jurisdiction-specific annex of 50–60 pages was prepared for Emigration Canyon in collaboration with former Mayor Smolka. It includes historical, actual, and perceived risk data, as well as local incident history.

- **Multi-Jurisdictional Scope:** 26 entities participated, including 23 cities and towns, two school districts, and a community college. Hazards do not stop at jurisdictional boundaries, and the collaborative approach allows neighboring communities to benefit from shared data.
- **Update Cycle:** The previous plan dated from 2019. Under FEMA's Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, plans must be updated every five years. This plan covers the city through 2030. New hazards added since 2019 include COVID-19, cybersecurity threats, the Magna earthquake, and additional weather-related events.
- **19 Identified Hazards:** Including wildfire, avalanche, drought, lightning, landslides, earthquake, cybersecurity threats, terrorism, and others.
- **Grant Eligibility:** Maintaining an approved plan is a prerequisite for several federal hazard mitigation grants. The BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) program was recently cut by FEMA, but Buckhout expressed confidence it will be replaced with a similar program, likely with the same plan requirement.
- **FEMA Cost Sharing:** Having an approved plan is a key factor in FEMA's decision-making when evaluating requests for individual and public assistance following a declared disaster.
- **Emergency Notification Systems:** Buckhout discussed the current landscape of systems, including iPAWS (life-safety emergencies), Code Red, Titan (used by Salt Lake City with geo-location features), and Everbridge (used by Utah County for non-life-safety notifications). A county-wide system is under evaluation. The council discussed the importance of avoiding gaps in notification capability.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes raised the topic of the Enbridge gas pipeline and asked whether the company's required emergency evacuation plan could be incorporated into the city's planning. Mr. Buckhout confirmed this could be addressed through coordination efforts and noted that an evacuation annex process begins in early April at the MSD Emergency Coordination Center.

Discussion followed regarding tabletop exercises. Mr. Buckhout recommended a discussion-based tabletop for the city's first exercise, walking through decision-making scenarios, before moving to more simulation-intensive formats. Mayor Brems requested that Buckhout also be present at the May 16 Firewise Day (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) to engage with the public and assist with "Know Your Zone" education.

Council Member Hawkes requested that the tabletop be scheduled as soon as possible given approaching fire season. Mr. Buckhout committed to scheduling a tabletop workshop within six

weeks. He also noted he will provide the council with a response binder — a reference guide for the first eight hours of an incident — before the tabletop takes place.

Council Member Harris moved to adopt Resolution R2026-02, Approving and Implementing the Updated Emigration Canyon Hazard Mitigation Plan. Council Member Pinon seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

B. Discussion and Potential Action on Resolution R2026-03A, An Additional Resolution Appointing Members of the City Council to Board Positions in Organizations in Which Emigration Canyon Participates and Administrative Responsibilities

City Recorder Diana Baun reviewed and updated the list of council member appointments and assignments. The following positions were discussed and assigned:

- **Broadband and Internet** — Council Member Robert Pinon (retained)
- **Webpage and Newsletters** — Council Member Jennifer Hawkes (retained)
- **Code Red / Alternate Messaging System** — Council Member Hawkes (retained)
- **Road Maintenance** — Council Member Nicholas Griffith (new; discussion noted this involves long-range infrastructure planning and coordination with MSD and Tamaran Woodland)
- **Fire Prevention and Firewise Day** — Council Member Catherine Harris (retained)
- **Canyon Cleanup / Litter Pickup** — To be determined; Brian Johansson has historically organized this through the Community Council. Mayor David Brems indicated he would ask Mr. Johansson to continue.
- **Emergency Management Liaison** — Discussion tabled. Mayor David Brems noted the role carries significant responsibility and requires availability for emergency calls. Mr. Buckhout clarified the role's scope: serving as the primary contact for MSD and county duty officers, participating in evacuation planning meetings, and liaising on the four components of emergency management (response, recovery, mitigation, and prevention). The council discussed the possibility of appointing a qualified community resident rather than a council member, and Council Member Catherine Harris suggested the person identified as helping the community acquire emergency radios as a potential candidate. The matter was deferred for further consideration.
- **Coordination with Power, Gas, and Phone Utilities** — Discussion held; Council Member Hawkes noted that all council members should have access to utility emergency contacts. Deferred.
- **Reservoir Maintenance** — To be determined.

- **History Committee** — Discussion tabled; the council noted this may be more appropriately integrated with Planning and Zoning.
- **Utah Association of Municipal Governance** (suggested by Council Member Hawkes) — To be added to the list for future assignment.

Council Member Griffith moved to approve Resolution R2026-03A, Appointing Additional Members of the City Council to board Positions in Stakeholder Organizations, as discussed above. Council Member Hawkes seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

C. Discussion and Potential Action on Resolution R2026-07, A Resolution Providing Paid Bereavement Leave for Employees Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §10-3-1103

City Attorney Cameron Platt explained that Utah state law now requires municipalities to provide elected officials and employees with up to three days of paid bereavement leave under qualifying circumstances. This is an unfunded mandate — the state requires compliance but provides no funding. Mr. Platt noted the policy would be most relevant if the city were to hire a City Administrator.

Council Member Harris moved to approve Resolution R2026-07, Providing Paid Bereavement Leave for Employees. Council Member Hawkes seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

D. Healthy Utah Designation Updates

Council Member Robert Pinon reported that he and Emma Andreason had been working to form a coalition that would include three community members. He stated that they had already reached out to Mark Stevens and Senator Jennifer Plumb and were now seeking a third resident from Emigration Canyon who would be interested in participating. Council Member Pinon asked the council for suggestions for this third member. He also noted that Julia Glade from the Health Department had been involved in the effort and was working with him on the initiative.

Council Member Catherine Harris suggested Andy McNeil as a potential candidate for the third community member position.

E. City Design Standards and Design Guidelines

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes is still working on this project, did address some issues with signage and other bike issues during the Council Workshop Meeting held before this meeting

10. City Attorney Updates

None at this time

11. Council Member Reports

A. Mayor David Brems

- Attended two MSD meetings this month; an audit is ongoing with no completed findings to report yet.
- Working with MSD to obtain a sound system for the City Council Meetings.
- Attending a strategic planning workshop in the near future hosted by the MSD; will share details with the council.
- Attended the last UPD Board meeting with Council Member Pinon; budget season is underway.
- UFSA budgeting is also in progress.
- The Emigration Canyon Planning Commission is actively working to convert FCOZ into a city ordinance.

B. Council Member Catherine Harris

- Attended UFA and UFSA meetings. Conducted a performance review of Chief Burchett, who received a favorable evaluation with goals set for the coming year. Council Member Harris noted he is performing exceptionally well. A benefits and compensation committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to finalize cost-of-living adjustments and merit pay structure.
- House Bill 48: Significant legislative changes are pending but have not yet been clearly defined. She committed to gathering more information once the legislative session concludes.
- Wildland Fire Season: Met with Division Chief Widdison following the board meeting to begin planning community fuels reduction work, including shaded fuel breaks. The city provides a \$12,000 annual match (administered through UFA from Fire, Forestry and State Lands). Chief Widdison stressed the importance of identifying target areas early in the season before fuels crews become committed to active fire suppression.
- Watershed Plan: No update.

C. Council Member Robert Pinon

- Deferred the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District report to Council Member Nicholas Griffith.

- Utah Broadband: No update.
- High-Density Development: Reached out to Salt Lake City Planning. The application remains dormant but is not formally closed. Salt Lake City has reached out to the applicant with no response received. The matter remains open.

D. Council Member Jennifer Hawkes

Provided a legislative update, noting several bills with implications for Emigration Canyon. She committed to compiling and distributing a full list to the council by email. Legislative items of note:

- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): A bill requiring ADU ordinances exempts cities below 5,000 population. Emigration Canyon is exempt, but Hawkes recommended the city address parking, building heights, and related standards in its ordinances.
- GRAMA (Government Records Access and Management Act): A new requirement (effective July 1, 2027) mandates that government forms be available electronically, though the form itself does not need to be completed electronically. A PDF option satisfies the requirement.
- Political Signs: New legislation addresses placement of political signs in park strips.
- WUI Code Updates: Noted as relevant.
- Towing Regulations: New rules restrict towing to within the county.
- Oil and Gas Pipeline Legislation: A bill was introduced that would have required oil and gas pipelines to be treated as permitted uses in all municipal zones. Through coordinated advocacy by League of Cities and Towns (in which Mayor Brems and Council Member Hawkes played key roles), the bill was tabled. However, cities were directed to establish a formal permitting process for pipeline applications. City Attorney Cameron Platt clarified that while cities cannot outright deny pipeline requests, they can require a franchise agreement with negotiated terms — including slope restoration, revegetation, environmental protections, and setback requirements. A new 12-inch pipeline is expected to be constructed in the canyon. Council Member Hawkes recommended the city work with Summit County's existing framework, which was developed after prior pipeline litigation. Land Use Attorney Claire Gillmor was asked to obtain Summit County's relevant documents.

- GRAMA Process: Discussion followed regarding the proper routing of GRAMA requests. Mr. Platt confirmed that without a formal ordinance designating a specific intake process, any written request received by a council member qualifies as a records request and must be forwarded promptly to the City Recorder. He agreed to draft an ordinance for the next meeting designating Diana Baun as the records contact and establishing the city's own GRAMA intake form, modeled after Kearns and Magna.

E. Council Member Nicholas Griffith

- Attended the last Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD) meeting. A recently passed state law allows municipalities to withdraw from special service districts. Herriman has negotiated a withdrawal. WFWRD is confident it can absorb the financial impact through a \$4.5 million increase in actual revenues and a reduced service area. No rate increases or service reductions are anticipated for remaining members in the foreseeable future. Council Member Griffith noted that Emigration Canyon receives strong value from WFWRD given its size and location. A meeting with Evan Tyrrell of WFWRD is scheduled to discuss specific services provided to the canyon.
- WFWRD is discontinuing its trailer program. A pilot project is being explored to address collection of green waste, scrap, and heavy items for the canyon community, which would be particularly relevant for fire hazard reduction.

Council Member Griffith reported meeting with Stuart Okobia of MSD Financial Planning to review past budgets and develop a forecasted budget for the upcoming year. A draft budget has been developed that maintains current funding levels, with particular emphasis on fire safety, communications, community outreach, and professional development/educational programming. Council Member Griffith expressed appreciation for MSD's openness and collaboration in the budgeting process.

12. Future Agenda Items

- GRAMA records request ordinance
- Tabletop emergency exercise (within six weeks, to be scheduled as a workshop)
- Emergency management liaison appointment
- Road Safety Improvement Project presentation by consulting firm (April 21)
- Summit County pipeline franchise agreement review

Council Member Pinon moved to recess the City Council meeting and move to Closed Session. Council Member Hawkes seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

13. Closed Session(s) if Needed as Allowed Pursuant to Utah Code §52-4-205

- A. Discussion of the Character, Professional Competence or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual**

- B. Strategy Session to Discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation**
- C. Strategy Session to Discuss the Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property**
- D. Discussion Regarding Deployment of Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems; and**
- E. Other Lawful Purposes as Listed in Utah Code §52-4-205**

14. Council Business

- A. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Termination of Current Legal Services**

The Council discussed the Mayor's recent termination of Current Legal Services with Peak Law and agreed to ratify his decision to give notice of termination and discuss at a future Special Meeting whether or not they would replace the current legal services with an RFQ or a sole-source option. That meeting will be noticed according to the Open and Public Meetings Act and a decision will be made at that time.

Council Member Pinon moved to ratify the Mayor's decision to give notice of termination to the city's current provider of legal services. Council Member Hawkes seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

15. Adjourn

Council Member Hawkes moved to adjourn the March 17, 2026 Emigration Canyon City Council Meeting. Council Member Harris seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

The March 17, 2026 Emigration Canyon Council Meeting adjourned at 10:06 PM.

The March 17, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes were Approved by the City Council on the 19th day of May 2026:

ATTEST:

David Brems, Mayor

Diana Baun, City Recorder



EMIGRATION CANYON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

MARCH 17, 2026, 7:00 PM

UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY STATION 119

5025 E. EMIGRATION CANYON ROAD, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84108

EMIGRATION CANYON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES March 17, 2026

Council Members Present:

David Brems, Mayor
Nicholas Griffith, Council Member
Catherine Harris, Council Member
Jennifer Hawkes, Council Member
Robert Pinon, Council Member

Council Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Diana Baun, City Recorder
Sarah Leavitt, Deputy Recorder
Tamaran Woodland, Assistant City Engineer
Cameron Platt, Legal Counsel
Claire Gillmor, Legal Counsel
Det. Dawn Larsen, Unified Police Department
Officer Luis Lovato, Unified Police Department

Others Present:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Brems, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and determined a quorum was present.

2. COUNCIL DISCUSSION TOPICS

- A.** Council Member Appointments to Board Positions and Other Responsibilities Within the City (in preparation for Possible Action on Resolution R2026-03A on the City Council Meeting Agenda)

City Recorder Baun clarified that appointments approved in prior meetings carry forward unless the council chooses to change them, and only need to be re-approved following a re-election. She confirmed that two appointments had already been made: Council Member Pinon to the UPD Board, and Council Member Harris to UFA (Unified Fire Authority). It was also clarified that a separate appointment of Council Member Pinon to UFSA was not required, though he would serve as the city's representative.

EMIGRATION CANYON CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

MAYOR DAVID BREMS, COUNCIL MEMBER NICK GRIFFITH, COUNCIL MEMBER JENNIFER HAWKES,
COUNCIL MEMBER CATHERINE HARRIS, COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT PINON

A brief discussion occurred regarding the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD). Council Member Griffith noted that recent legislation passed allowing cities to exit special service districts without a feasibility study, which enabled Herriman's withdrawal from WFWRD. Council Member Pinon clarified that UFSA attempted to attach itself to the same bill but was removed due to pushback, as UFSA is not a special district.

B. Soliciting Volunteers for Firewise and Other upcoming City Events

Mayor Brems introduced a discussion regarding the formation of a stakeholder working group in connection with the Road Safety Improvement Project, facilitated by the consulting firm Avenue (lead consultant H.G. Kunzler). The working group's purpose, as described by Council Member Harris, is to convene a representative group of stakeholders to identify issues and concerns along the corridor — not to serve as a steering committee or produce formal recommendations. H.G. Kunzler has described the group's goals as identifying corridor needs and concerns, establishing a consensus on the decision-making process, reviewing decisions, providing input, and ensuring consistent public messaging.

The council discussed at length the composition of the working group, targeting a membership of six to twelve individuals. The following names were discussed:

Confirmed or strongly supported:

- **Dale Barrett** — Planning Commission member; lives along the impacted road section
- **Detective Dawn Larsen** — UPD public safety representative
- **Jessica Steed** — Canyon resident with property directly affected by road improvements. Mayor Brems expressed support for her inclusion. Council Member Hawkes raised concerns about accuracy of prior statements made at MSD meetings but ultimately supported her inclusion.
- **Council Member Catherine Harris** — Council representative with institutional knowledge; confirmed by Mayor Brems
- **Council Member Nicholas Griffith** — Council representative; lives in Pinecrest/Killians area, representing residents who regularly travel the corridor
- **Brian Johansson** — Canyon resident, Community Council member, avid cyclist, and attorney; recommended to represent the lower canyon
- **Mike Sanguinetti** — Retired researcher, cyclist (both commuter and recreational), resident of the Oaks; recommended by Councilmember Harris as someone who could represent the Oaks neighborhood and the cycling community
- **Corinne Sherig** — Resident and bike commuter; already invited by the consultant

- **UDOT representative** — To be coordinated

Discussed but deferred or declined:

- **Former Mayor Joe Smolka** — Supported for his historical knowledge and canyon familiarity. Concerns raised about scheduling conflicts and his potential to be heavy-handed in group settings. Mayor Brems ultimately expressed support for his inclusion.
- **Michelle Henrie** — Described as thorough, level-headed, attentive, and well-researched; supported by Council Member Hawkes as a strong community representative.
- **Paul Brown** — Head of the Oaks HOA; suggested by Councilmember Harris as a possible representative or source of a recommendation. May be supplanted by Mike Sanguinetti.
- **Megan Palazzo** — Oak's resident who has attended council meetings; mentioned as a possibility.
- **Andy McNeil** — Active community member; raised as a possible Pinecrest representative.
- **Oliver Wood** — Environmental attorney living at the top of the canyon; described as an avid outdoorsman and knowledgeable about legislative matters. Raised by Council Member Griffith.
- **Steve Hook** — Pinecrest resident who spoke at an MSD meeting.
- **Lyska Emerson** — Lives near the road.

The council agreed the final working group composition (nine members) would be: Dale Barrett, Detective Dawn Larsen, Jessica Steed, Council Member Harris, Council Member Griffith, Brian Johansson, Mike Sanguinetti, Corinne Shurig, and a UDOT representative.

City Attorney Cameron Platt noted that the council cannot compel participation and recommended that all prospective members be asked to confirm willingness to serve before being formally appointed. He suggested the council make a motion at the next regular meeting to contact the proposed members, with formal appointments to follow once confirmations are received.

Council Member Pinon noted that Bike Utah was identified as a potential resource for connecting with the broader cycling community. Council Member Harris mentioned that her son, Ian Bird — an avid cyclist with professional experience in the cycling industry — might be a candidate to represent the under-30 demographic, as the consultant had expressed interest in having a younger cyclist involved. Given his relationship with a council member, Mayor

Brems indicated he could not be formally appointed but encouraged Council Member Harris to ask him for a referral.

Mayor Brems asked Council Member Harris to lead the discussion on the upcoming Firewise Day event, planned for May 16, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Council Member Harris reported that two community volunteers have agreed to assist with organizing and communications. Council Member Pinon noted that the Healthy Utah designation effort he is leading presents an opportunity for the Salt Lake County Health Department to participate in Firewise Day with educational tables.

Key elements being planned for Firewise Day include:

- Participation and presentations by UFA wildland crews
- A pancake breakfast
- Educational programming on defensible space and individual preparedness
- Discussion of the WUI (Wildland-Urban Interface) mapping and new legislative requirements

Council Member Harris briefed the council on a significant and fast-moving development regarding House Bill 48 (or possibly House Bill 41): language was reportedly inserted into another bill in the final days of the legislative session that would allow property owners to challenge their WUI map designations, though the process for doing so has not been defined. Harris noted that even the wildland fire chief was unaware of this change until the same day she learned of it, and that it cannot yet be found on the Fire, Forestry and State Lands website. Contacts at Fire, Forestry and State Lands have expressed willingness to come to Firewise Day and share whatever information is available at that time, even if details remain unsettled.

Council Member Harris also described the broader context: under the new law, all homes in high-risk geographic areas are initially defaulted to the highest risk category. After three years, once an evaluation process and authority are established, homeowners may seek individual assessments. However, the entity responsible for conducting those evaluations has not yet been determined. Fire, Forestry and State Lands are charged with developing the plan but does not currently conduct individual home evaluations. Individual fire departments do but lack the capacity for the volume mandated by law. The council expressed concern about the implementation gap and the uncertainty facing residents.

Regardless of the legislative situation, the council agreed that Firewise Day should focus on practical preparedness: defensible space, Code Red enrollment, go-bag preparation, and evacuation planning — all of which are relevant regardless of how the legal and regulatory situation resolves.

Mayor Brems expressed significant concern about the approaching fire season, describing it as potentially the most dangerous the canyon has faced given warm and dry conditions, and emphasized the importance of rapid response and evacuation readiness.

C. Bike Lane Signage

Council Member Harris raised the issue of bike lane signage and road markings in the canyon, noting that the matter is urgent given the start of the bike season. Key concerns included:

- The canyon has very few bike lane markings — approximately five signs between the western border with Salt Lake City and the rest of the corridor — with no clear indication of where bike lanes begin or end.
- There is no signage directing cyclists on how to use the road where no formal bike lane exists (e.g., shared lane markings), unlike neighboring Salt Lake City, which follows national standards.
- The lack of defined standards makes enforcement difficult for UPD officers.
- No parking signage in bike lane areas is absent or insufficient.

City Attorney Platt noted that UDOT has established bike lane regulations that the city could adopt, which would align with both state and national standards (MUTCD — Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices). MSD engineer Tamaran Woodland confirmed that Emigration Canyon's existing engineering standards already reference and automatically adopt the latest revisions of AASHTO, the Utah MUTCD, and applicable UDOT standards — the issue is that those standards have not been physically implemented on the road.

Council Member Hawkes noted that signage, road surface standards, width, and related matters are being incorporated into the design guidelines she is developing. The council agreed that having one comprehensive reference document would be beneficial. Mr. Platt and Mrs. Woodland agreed to prepare a summary of applicable UDOT/MUTCD guidelines for council review and potential adoption at the next regular meeting, so that MSD can be directed accordingly.

Council Member Hawkes also noted the need for explicit no-parking signage in bike lane areas, clarifying that even where parking is prohibited by regulation, physical signage is still required.

3. ADJOURN

Council Member Hawkes moved to adjourn the March 17, 2026 Emigration Canyon City Council Workshop Meeting. Council Member Harris seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

Emigration Canyon City Council Workshop Meeting
UFA Emigration Canyon Fire Station #119
March 17, 2026

The March 17, 2026 Emigration Canyon Council Workshop Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

The March 17, 2026 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes were Approved by the City Council on the 19th day of May 2026:

ATTEST:

David Brems, Mayor

Diana Baun, City Recorder



EMIGRATION CANYON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 21, 2026, 7:00 PM

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****DRAFT MINUTES – UNAPPROVED****

EMIGRATION CANYON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES April 21, 2026

Council Members Present:

David Brems, Mayor
Nicholas Griffith, Council Member
Catherine Harris, Council Member
Jennifer Hawkes, Council Member
Robert Pinon, Council Member

Council Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Diana Baun, City Recorder
Sarah Leavitt, Deputy Recorder (via Zoom)
Tamaran Woodland, Assistant City Engineer
Cameron Platt, City Attorney
Det. Dawn Larsen, Unified Police Department
Officer Luis Lovato, Unified Police Department (via Zoom)

Others Present: Gary Bowen (SLCo Animal Services Liaison),

1. Welcome and Determine Quorum

Mayor David Brems, presiding, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and determined a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Recognize Visiting Officials - None

4. Public Comments

Janet Haskell - (Attachment A) stated that she had submitted correspondence to Ed Miranda, the UDOT project manager for the canyon project, regarding what she believed to be inconsistencies in the project's legal description and address references. She read portions of her letter into the record, explaining that project documents referenced the project limits as

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MAYOR DAVID BREMS, COUNCIL MEMBER NICK GRIFFITH, COUNCIL MEMBER JENNIFER HAWKES,
COUNCIL MEMBER CATHERINE HARRIS, COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT PINON

extending from 5655 Emigration Canyon Road to 9698 Emigration Canyon Road. She stated that she had been unable to identify the 9698 address and requested clarification and mapping information from UDOT. She further requested that any errors or omissions in federal aid agreements, contracts, project descriptions, or funding applications be corrected before the project proceeded further. After reading the letter, Janet Haskell asked the council whether they were aware of the discrepancy in the listed addresses. Mayor David Brems thanked her for the comment.

Michelle Henrie - requested that representatives from Avenue Consultants discuss the survey work currently occurring in the canyon during their later presentation. She specifically asked that they explain the scope and methodology of the surveys, how properties were selected for surveying, and the meaning of the pink survey markings appearing throughout the canyon. Mayor David Brems acknowledged the questions and indicated they would be addressed during the later presentation.

Willie Stockman referenced the proposed budget schedule discussed during the February council meeting and raised concerns regarding a proposed \$350,000 Freeze Creek wall reconstruction project. She stated that Richard Stephens had described the project as involving gabion walls and culvert improvements, including headwalls and wing walls. Ms. Stockman questioned whether residents were responsible for maintaining culverts throughout the canyon, including on private roads, and asked whether the proposed project represented the city's highest infrastructure priority given other deficient culverts elsewhere in the canyon. Council Member Catherine Harris clarified that the referenced project pertained to Margarethe Lane rather than Emigration Oaks. Ms. Stockman responded that the budget descriptions had not been sufficiently clear. She further discussed erosion control concerns related to culvert projects. She suggested that future culvert work incorporate stilling basins to reduce erosive water forces and sediment transport. Ms. Stockman explained that stilling basins slowed fast-moving water exiting culverts, reducing downstream erosion and helping improve compliance with environmental regulations related to sediment discharge into the creek. She stated that a similar system already existed at the Skycrest culvert site scheduled for replacement and recommended that comparable erosion-control measures be included in future infrastructure designs.

Naomi Keeson - stated that she and another resident had exchanged emails with council members regarding ongoing surveying activities connected to the canyon project. She stated that permanent markings had recently appeared on portions of their property without prior notice and expressed concern regarding survey access onto private property. Ms. Keeson stated that she believed property boundary surveys were necessary to accurately evaluate temporary construction easements but requested that residents receive advance notice before surveyors entered private property. She also raised concerns regarding council meeting procedures and agenda authority after reviewing prior email communications. Ms. Keeson stated that she had been unable to locate the city council's rules of order and procedure online and requested information regarding where those procedures were publicly available.

Mayor David Brems responded by explaining that the project was primarily a Municipal Services District project and that Emigration Canyon City had limited authority beyond

remaining informed and assisting where possible. An audience member then asked for clarification regarding the Municipal Services District. Mayor David Brems explained that the Municipal Services District provided engineering, permitting, planning, zoning, and related municipal services for former township communities, including Emigration Canyon. Council Member Catherine Harris further explained that the Municipal Services District had been created through Salt Lake County and the state legislature after Salt Lake County shifted responsibility for many municipal services away from the county itself. Council Member Harris stated that the MSD contracted with Salt Lake County and other outside agencies for portions of its operations while also maintaining its own engineering and planning staff.

Ms. Keeson reiterated her request regarding the council's rules of order and procedures, stating that state law required those procedures to be publicly available both online and at council meetings. It was shared that those are available online on Municode, the same website that houses the city's office code.

An audience member referenced a prior October 2024 meeting during which the canyon project had been approved and stated that the council had previously assured residents that it retained authority over the project. The audience member asked Mayor David Brems to clarify the extent of the council's authority. Mayor David Brems responded that the council remained heavily involved in all aspects of the project but explained that multiple agencies, including the Municipal Services District, UDOT, and outside consultants, also held roles in the project process. When asked specifically where final authority over project funding resided, Mayor David Brems stated that authority over funding approval ultimately rested with the Municipal Services District and UDOT. He further stated that Avenue Consultants had been hired to continue work on the project design and that the city, residents, and involved agencies would all carefully review future design proposals.

Robert McFarlane asked whether the city council believed it retained authority to reject the project if Avenue Consultants ultimately produced an unacceptable design proposal. He questioned whether the council still possessed effective veto authority over the project or whether decision-making authority had effectively shifted entirely to UDOT. Tamaran Woodland stated that she would address that question during her upcoming presentation.

5. Stakeholder Reports

A. Unified Police Department

Detective Dawn Larsen reported that the Unified Police Department responded to 57 calls for service within Emigration Canyon during the month of March. She stated that one matter involved an elder abuse case that remained under investigation. Detective Dawn Larsen also described an attempted trailer theft in which suspects entered a resident's driveway but became stuck after recent rainfall softened the ground. She explained that the suspects ultimately left without stealing the trailer after spending time attempting to free their vehicle.

Detective Dawn Larsen further reported that officers responded to incidents involving electric motorbikes operating on Miners Trail and stated that the individuals involved were identified and handled appropriately. She also noted that three minor vehicle accidents occurred within the canyon during the reporting period. Council Member Jennifer Hawkes asked whether the accidents had occurred in the same general area, and Detective Dawn Larsen responded that she did not recall the exact locations because the incidents had been relatively minor and involved no injuries.

Detective Dawn Larsen additionally warned residents about a recent attempted fraud incident in which a resident received a phone call from an individual falsely claiming to represent the courts and demanding payment for supposed arrest warrants. She stated that the resident recognized the scam and did not provide any money. Detective Dawn Larsen emphasized that neither courts nor law enforcement agencies would contact individuals requesting payment over the phone. Mayor David Brems thanked her for the report.

B. Unified Fire Authority

Council Member Catherine Harris noted she has been told a new liaison will be named within a month, and additional UFA updates would be shared during her report later in the meeting.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes asked Council Member Catherine Harris whether residents could request home fire safety assessments through Unified Fire Authority. She specifically asked whether there was a contact available for residents interested in evaluating their homes for wildfire safety purposes. Council Member Catherine Harris responded that Unified Fire Authority had conducted such assessments in conjunction with the community's annual chipping days during the previous several years and planned to continue offering them. Council Member Harris explained, however, that implementation details related to House Bill 48 had not yet been finalized, including the specific standards that would ultimately be used to measure wildfire risk reduction. She stated that while Unified Fire Authority personnel could still provide practical and evidence-based recommendations regarding defensible space and fire safety, formal evaluations tied specifically to House Bill 48 standards were not yet available.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes clarified that her question related primarily to homeowners seeking assistance with insurance premium considerations. Council Member Catherine Harris responded that she was uncertain whether evaluations performed by Unified Fire Authority would satisfy insurance company requirements, because insurance providers typically determined independently which evaluators or certifications they would recognize. Harris nevertheless stated that the city could help arrange evaluations through Unified Fire Authority for interested residents.

C. Salt Lake County Animal Services

Gary Bowen shared there had been no meeting since the last meeting, the next meeting will be next week, April 30. That will be a 100% virtual meeting because the current meeting headquarters are under extensive remodel.

D. Land Use Updates

Land Use Attorney Claire Gillmor was not available during the meeting but did send an email to the council with Land Use Updates prior to the meeting, which Mayor Brems summarized for the council and those in attendance and reviewed the example shared from Summit County for a similar situation (**Attachment B**).

Mayor David Brems discussed recent legislative activity involving a proposed pipeline project that would have routed a new pipeline through Emigration Canyon and several neighboring jurisdictions. He stated that the proposal had emerged quickly during the legislative session and initially caught local governments by surprise. Mayor David Brems explained that although the legislation had ultimately been tabled, it prompted Emigration Canyon, Summit County, Bountiful, Salt Lake City, and other affected communities to begin evaluating how to regulate future pipeline proposals. He stated that Claire Gillmor was reviewing ordinances previously developed by Summit County during the Tesoro pipeline discussions in order to determine whether similar regulations could be adopted in Emigration Canyon to address future pipeline proposals.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes provided additional context regarding the legislation and explained that the proposal sought to fast-track approval of pipeline projects by bypassing portions of the normal municipal review and approval process. She stated that cities would have had reduced authority over whether pipelines could proceed through their jurisdictions. Council Member Hawkes explained that affected municipalities had coordinated quickly in response to the legislation and discovered that Summit County was one of the few jurisdictions already possessing a clear regulatory framework for reviewing pipeline proposals. She stated that Emigration Canyon's effort to align its procedures with Summit County's ordinance structure was intended to preserve local control and protect the canyon from losing regulatory authority over future pipeline projects. Council Member Hawkes also stated that because federal regulations govern pipelines, local governments needed to establish compatible procedures in advance to maintain influence over the review process.

Council Member Nicholas Griffith added that the proposed legislation would not only have affected the specific pipeline under discussion but also would have established an expedited approval process for future pipeline projects statewide. Council Member Jennifer Hawkes agreed and characterized the legislative effort as an attempt to broadly streamline pipeline approvals. Mayor David Brems concluded by stating that the city intended to continue monitoring the issue closely and work toward adopting regulations that would govern any future pipeline proposals affecting Emigration Canyon.

6. Project Updates

A. Engineering Updates

Tamaran Woodland reviewed her presentation (**Attachment C**) after introducing herself as the Assistant City Engineer serving Emigration Canyon through the Municipal Services District. She explained that she also oversaw development coordination for unincorporated Salt Lake

County and the seven municipalities served by the MSD, noting that staffing responsibilities within the organization had recently been reassigned.

Tamaran Woodland reviewed five active engineering and infrastructure projects involving Emigration Canyon. She first discussed the Transportation Master Plan and stated that the asphalt condition assessment had recently been completed. She acknowledged that residents might disagree with the results but explained that, according to the assessment data, Emigration Canyon's road conditions ranked among the best within the MSD municipalities, while White City and Magna ranked among the poorest. She stated that staff were now evaluating how to integrate the pavement condition information into long-term maintenance planning. Ms. Woodland also explained that staff were finalizing roadway pavement cross sections and stated that the standard roadway design currently under consideration for Emigration Canyon included an uphill bicycle lane but not a continuous downhill bicycle lane, although conditions would vary by location.

Council Member Catherine Harris asked for clarification regarding the meaning of "pavement cross section." Tamaran Woodland explained that the term referred to a standardized roadway layout showing lane configurations when viewed vertically across the roadway. Council Member Jennifer Hawkes added that it involved visualizing a vertical cut through the roadway. Council Member Catherine Harris asked whether the purpose was to standardize roadway configurations throughout the canyon, and Ms. Woodland clarified that roadway standards were being evaluated separately for each municipality rather than applying identical designs across all MSD communities.

Tamaran Woodland next addressed the Emigration Canyon Road Safety Improvement Project and responded to earlier public comments regarding discrepancies in project address descriptions. She explained that the original grant application had been submitted in 2022 and that the disputed address references had originated within that application before being copied into the federal aid agreement. Ms. Woodland stated that the MSD had discussed the discrepancy with UDOT multiple times and that UDOT was aware of the issue. She explained that the project website had been revised to reference "5700" rather than a private residential address because staff wanted to avoid confusion regarding the nearby home at 5655 Emigration Canyon Road. Ms. Woodland further stated that the project limits extended around the bend near Pinecrest and that maps on the project website illustrated the intended project area.

An audience member continued asking questions regarding the specific address discrepancy and attempted to determine the correct endpoint number associated with the project. Council Member Catherine Harris commented that when she entered the address into Google Maps it identified an area immediately beyond the roadway bend, suggesting that the location information may have been manually entered into mapping systems. Tamaran Woodland

reiterated that the intended project area was accurately shown on the project maps even if the numerical address references remained unclear. The resident questioned whether the referenced endpoint represented a residential property, and Ms. Woodland clarified that it did not, which contributed to the difficulty identifying a precise address number. Council Member Jennifer Hawkes suggested that the reference point may instead correspond to a survey station point rather than a physical address. Mayor David Brems then ended the discussion and directed Ms. Woodland to continue with her presentation.

Tamaran Woodland then addressed public concerns regarding whether Emigration Canyon retained authority over future project decisions and contract approvals. She explained that UDOT grant projects required numerous contracts and approvals throughout the process. Ms. Woodland stated that the current agreement only authorized the ongoing study phase and that any future additions to the project scope or funding would require new contract approvals. She explained that such approvals would require signatures from both the mayor and the chair of the MSD board, which in turn would require presentation and approval before both the city council and the MSD board. Ms. Woodland stated that she was fully confident that no additional scope or fee changes could proceed without those approvals.

Tamaran Woodland next provided an update regarding the Emigration Creek culverts project. She stated that project plans and specifications were approximately 95% complete and that staff were currently working on obtaining both perpetual easements and temporary construction easements. Ms. Woodland stated that she still hoped to move the project into construction during the fall but explained that the project would need to go out for bidding by July in order to maintain that schedule. She acknowledged that time constraints and property acquisition issues created challenges and stated that she was attempting to remain responsive to resident communications while balancing responsibilities across multiple jurisdictions.

Tamaran Woodland also discussed the Freeze Creek wall reconstruction project, which had previously been referenced during public comment. She clarified that the approximately \$350,000 currently identified for the project did not represent full project funding but instead covered portions of engineering evaluation, design work, consultant services, and preliminary anticipated construction costs. Ms. Woodland explained that a complete engineering design and estimate would still be required before the project could be considered fully funded. She further explained that the project involved concerns regarding leaning gabion baskets and possible structural voids. Ms. Woodland stated that consultants had recommended stability monitoring and that survey reference points would be installed so surveyors could monitor movement over time to better determine the urgency of future repairs.

Tamaran Woodland concluded with an update regarding the FEMA flood map revision project. She stated that the flood study had been completed and submitted to FEMA and that multiple rounds of review had already occurred. She explained that the city was currently waiting for

FEMA to issue an application determination letter formally acknowledging the submission. She stated that federal shutdown complications had delayed issuance of the letter because FEMA logos could not be used during the shutdown period. Ms. Woodland noted that recent communications from the Department of Homeland Security suggested some review activities might still be progressing. She further explained that until updated FEMA maps were formally adopted, the city was required to enforce both the existing FEMA flood maps and the new “best available data” produced by the updated study. Woodland described one ongoing development review where elevation data demonstrated compliance because the project site sat approximately 15 feet above the projected water surface elevation.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. March 17, 2026 City Council Workshop Meeting
2. March 17, 2026 City Council Meeting

Council Member Griffith moved to table the approval of the March 17, 2026 Workshop and Council Meeting Minutes to allow for further review. Council Member Harris seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

8. Presentation Items

A. Emigration Canyon Road Safety Improvement Study Update

Stacey Adams of Avenue Consultants introduced the project team and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to begin public discussion regarding the Emigration Canyon Road Safety Improvement Project. She stated that the presentation would provide an overview of the project, discuss the anticipated schedule, explain opportunities for public involvement, and outline next steps. HG Kunzler introduced the consultant team, including himself as project manager, Stacey Adams as public involvement specialist, Blair as lead engineer, Ed Miranda as UDOT project manager, Ben representing the Wasatch Front Regional Council, and Tamaran Woodland representing the Municipal Services District.

HG Kunzler reviewed his prepared presentation (**Attachment D**) which had been updated from the material published prior to the meeting. He explained that multiple prior studies had already evaluated possible improvements within Emigration Canyon and stated that the current project would build upon those earlier efforts while focusing specifically on the corridor segment covered by the current federal funding allocation. He stated that approximately \$6.5 million had been approved for safety improvements along the corridor and explained that the project would be managed by the Municipal Services District on behalf of Emigration Canyon City with oversight from UDOT and the Wasatch Front Regional Council because federal funding was involved. Mr. Kunzler displayed a photograph showing bicyclists, pedestrians, and vehicles sharing the narrow roadway and explained that the image illustrated ongoing safety conflicts within the canyon, particularly where vehicles crossed the centerline while attempting to avoid bicyclists on curves. He stated that the project’s purpose was to identify improvements that could make the corridor safer for all users.

HG Kunzler reviewed the project limits and explained that the corridor extended from approximately 5700 East near the “red wall” where earlier improvements had ended, continuing around the Pinecrest bend for approximately 1.8 miles. He explained that the upper project limit had been selected so that any improvements could properly transition into the wider shoulders already present farther up the canyon. Mr. Kunzler stated that the proposed improvements currently under consideration included widening shoulders sufficiently to accommodate approximately five-foot bicycle lanes together with associated striping and signage. He further explained that related improvements could include barrier replacement, slope stabilization, and drainage improvements where necessary to support roadway widening. Mr. Kunzler then discussed the project status and explained that survey work, safety assessments, drainage reviews, and geotechnical evaluations had already begun. He stated that aerial surveys and lidar surveys were being refined and tied to state plane coordinates in preparation for design work. He also explained that the project team had begun organizing a Community Engagement Group consisting of residents and stakeholders representing varying viewpoints regarding the project. He stated that the purpose of the group was to provide local input regarding safety concerns, project needs, and community impacts. Mr. Kunzler explained that the project would follow the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, which required fact-based evaluation of project needs, impacts, and potential solutions before construction decisions could proceed.

HG Kunzler reviewed the anticipated project schedule and explained that the April 21 council meeting served as the formal kickoff presentation. He stated that the first Community Engagement Group meeting was anticipated in mid-May, followed by a public open house in late May or early June, additional Community Engagement Group meetings during the summer, and future city council presentations and public hearings. He stated that the project team intended to prepare a draft categorical exclusion environmental document during the summer before finalizing the environmental review process later in the year. Mr. Kunzler acknowledged that portions of the schedule remained flexible because public input and ongoing analysis would shape the final project recommendations.

HG Kunzler encouraged residents to remain involved through project newsletters, public meetings, the project website, email communications, phone calls, and text messages. He explained that formal public comments would be accepted during the draft categorical exclusion review period but stated that informal comments submitted earlier would also help guide project analysis and recommendations.

An audience member interrupted the presentation and returned to the earlier discussion regarding project addresses and asked whether the project description had been changed from the previously referenced 5655 address. HG Kunzler explained that the address references were only approximate placeholders intended to generally identify the project corridor. He stated that the exact project beginning and ending points would become more clearly defined as engineering analysis and design progressed. The audience member asked when precise addresses would be identified. Ed Miranda explained that future project alignments and stationing information would eventually establish exact locations within engineering plans, but that current address references were intended only as approximate geographic markers to help the public understand the general corridor location. Mayor David

Brems interrupted briefly to note that Mr. Miranda's comments needed to be audible for the meeting recording. HG Kunzler then summarized that the exact project limits would be finalized as design analysis progressed.

The project team then addressed questions regarding the ongoing survey work and the pink survey markings appearing throughout the canyon. HG Kunzler explained that aerial and lidar surveys had been completed and that the pink dots represented survey control points used to tie field measurements together and support future design work. He stated that the survey area extended beyond the roadway itself because environmental resources and potential project impacts also needed to be evaluated. Mr. Kunzler further explained that the team understood that right-of-way boundaries throughout portions of the canyon were unclear and that historical documentation from the 1930s referenced a 66-foot right-of-way corridor. He stated that the project's purpose was not to resolve longstanding right-of-way disputes but rather to evaluate what improvements would be necessary to provide wider uphill and downhill shoulders while minimizing impacts to adjacent walls, garages, properties, and environmental features.

Another audience member challenged portions of the historical right-of-way description and stated that some roadway segments had originally been only 33 feet wide before later widening projects associated with roadway construction over the mountain. He stated that he had located historical state records supporting that position and offered to share the information with the project team. HG Kunzler responded that the team would welcome any additional historical documentation that could clarify existing right-of-way conditions.

Audience members then raised questions regarding whether the project would evaluate non-construction alternatives such as lower speed limits, traffic calming, or increased enforcement rather than roadway widening. One resident asked whether the project could consider reducing speeds to 35 miles per hour and incorporating traffic calming similar to canyon roadways elsewhere in Utah. Another resident questioned whether the project was actually pursuing uphill bicycle lanes only or whether the project intended to construct bicycle lanes in both directions. HG Kunzler responded that the available \$6.5 million budget likely would not support full uphill and downhill bicycle lane construction throughout the corridor and stated that uphill improvements represented the primary priority because uphill bicyclists traveled much slower and created greater conflicts with vehicle traffic. Mr. Kunzler stated that the project team would evaluate roadway curves, sight distance issues, speed studies, possible warning signs, and enforcement considerations as part of the safety analysis process.

Another audience member stated that residents needed more advance notice regarding future meetings and expressed concern that many canyon residents may not yet understand the distinction between a categorical exclusion review and other levels of environmental review under NEPA. The resident requested that the project team provide clearer explanations regarding the Cat-X process, environmental assessments, environmental impact statements, and right-of-way implications. HG Kunzler responded by explaining that a categorical exclusion represented the lowest level of NEPA review and was generally used for projects with limited anticipated impacts. He explained that higher levels of review, including environmental assessments and environmental impact statements, were used for projects involving more substantial impacts or alternatives analysis.

Additional audience questions addressed environmental impacts and bicycle facility design. One resident asked whether the project would seek to avoid impacts to Emigration Creek and other environmental resources. HG Kunzler confirmed that minimizing environmental impacts remained a primary project goal and explained that NEPA required the project team to evaluate, avoid, minimize, or disclose environmental impacts. Another audience member who stated they had grown up in the Netherlands recommended narrower vehicle lanes, colored bicycle lanes, buffer zones between bicycles and vehicles, and speed feedback signs as proven bicycle safety measures. HG Kunzler responded that buffered bicycle lanes and similar design features would be evaluated but acknowledged that wider facilities could require additional property impacts. He also noted that roadway design standards and active transportation guidelines would help shape the project recommendations.

To Stay Informed, Avenues Consultants shared the contact information below for the public:

801-348-8911

emigrationcanyon@utah.gov

<https://udotinput.utah.gov/emigrationcanyon>

9. Council Business

A. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Ordinance 2026-O-03, Utah Clean Energy Communities

Glad Sowards, Senior Energy and Climate Program Manager for Salt Lake City Department of Sustainability and board member of the Utah Renewable Communities Agency, reviewed his prepared presentation (**Attachment E**) regarding the Community Clean Energy Program. Sowards explained that the Utah Renewable Communities Agency, commonly referred to as URC, had been developing the program in partnership with Rocky Mountain Power since enabling legislation was adopted in 2019 through House Bill 411. He stated that the program application had recently been approved by the Utah Public Service Commission on March 4, which triggered a 90-day deadline for participating communities to formally adopt local ordinances implementing the program.

Glade Sowards explained that if Emigration Canyon adopted the ordinance, all eligible Rocky Mountain Power customers within the city would automatically be enrolled in the Community Clean Energy Program beginning in early 2027 unless they chose to opt out. He reviewed the history of the program, noting that 23 communities had originally adopted resolutions supporting a goal of transitioning toward 100% renewable energy, with 19 communities later formally joining the agency and participating in development of the program. Mr. Sowards stated that the participating communities collectively represented approximately 25% of Rocky Mountain Power's Utah customer base, which he described as providing substantial leverage for developing renewable energy projects at scale.

Glade Sowards explained that customers would continue receiving utility service and monthly bills directly from Rocky Mountain Power, but participating customers would see an additional

line item under “Schedule 100” associated with the clean energy program. He stated that residents would receive two opt-out notices beginning around November 2026, followed by a 60-day opt-out period before program charges would begin appearing on utility bills in early 2027. He explained that residential customers would initially pay a flat monthly charge of approximately \$4, with most of that amount funding program administration and renewable energy procurement. He stated that approximately 12 cents of each monthly fee would help support participation by qualifying low-income households.

Glade Sowards explained that customers already participating in Rocky Mountain Power’s original Schedule 135 net-metering program for residential solar installations would be excluded from the Community Clean Energy Program because the enabling legislation prohibited those customers from participating. He also reviewed the low-income assistance component of the program, explaining that qualifying low-income customers could participate without additional cost through coordination with Rocky Mountain Power’s existing HELP and HEAT assistance programs. Mr. Sowards stated that the agency intended to work with community organizations to increase awareness and enrollment among eligible households.

Glade Sowards then discussed pricing for non-residential customers and explained that commercial customers would pay an additional charge based on electricity usage, estimated at slightly over one-half cent per kilowatt hour plus the low-income surcharge. He provided an example showing that a medium-sized office building could experience an approximate 5% increase in monthly energy charges under the program. He acknowledged that some residents had expressed concerns about potential future rate increases because certain details regarding renewable resource valuation remained under review by the Public Service Commission. He stated, however, that the commission had specifically noted there was no evidence suggesting rates were likely to increase substantially beyond the initial approved levels and explained that costs were expected to decrease after the first two years because startup reserves and development costs were front-loaded. Mr. Sowards also stated that moving quickly to secure renewable energy resources was important because federal tax incentives for renewable energy development were scheduled to phase out under recently enacted federal legislation.

Glade Sowards reviewed the implementation timeline and explained that communities needed to adopt ordinances before June 2 in order to participate. He stated that Rocky Mountain Power would then spend several months preparing billing systems before opt-out notices were distributed later in the year. Mr. Sowards explained that customers could leave the program without penalty during the first six months but that termination fees would apply after that period.

Mayor David Brems thanked Glade Sowards for the presentation and stated that Emigration Canyon had been involved in development of the renewable energy initiative for many years.

He expressed support for adopting the ordinance and formally joining the program. Mr. Sowards then announced that Salt Lake City had adopted the ordinance earlier that same day and noted that Summit County and Springdale had also recently approved participation. He stated that Emigration Canyon would become the fourth participating community if the ordinance were adopted.

Council Member Catherine Harris commented that Emigration Canyon had been involved with development of the program for many years and expressed satisfaction that the program was finally moving toward implementation. Mayor David Brems referenced an anticipated renewable energy purchase of approximately 279 megawatts and stated his belief that renewable energy costs would likely remain competitive compared to traditional energy sources over time. Mr. Sowards clarified that the final amount of renewable energy procured would depend on which specific projects were ultimately selected.

Cameron Platt stated that the ordinance under consideration had largely been based on a model ordinance already developed through the Utah Renewable Communities Agency and only required minor modifications for Emigration Canyon-specific information. Council Member Nicholas Griffith asked what criticisms or opposition the program had faced during development. Glade Sowards responded that the primary concern involved the program's opt-out structure, because residents would automatically be enrolled unless they chose to leave the program. He stated that although some people objected philosophically to automatic enrollment, the program was designed to make opting out simple and accessible.

Council Member Catherine Harris asked for clarification regarding why customers participating in Schedule 135 net metering were prohibited from joining the program. Glade Sowards explained that the exclusion was specifically established by the enabling legislation and stated that he believed lawmakers likely considered the existing net-metering arrangement already highly favorable for solar customers. Council Member Nicholas Griffith then asked how customers would receive information about the opt-out process. Mr. Sowards explained that Rocky Mountain Power would distribute notices directly to customers and stated that the participating communities had agreed to help fund those notifications. He also stated that the program would include telephone and online resources to assist customers with the opt-out process and answer questions.

Council Member Harris moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-03, Approval of participation in the Utah Clean Energy Communities Program. Council Member Pinon seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes stated that although participating communities were funding the required opt-out notices for the Community Clean Energy Program, she believed it was important for Emigration Canyon to provide additional communication directly to residents. She suggested including information in city newsletters or other outreach materials to ensure

residents clearly understood the program and their options to participate or opt out. Council Member Hawkes expressed concern that mailed notices could be mistaken for junk mail and emphasized that the city should make every effort to ensure residents were fully informed.

Council Member Catherine Harris noted that the city's annual Firewise community event was scheduled for May and stated that the event regularly included informational booths from agencies such as Salt Lake Public Utilities, Salt Lake County weeds and native plants staff, and Unified Fire Authority wildland fire crews. Harris invited representatives from the Utah Renewable Communities Agency to participate in the event and distribute information regarding the Community Clean Energy Program. Mayor David Brems clarified that the event would occur on May 6 at the fire station.

Glade Sowards responded that the Utah Renewable Communities Agency did not maintain separate staff and instead relied on personnel from participating communities, but stated that someone from the agency group would likely be available to attend the Firewise event. He agreed that public communication during the implementation period would be important and explained that the five-month preparation period before customer enrollment would provide an opportunity for extensive public outreach. Mr. Sowards stated that since the Utah Public Service Commission had approved the program, the agency and Rocky Mountain Power had begun jointly preparing communications materials, including newsletters, press releases, and informational handouts for community events. He stated that the agency would be happy to share those materials with Emigration Canyon for local distribution. Council Member Catherine Harris requested informational cards or similar materials that could be distributed to residents.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes then asked whether Rocky Mountain Power would include informational materials directly with customer billing notices. Glade Sowards explained that the required opt-out notices would be sent separately from utility bills because state law required them to be distinct communications. He stated that customers receiving electronic billing would receive one paper notice followed by one electronic notice, while customers using paper billing would receive two paper notices. Sowards also explained that very large energy users would receive direct in-person or virtual outreach to help them understand the program and associated participation costs.

Mayor David Brems concluded the discussion by stating that the program would be especially beneficial for Emigration Canyon residents who were unable to install rooftop solar panels because of heavy tree cover, steep terrain, or high installation costs. He stated that he believed the Community Clean Energy Program represented an excellent opportunity for the community and expressed support for the program moving forward.

B. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Resolution R2026-08, Resolution Finding Hazardous Environmental Conditions and Restriction of Fireworks Within Emigration Canyon

Council Member Catherine Harris briefly reviewed the ordinance and background information related to the annual adoption of these restrictions.

Council Member Harris moved to approve Resolution R2026-08, enacting Fireworks restrictions in the city as discussed above. Council Member Griffith seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

The council discussed a new “fire risk” sign that had been ordered in the past and discovered in the city’s supply closet. They discussed who carried the responsibility for changing the dial when the risk level changes, and how to potentially bring awareness when the risk is high.

C. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Ordinance 2026-O-04, An Ordinance Enacting Title 2 – Administrative and Personnel, Chapter 4 – Records Management, Directing Government Records Requests to the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District and Establishing Procedures and Authority for Handling Such Requests

Council Member Pinon moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-04, reassigning responsibility for the city’s GRAMA requests in the future to the City Recorder and MSD. Council Member Hawkes seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes noted she would work on getting a link for a form to submit to the MSD on the city website.

D. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Appointment of an Emergency Management Liaison and/or Emergency Manager for the City

Brian Buckhout discussed emergency management coordination and explained that the city would benefit from having a designated primary emergency management point of contact. He stated that he could later provide additional information regarding how similar arrangements had been handled previously with former emergency managers and other Municipal Services District communities, including Magna and Copperton. Mr. Buckhout explained that the designated representative would primarily serve as the key local decision-maker and central communication contact for emergency management coordination with the county and MSD. He stated that the role would involve receiving communications from county emergency management officials during incidents and then relaying information and decisions back to the city council and community. Mr. Buckhout emphasized that the position would not require an excessive amount of time but would involve responsibility for emergency coordination and communications during incidents.

Council Member Catherine Harris asked whether the city maintained a formal succession process if the mayor were unavailable during an emergency. Brian Buckhout responded that emergency management structures typically included multiple levels of succession similar to deputy mayor arrangements. Cameron Platt stated that the city already had a resolution

establishing that succession authority, beginning with the mayor, then the mayor pro tempore, followed by council members according to seniority. He clarified that seniority on the list was based on tenure.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes then asked whether the city would begin proactively obtaining emergency supplies and communications equipment rather than waiting until emergencies occurred. She referenced prior flooding events during which the city had needed to quickly acquire items such as safety vests, walkie-talkies, and other materials. Council Member Hawkes asked whether future tabletop exercises would include planning for emergency equipment and communications systems. Brian Buckhout responded that local equipment coordination would primarily occur through the Municipal Services District, although MSD emergency planners could provide guidance regarding equipment needs. He explained that the planned tabletop exercise would focus initially on higher-level decision-making and coordination discussions rather than hands-on equipment drills. Mr. Buckhout stated that he would follow up with Brian Hartsell regarding any equipment responsibilities included within the city's agreements with the MSD.

Council Member Catherine Harris noted that the city already possessed emergency radios obtained previously with assistance from Tyler Tippetts. Council Member Robert Pinon stated that walkie-talkies were stored in a city closet. Mayor David Brems joked that the storage closet was his own closet. Brian Buckhout then discussed additional communications resources recently obtained through the MSD, including mobile Starlink systems capable of supporting emergency communications during widespread outages. He explained that during a recent Great Shake exercise, emergency personnel had simulated a grid-down scenario involving resource requests transmitted between Emigration Canyon, the MSD, and county emergency operations using Starlink communications systems and radio coordination. Mr. Buckhout stated that those exercises were intended to test emergency communications capabilities at a higher operational level.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes stated that she hoped the city could develop a recommended equipment and preparedness list so officials and residents would not need to scramble for emergency supplies during disasters. She referenced prior mudslide incidents where responders lacked adequate preparation and equipment. Brian Buckhout responded that both city officials and residents should maintain personal emergency go-bags and preparedness supplies. He also noted that the city lacked a dedicated emergency operations facility and stated that future planning discussions would need to address whether city operations during emergencies would occur virtually, at the fire station, or through MSD facilities. Mr. Buckhout explained that these questions would become part of the tabletop exercise process, which would involve clarifying operational responsibilities, resource coordination, evacuation procedures, and interactions between the city, MSD, Unified Fire Authority, Unified Police Department, and county emergency management. He stated that the

tabletop process would begin with discussion-based exercises before eventually progressing over several years into more advanced exercises involving simulated evacuations and resident participation.

Mayor David Brems asked how long the tabletop exercise would likely take. Brian Buckhout responded that he anticipated a minimum duration of approximately two hours and explained that the exercise would involve structured decision-making scenarios requiring city officials to work through various emergency situations and operational modules. He stated that the discussions would likely exceed two hours because of the council's interest and the complexity of coordination issues.

Council Member Catherine Harris noted that Brian Buckhout had recently received a promotion but had requested permission to continue assisting Emigration Canyon with emergency management planning. She expressed appreciation for his continued involvement and suggested that Mr. Buckhout provide several possible scheduling dates for the tabletop exercise so the council could coordinate around his availability. Mayor David Brems initially proposed holding the exercise immediately before the next council meeting, but Mr. Buckhout responded that because of his expanded responsibilities he would need approximately four additional weeks to fully prepare the exercise and coordinate participation from Unified Police Department, Unified Fire Authority, MSD staff, county emergency management, and GIS personnel.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes expressed concern about delaying the exercise too long given the approaching wildfire season and emphasized the importance of proactive preparation. She stated that she hoped the city could at least begin distributing preparedness guidance and recommendations while waiting for the full tabletop exercise. Council Member Catherine Harris responded that substantial preparedness information already existed through programs such as Ready, Set, Go and the city's annual Firewise outreach efforts. Cameron Platt added that he also maintained emergency preparedness resource lists from prior police emergency management liaison work. Brian Buckhout stated that he would work as quickly as possible to prepare the exercise while ensuring all participating agencies and stakeholders were adequately coordinated.

Council Member Catherine Harris also stated that Unified Fire Authority continued to work closely with the city regarding emergency preparedness and that a permanent liaison from Unified Fire Authority would eventually be assigned to assist with coordination efforts. Mayor David Brems concluded the discussion by requesting that Brian Buckhout provide potential scheduling dates for the tabletop exercise as soon as possible.

Mayor Brems volunteered to be the city's Emergency Manager, Brian Buckhout noted he would contact Mayor Brems after the meeting to share more details.

E. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Scheduling a Date for Participation in a Tabletop Exercise with Emergency Planning

See notes from previous item's discussion for details.

F. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Hiring of City Legal Services, Including Interview of Applicants

Cameron Platt reviewed procedural options available to the council regarding selection of a city attorney. He explained that the council could issue an additional request for proposals if members wished to solicit more applicants or target additional firms. Mr. Platt also explained that the Open and Public Meetings Act permitted the council to conduct discussions regarding the appointment in a closed session, although any final decision would still need to occur in open session.

Council Member Catherine Harris noted that Cameron Platt occupied a unique position because he was simultaneously serving as the city's current attorney while also being considered as an applicant for the permanent position. She stated that the council wanted to proceed as transparently as possible and asked what obligations the city had already fulfilled through the request for proposals process. Cameron Platt responded that the city's obligations had been satisfied because the council had publicly issued the RFP, allowed a reasonable response period, and provided an opportunity for firms to submit proposals. He explained that it was not unusual for small municipalities to receive only one or two responses because many firms hesitated to pursue municipal representation without familiarity with the specific community. Mr. Platt further explained that the council retained several options, including selecting an attorney immediately, extending the process to allow additional applications, or postponing a decision until a later meeting. He also stated that his existing legal services agreement could continue through mid-May or longer if needed.

Council Member Catherine Harris stated that she personally did not believe a closed session was necessary because the council was already familiar with Cameron Platt's work and performance. She commented that the usual purpose of closed sessions involved evaluating unfamiliar applicants or discussing concerns regarding personnel matters, neither of which she believed applied in this situation. Council Member Harris stated that Cameron Platt had consistently demonstrated his capabilities publicly over time and indicated that she felt comfortable proceeding openly unless other council members desired a closed session discussion.

Cameron Platt responded that he suggested the closed session option primarily to ensure that any council member who wished to discuss extending the application process or considering additional applicants could do so comfortably without feeling publicly pressured. He stated that he would not take offense at any such discussion and wanted to remain sensitive to the

council's preferences. Council Member Nicholas Griffith asked whether entering closed session would require a formal motion. Cameron Platt confirmed that a motion would be required and explained that the closed session item already appeared later on the meeting agenda.

While the council considered its options, Cameron Platt introduced additional members of his legal team, including Mackenzie and Danielle. He explained that Mackenzie had previously served as his law clerk before becoming an attorney and had worked with him for nearly three years. Mr. Platt stated that Mackenzie had assisted with the Emigration Canyon title rewrite, Open and Public Meetings Act training materials, and Freedom of Information training updates. He also explained that Danielle had worked on drafting the city's grandmother ordinance and community solar ordinance. He stated that he relied heavily on both attorneys because they allowed the legal team to support multiple municipal matters simultaneously. Mayor David Brems thanked them and stated that it was nice to meet them.

Mayor David Brems then asked the council how it wished to proceed. Council Member Robert Pinon stated that he believed the council should move into closed session later in the meeting. Mayor David Brems agreed and stated that the council would proceed with a closed session discussion.

G. Healthy Utah Designation

Council Member Robert Pinon provided a brief report regarding the city's participation in the Healthy Utah initiative. He stated that he was continuing to seek volunteers interested in serving with him on the coalition responsible for organizing the city's application and submission materials in pursuit of Healthy Utah designation status.

Council Member Robert Pinon also requested that the council place an item on the agenda for the May meeting to allow Emma Andreasson, who was affiliated with the Healthy Utah program, to provide a presentation regarding the designation process. He explained that Ms. Andreasson would either attend in person or participate remotely through Zoom and would explain what the Healthy Utah designation involved as well as how Emigration Canyon might approach the application process moving forward.

H. City Design Standards and Design Guidelines

No updates

10. City Attorney Updates

None at this time.

11. Council Member Reports

None at this time.

A. Mayor David Brems

Mayor David Brems provided a brief mayoral report and stated that he continued attending Municipal Services District meetings twice each month. He explained that the MSD was currently focused primarily on budget preparation and ongoing budgeting discussions.

Mayor David Brems also announced that oversight responsibilities for Unified Police Department and SLVLESA matters would transition to Council Member Robert Pinon in future council assignments. He further stated that he did not have a current update regarding the Emigration Canyon Planning Commission but noted that the commission was actively working with Claire Gillmor on several ordinance rewrites and related planning matters.

B. Council Member Catherine Harris

- UFA and UFSA budget process is going on now, not looking like tax increase for communities
- Food Handler's license needed to serve pancakes, she will take care of the event's temporary permit.
- Fire Forestry and State Lands looking for someone to give presentation on HB 48, and the Fire Marshal is willing to help with a presentation for the public during Firewise

C. Council Member Robert Pinon

- No updates broadband and high density project
- UPD and SLVLESA will be under his name for future agendas and council reporting

D. Council Member Jennifer Hawkes

Council Member Hawkes led discussion on the "Council Meeting tonight" sandwich board and efforts to have that out before each meeting for the public to see. She also discussed getting an electronic sign to advertise for Firewise coming up and putting out a CodeRed alert as well. Mayor Brems also noted that he had ordered a new sign for the canyon that reads "Welcome to Emigration Canyon City."

E. Council Member Nicholas Griffith

Council Member Nicholas Griffith stated that although few audience members remained present, he wanted the record to reflect that approximately ten trailer reservation slots were still available through the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District bulky waste trailer program. He encouraged residents to sign up for the remaining reservations and to encourage others in the community to participate as well.

Council Member Nicholas Griffith also reported that he would be attending an upcoming board off-site meeting on Monday and stated that additional information would likely be provided to the council following that meeting.

12. Future Agenda Items

- Emma Andreason – Healthy Utah Presentation (coordinate with Council Member Pinon)
- Tentative Budget on May agenda with Finance Presentation
- Cameron Platt will have legislative update for bills taking effect in May.

Council Member Pinon moved to recess the City Council meeting and move to Closed Session. Council Member Hawkes seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

13. Closed Session(s) if Needed as Allowed Pursuant to Utah Code §52-4-205

- A. Discussion of the Character, Professional Competence or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual**
- B. Strategy Session to Discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation**
- C. Strategy Session to Discuss the Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property**
- D. Discussion Regarding Deployment of Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems; and**
- E. Other Lawful Purposes as Listed in Utah Code §52-4-205**

After the closed session adjourned and the council returned to the regular council meeting, there was some discussion with Cameron Platt regarding his RFP for legal services including retainer costs, options for hourly rate, etc. Mr. Platt noted he was fine to continue with an hourly rate as things are currently, but he noted he offered the flat fee option noting that he is already cost conscious with his work and the flat fee avoids larger invoices when problems comes up. The council discussed those options and details with Mr. Platt, and in the end the decision was made to continue hourly for the time being and reassess in the future if a switch to a flat rate might make more sense as the upcoming projects start to accrue more time.

Mayor Brems affirmed the council would like Mr. Platt to continue working for the city at an hourly rate, and suggested he create a list of all the projects coming up that will require his work as Legal Counsel. By the end of the year at the latest, Mayor Brems would like to readdress the idea of switching from an hourly rate to a retainer based on that list.

Cameron Platt noted that he can submit a contract for the council to review and revise.

Council Member Griffith moved to accept the agreement to be submitted as proposed by Cameron Platt for Legal Counsel services at the hourly rate. Council Member Pinon seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

14. Adjourn

Council Member Hawkes moved to adjourn the April 21, 2026 Emigration Canyon City Council Meeting. Council Member Harris seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

The April 21, 2026 Emigration Canyon Council Meeting adjourned at 10:06 PM.

The April 21, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes were Approved by the City Council on the 19th day of May 2026:

ATTEST:

David Brems, Mayor

Diana Baun, City Recorder



EMIGRATION CANYON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

APRIL 21, 2026, 7:00 PM

UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY STATION 119

5025 E. EMIGRATION CANYON ROAD, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84108

****DRAFT MINUTES – UNAPPROVED****

EMIGRATION CANYON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES April 21, 2026

Council Members Present:

David Brems, Mayor
Nicholas Griffith, Council Member
Catherine Harris, Council Member
Jennifer Hawkes, Council Member
Robert Pinon, Council Member

Council Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Diana Baun, City Recorder
Sarah Leavitt, Deputy Recorder (via Zoom)
Tamaran Woodland, Assistant City Engineer
Cameron Platt, Legal Counsel

Others Present: Evan Tyrrell (WFWRD)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Brems, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM and determined a quorum was present. He noted that Council Member Griffith was on his way and would be joining the meeting soon.

2. COUNCIL DISCUSSION TOPICS

A. Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District Presentation

Evan Tyrrell from WFWRD reviewed his prepared presentation (included in the published meeting packet documents), an overview of waste and recycling services provided to Emigration Canyon residents. He explained that the district's service fees funded not only weekly trash and recycling collection but also additional programs including bulky waste disposal, landfill vouchers, container repair and replacement, seasonal Christmas tree and leaf collection programs, customer service operations, educational outreach, and billing management. He stated that Emigration Canyon residents also had access to subscription-based green waste and curbside glass recycling programs. Mr. Tyrell reported that the district serviced 607 homes in Emigration Canyon and more than 86,000 households countywide. He

EMIGRATION CANYON CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

MAYOR DAVID BREMS, COUNCIL MEMBER NICK GRIFFITH, COUNCIL MEMBER JENNIFER HAWKES,
COUNCIL MEMBER CATHERINE HARRIS, COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT PINON

explained that trash from the canyon was generally hauled to the Salt Lake Valley Transfer Station, recyclable materials were sent to Rocky Mountain Recycling, and green waste was transported for composting and redistribution.

Evan Tyrell reviewed operational data for 2025, including the number of service containers in Emigration Canyon and the total tonnage collected. He stated that the district serviced 592 recycling containers, 92 green waste subscriptions, and 60 curbside glass subscriptions within the community. He explained that approximately 890 tons of material were collected from Emigration Canyon during calendar year 2025. Mr. Tyrell also reviewed disposition costs, stating that disposal and recycling costs for Emigration Canyon totaled approximately \$33,000 in 2025. He explained that Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling operated entirely as an enterprise fund without relying on property taxes or sales tax revenue. He discussed districtwide cost comparisons and explained that the district continued to provide weekly recycling service while many other municipalities had moved to biweekly recycling collection.

Evan Tyrell discussed landfill vouchers available to residents and explained that residents could request one voucher per year through the district's website. Mayor David Brems asked how residents obtained the vouchers, and Mr. Tyrell explained the online request process and stated that vouchers included QR codes usable at disposal facilities. Mayor David Brems asked about acceptable materials and clarified that vouchers generally covered residential truckloads but excluded items such as tires, mattresses, refrigerators, and certain hazardous materials. Mr. Tyrell explained that refrigerators required special handling because of regulated refrigerants and stated that the district was developing new collection programs to better address appliance disposal. Mayor David Brems also asked about electronic waste disposal, and Mr. Tyrell explained that although Utah did not prohibit landfilling electronics, several county facilities accepted electronic waste free of charge.

An audience member asked what should be done with an old refrigerator. Evan Tyrell responded that a new appliance collection program was being developed and would soon provide additional options for residents. Mr. Tyrell then discussed recycling education materials and stated that new flyers and downloadable guides were being created to clarify proper recycling and green waste disposal practices. Council Member Nicholas Griffith requested that the materials be shared with the city, and Diana Baun confirmed that digital versions were already available and would be distributed.

Evan Tyrell reviewed district financial performance and stated that operational cost-saving initiatives had reduced projected expenditures substantially during the previous year. He explained that the district identified approximately \$1.82 million in savings during 2025 and had already identified an additional \$500,000 in savings for 2026. Mr. Tyrell stated that these efforts were intended to stabilize service rates while maintaining district operations and services.

Evan Tyrell then discussed changes to the district's bulky waste and trailer reservation program. He explained that the district had discontinued its fee-based trailer and container rental program and shifted resources toward a seasonal bulky waste program focused primarily on densely populated valley communities. He stated that Emigration Canyon residents had received postcards regarding trailer reservations for May 2026 and explained that the district planned to provide up to three trailer reservations per day during the month of May, totaling approximately 57 reservations. Mr. Tyrell noted that this represented nearly 10% of households in Emigration Canyon. He explained that trailers would now be removed the following business day rather than remaining onsite for extended periods as in prior years.

Council Member Robert Pinon explained that Emigration Canyon also operated annual chipper days in partnership with Unified Fire Authority as part of the community's Firewise wildfire mitigation efforts. Council Member Catherine Harris elaborated that residents cleared brush and dead vegetation to improve defensible space and that Unified Fire Authority crews later chipped the materials. She explained that many residents previously used the district's trailers to remove chipped wood following the chipping operations. Harris expressed concern that limiting trailer availability to May would interfere with those wildfire mitigation efforts because chipping operations occurred later in the summer.

Mayor David Brems expressed concern that the revised trailer program would not adequately meet Emigration Canyon's wildfire mitigation needs and stated that additional trailers and improved access were necessary. Council Member Jennifer Hawkes stated that her household had attempted to reserve a trailer online but was informed that reservations were closed. Evan Tyrell explained that the reservation system had inadvertently closed automatically after several days, despite available reservations remaining. He stated that the system would reopen the following morning and confirmed that several reservation slots were still available.

Council Member Catherine Harris stated that trailer participation in Emigration Canyon had historically been very high and suggested that per-household participation may exceed that of many valley communities. Mayor David Brems reiterated that the current allocation would not adequately address wildfire fuel reduction needs in the canyon. Evan Tyrell acknowledged those concerns and stated that the district would revisit the issue with the board and city representatives to determine whether additional trailer opportunities could be provided later in the year. He noted that trailer resources were constrained by staffing and operational scheduling, but stated that the district remained open to adjustments and future improvements.

Council Member Nicholas Griffith stated that Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling provided significant cost savings and valuable services to the city compared to private operations. He thanked Evan Tyrell for revisiting the trailer issue and stated that the council would continue working collaboratively with the district to improve coordination with wildfire mitigation programs and chipper days.

Before concluding, Evan Tyrell briefly described a new year-round appliance and mattress collection program scheduled to begin in May. He explained that residents would be able to request pickup services online for refrigerators, freezers, mattresses, and other large appliances. Mayor David Brems asked whether mattresses would incur additional fees, and Mr. Tyrell explained that the service would operate on a cost-recovery basis with both base pickup fees and per-item charges. An audience member asked about refrigerator disposal costs, and Mr. Tyrell confirmed that the estimated charge would be approximately \$55, consisting of a household pickup fee and a refrigerator disposal fee.

Council Member Nicholas Griffith joined the meeting during the presentation.

B. Road/Bike Signage

City Attorney Cameron Platt reviewed his document shared prior to the meeting (**Attachment A**) and the council discussed their opinions and options regarding signage throughout the canyon. Mr. Platt reviewed the legal and regulatory requirements for bicycle lane and no-parking signage within Emigration Canyon. He explained that he had previously distributed a summary memorandum to the council outlining the applicable standards for bicycle signage placement and spacing requirements. He stated that signage was required at the beginning and end of bike lane areas and no-parking zones, as well as at intervals generally ranging from every 200 to 300 feet depending on engineering analysis and roadway conditions. He explained that additional signage was typically required where there were interruptions, crossings, or transitions in the roadway.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes asked whether crosswalks would qualify as roadway interruptions requiring additional signage, and Cameron Platt confirmed that they would. Council Member Catherine Harris stated that there were no specific state legislative mandates governing exact sign placement frequency, but noted that the city had adopted recommendations contained within the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Cameron Platt confirmed that the city followed those adopted standards and stated that the guidance materials he had distributed included examples of the applicable signage requirements. Diana Baun noted that copies of the materials were available for review during the meeting if desired.

Cameron Platt stated that after informally driving through the canyon, he believed the city generally performed well with bicycle lane signage but could potentially improve the amount of vertical signage in some areas. Mayor David Brems asked who held responsibility for determining sign placement, installing signs, and maintaining them. Cameron Platt responded that the engineering department was responsible for those determinations and deferred to Engineering Manager Tamaran Woodland regarding implementation and inspection. Tamaran Woodland stated that the city could add additional signage if requested by the council.

Council Member Catherine Harris commented that uphill bike lane signage appeared generally adequate, but downhill sections varied significantly because some areas lacked usable bike lanes while other sections widened into proper bike lanes. She stated that improved signage would help clarify those changing conditions. Council Member Jennifer Hawkes added that some roadway areas lacked painted bicycle symbols entirely. Harris further explained that in several locations the shoulder narrowed substantially and did not function as a true bike lane before widening again shortly afterward.

Council Member Catherine Harris then asked about the city's roadway sweeping schedule and recalled prior discussions about more frequent sweeping during the previous summer. Mayor David Brems responded that the matter had been discussed through the Municipal Services District and stated that he was attempting to have the canyon roads swept every two weeks. He noted that conditions had recently been difficult while riding through the canyon. Council Member Catherine Harris responded that sweeping every two weeks might not be sufficient and stated that she had believed the roads previously had been swept weekly.

3. ADJOURN

The April 21, 2026 Emigration Canyon Council Workshop Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

The April 21, 2026 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes were Approved by the City Council on the 19th day of May 2026:

ATTEST:

David Brems, Mayor

Diana Baun, City Recorder



Emigration Canyon Monthly Report April 2026

Calls for service: 42

Crime/Police Stats:

In the month of April, Unified Police Department responded to 42 calls for service.

Incidents of Note:

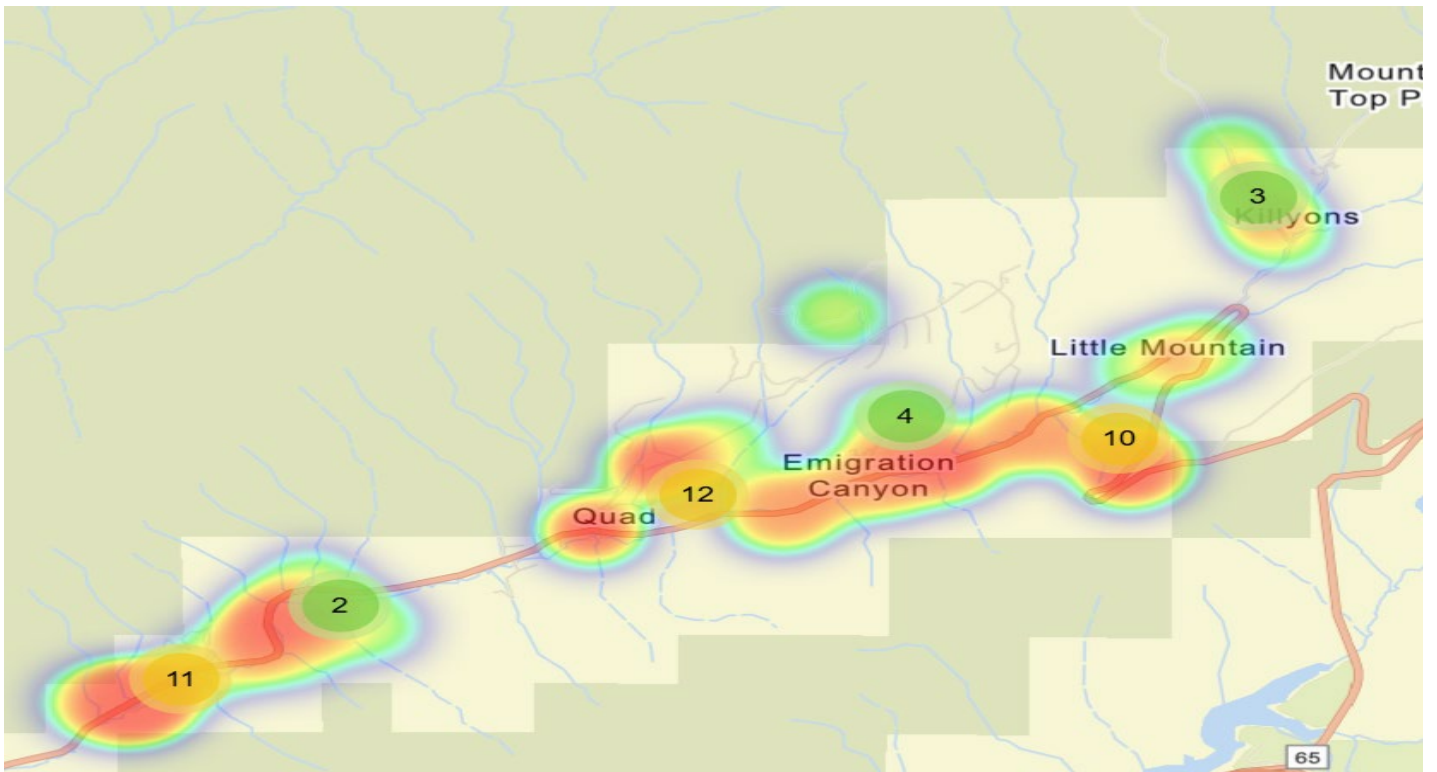
Officer responded to a death in the canyon, two welfare checks on suicidal individuals, two trespassing calls and a traffic accident.

The traffic accident occurred at 5800 E where a driver swerved to avoid a deer and ended up hitting the guard rail. No injuries were reported.

Officers also responded to a search and rescue at the given address 3695 E Emigration Canyon Road. However, the injured individual ended up being in SLCO jurisdiction on Wire Pass. The injured party reported they had climbed a tower and fell and broke their ankle. UPD officers notified SLCO and UPD officer were able to call in UHP helicopter and hoist the individual off the mountain.

CALLS FOR SERVICE OFFENSE	COUNTS
Cell Hang Up	3
Traffic Stop/Radar	13
Traffic Accident	1
Overdose	1
Burglary Alarm (False)	3
Motor/Citizen Assist	6
Suspicious	1
Welfare Check	3
Search and Rescue	1
Reckless	2
Traffic Hazard	1
Full Arrest	2
Trespasser	2
Animal Problem	1
Fraud	1
Agency Assist	1

Heat Map of Calls for Service in Emigration Canyon





Emigration Canyon

2026 1st Quarter Report

2026 SUMMARY OF OVERALL ASILOMAR STATS 1-1-26 TO 3-31-26

- Full Asilomar stats are available upon request.
- Features Adjusted Totals - Excludes Owner Requested Euthanasias that were untreatable.

Category	Dogs	Cats	Other	Total Animals
Beginning Shelter Count	118	84	8	210
Intake Totals	539	594	53	1186
Adoptions	281	198	33	512
Transfers/Rescue	14	30	17	61
Owner Redemptions/Return to Field	274	327	5	606
Euthanasia	8	20	1	29
Outcome Totals	577	575	56	1208

LIVE RELEASE: 97%

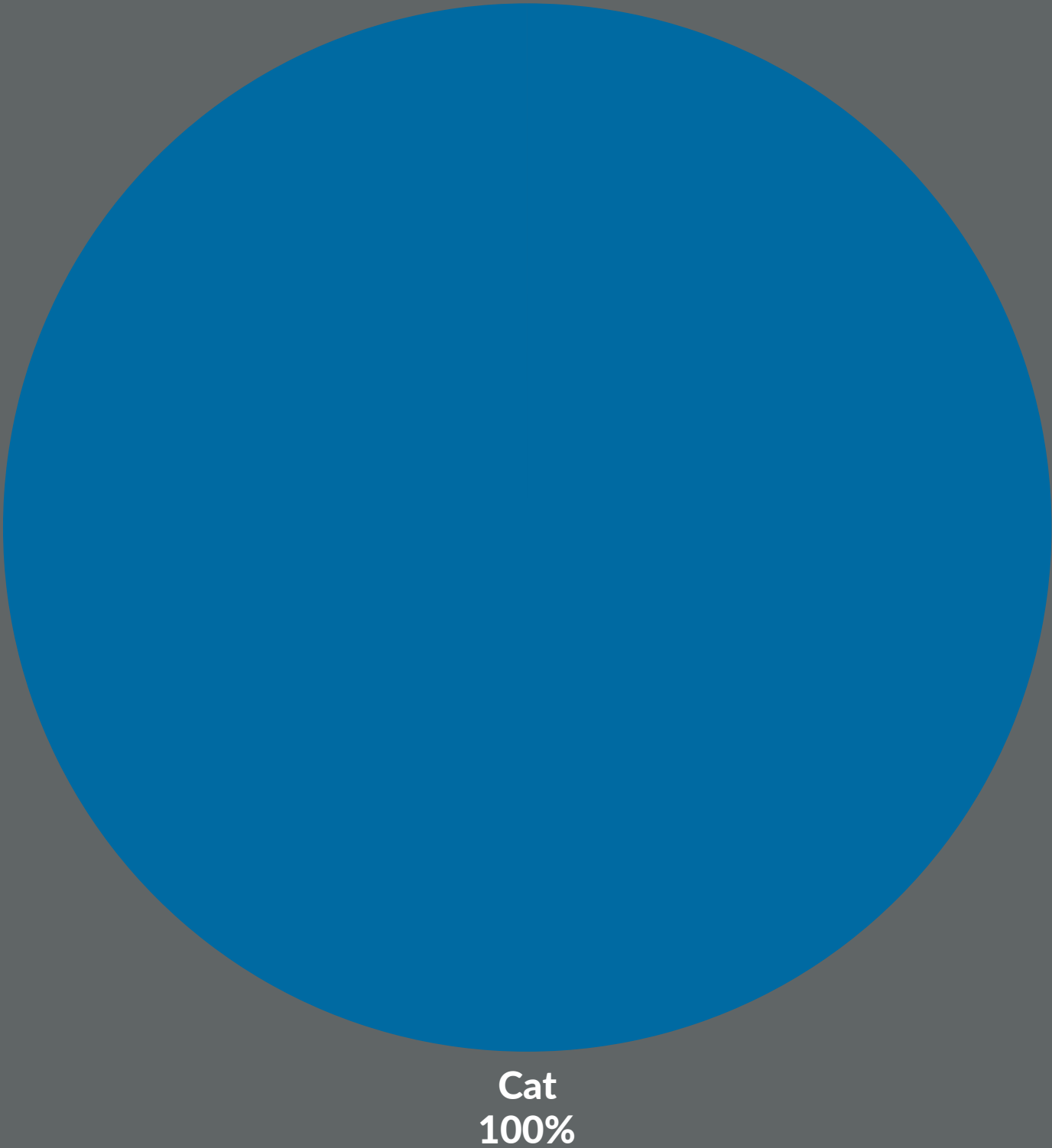


**80
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**61
ANIMALS
RESCUED!**



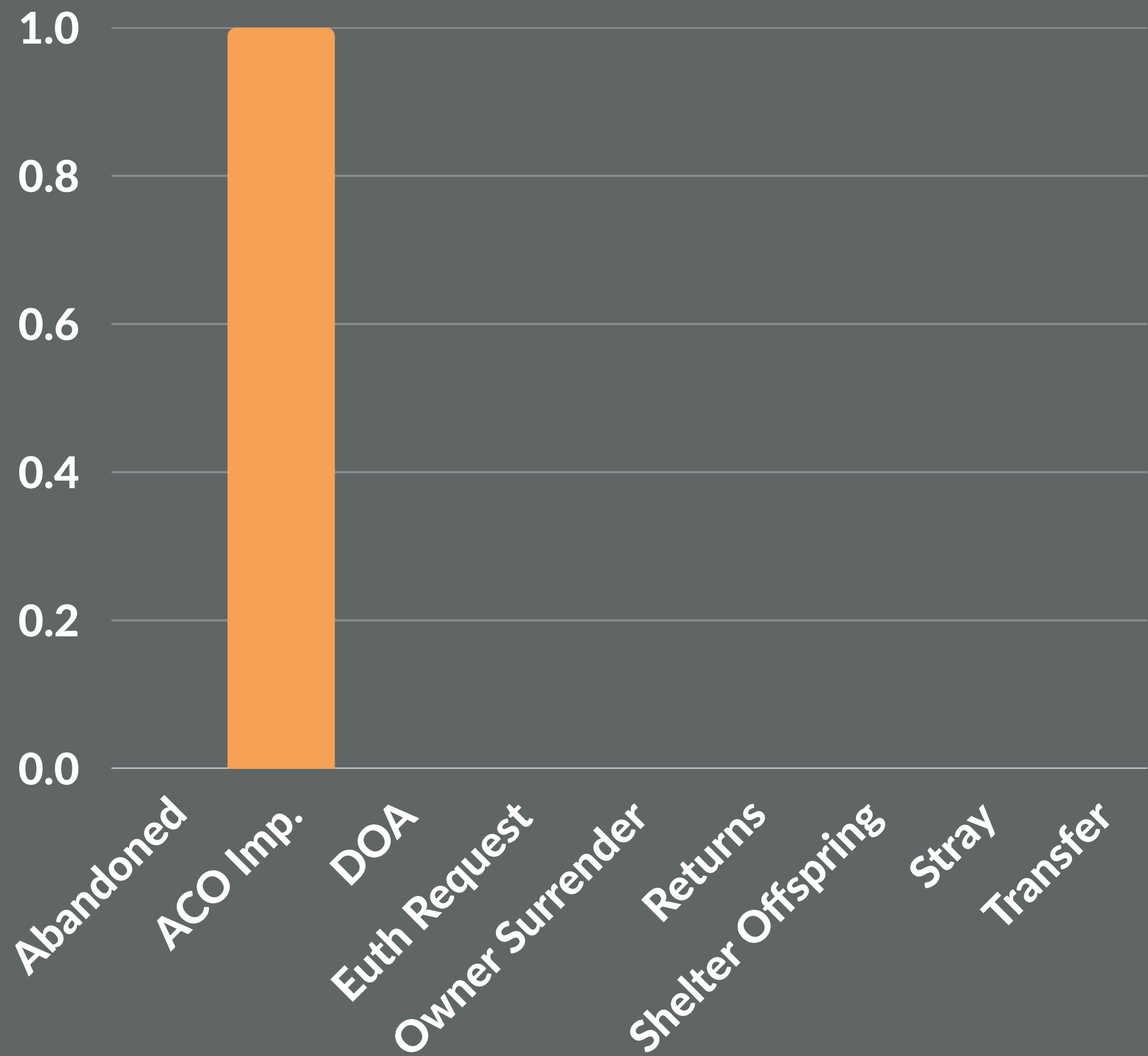
EMIGRATION CANYON INTAKE BY SPECIES



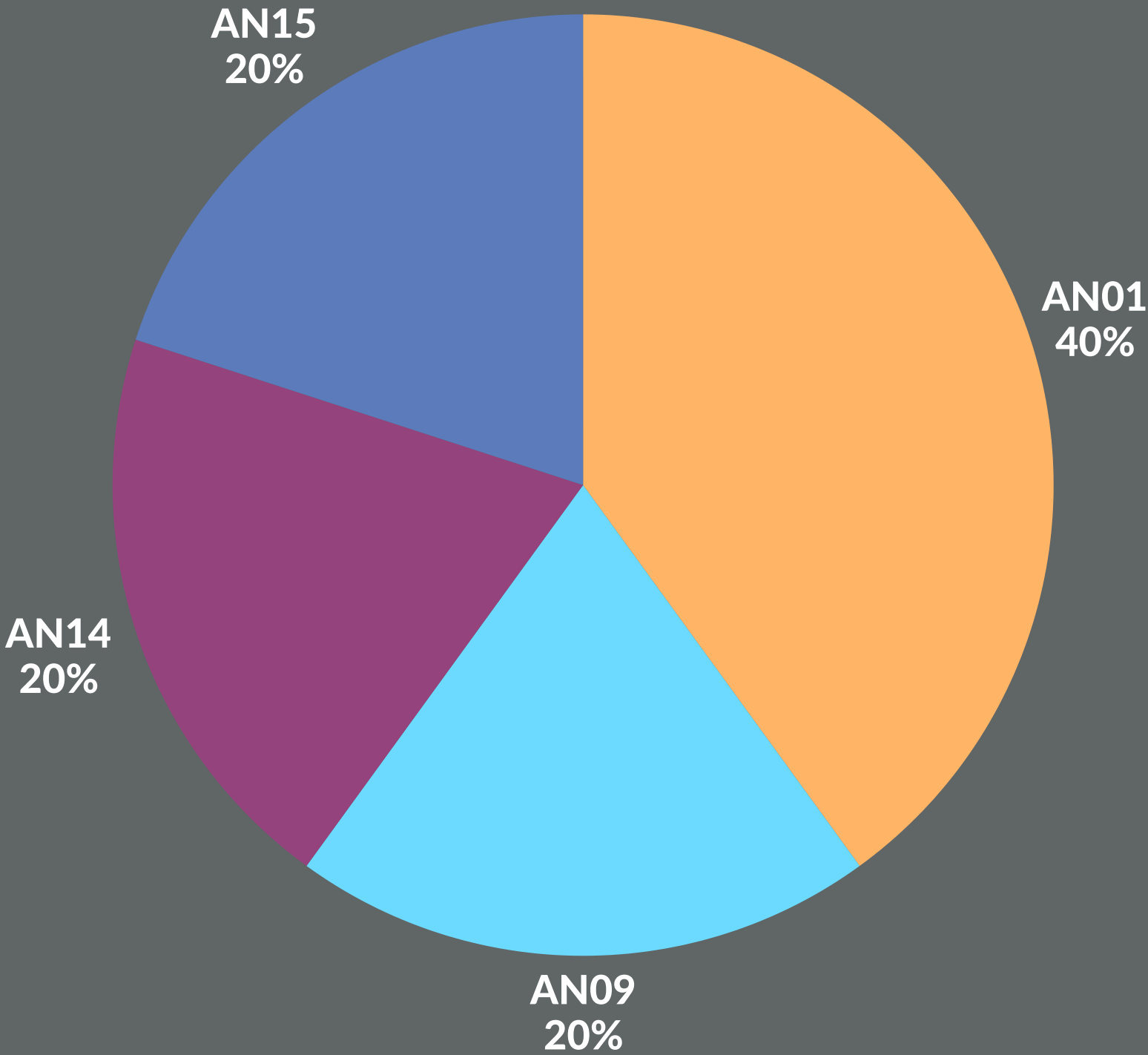
Species	YTD
Amphibian/Reptile	0
Bird	0
Cat	1
Crab/Fish	0
Dog	0
Small Mammal	0
Livestock	0
Insect/Arachnid	0
Kitten	0
Puppy	0
Wildlife	0
Totals	1

EMIGRATION CANYON INTAKE BY TYPE

Circumstance	YTD
Abandoned	0
ACO Impound	1
DOA	0
Euth Request	0
Owner Surrender	0
Returns	0
Shelter Offspring	0
Stray (over the counter)	0
Transfer	0
Totals	1



EMIGRATION CANYON FIELD STATISTICS



Call Type	1st Quarter	YTD
AN01 - Animal Impound	2	2
AN02 - Animal At Large	0	0
AN03 - Animal Cruelty	0	0
AN04 - Animal In Vehicle	0	0
AN05 - Injured/Sick/In-Distress/Rescue	0	0
AN06 - Wild/Exotic	0	0
AN07 - Animal Attack	0	0
AN08 - Livestock Problem	0	0
AN09 - Animal Bite	1	1
AN10 - Home Quarantine Release	0	0
AN11 - Animal Nuisance	0	0
AN12 - Agency Assist	0	0
AN13 - Special Assignment	0	0
AN14 - Citizen Inquiry	1	1
AN15 - Permit Inspection	1	1
TNR	0	0
Contact	0	0
Patrol	0	0
Totals	5	5

EMIGRATION CANYON LICENSES SOLD 1-1-26 TO 3-31-26

LICENSE TYPE	TOTALS
ANNUAL	4
SENIOR ANNUAL	10
DANGEROUS DOG	0
RESIDENTIAL PERMITS	0
TOTAL	14



HB 87 AKA “BISCUITS BILL”

**THE ANIMAL CRIME VICTIMS AMENDMENT
PASSED THE 2026 UTAH LEGISLATIVE
SESSION.**

**IT REQUIRE COURTS TO DETERMINE
DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS HELD IN CRUELTY
CASES AT THE FIRST SCHEDULED HEARING.
DOES NOT REQUIRE OWNER ATTENDANCE.
ADDRESSES COST OF CARE.**

Benefits:

- Clarifying provisions related to the release & forfeiture of animals
reducing unnecessary hold times
- Prioritizes animal welfare in abusive and/or exploitive cases.



Diana Baun

From: Stewart Okobia
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 2:24 PM
To: dbrems@emigration.utah.gov; rpinon@emigration.utah.gov; charris@emigration.utah.gov; jhawkes@emigration.utah.gov; ngriffith
Cc: Marla Howard; Brian Hartsell; Daniel Hoffman; Diana Baun; Lizel Allen; Chad Anderson; Tamaran Woodland; Richard Stephens
Subject: March 2026 Financial Report – Emigration Canyon
Attachments: 26-03 Financial Report - Emigration Canyon.pdf

Emigration Canyon,

Please see your March 2026 Financial Report attached for the period from July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 (75.00% of Fiscal Year 2026).

In addition, please see your fund balances.

Type	Amount	Use
Unrestricted fund balance as of June 30, 2025 (end of FY2025) (fund 40)	\$288,206.05	Can be used for any city expense. Made up primarily of accumulated unspent Admin budget.
Assigned Capital Fund (fund 40)	\$16,805.68	Can be used for any capital project. Road or non-road.
CARES (fund 45)	\$60,735.64	Can be used for any city expense. No spending deadline.
	\$365,747.37	

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks.



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Providing municipal services to Brighton, Copperton, Emigration Canyon,

Kearns, Magna, White City and Unincorporated Salt Lake County.

Address: 860 W Levoy Drive, Suite 300, Taylorsville, UT 84123 ([Map](#))

Hours: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District**Standard Financial Report****40 Emigration Canyon - 07/01/2025 to 03/31/2026****75.00% of the fiscal year has expired**

	2025 Year-End Actual	2026 YTD Actual
Net Position		
Assets:		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents		
10100 Cash - Zions Checking	(67.00)	0.00
10200 Cash - PTIF	314,071.87	347,122.20
10750 Undeposited Receipts	(0.23)	1,079.82
Total Cash and cash equivalents	314,004.64	348,202.02
Receivables		
12500 Due from Other Gov.	89,255.16	84,519.43
Total Receivables	89,255.16	84,519.43
Total Current Assets	403,259.80	432,721.45
Non-Current Assets		
Restricted assets		
10102 Cash - Zions Bond Escrow	90,662.20	90,662.20
Total Restricted assets	90,662.20	90,662.20
Total Non-Current Assets	90,662.20	90,662.20
Total Assets:	493,922.00	523,383.65
Liabilites and Fund Equity:		
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities		
21000 Accounts Payable	8,991.23	5,766.29
23450 Performance Bonds Payable	90,662.20	90,662.20
24000 Due to Other Funds	89,256.84	0.00
Total Current liabilities	188,910.27	96,428.49
Total Liabilities:	188,910.27	96,428.49
Equity - Fund Balance		
29000 Unassigned Net Position (Fund Bal)	288,206.05	410,149.48
29010 Assigned Capital Fund	16,805.68	16,805.68
Total Equity - Fund Balance	305,011.73	426,955.16
Total Liabilites and Fund Equity:	493,922.00	523,383.65
Total Net Position	0.00	0.00

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	2025 Year-End Actual	2026 YTD Actual	2026 Budget	Unearned/ Unused Budget	% Earned/ Used
Change In Net Position					
Revenue:					
Taxes					
Sales Taxes					
3100.300 Sales Tax	325,065.58	247,606.62	320,000.00	72,393.38	77.38%
Total Sales Taxes	325,065.58	247,606.62	320,000.00	72,393.38	77.38%
SB 136 Sales Tax					
3100.350 SB 136 Sales Tax	30,749.91	23,527.34	32,000.00	8,472.66	73.52%
Total SB 136 Sales Tax	30,749.91	23,527.34	32,000.00	8,472.66	73.52%
Total Taxes	355,815.49	271,133.96	352,000.00	80,866.04	77.03%
Intergovernmental revenue					
Road Funds					
3100.560 B&C Road Fund Allotment	116,316.68	72,795.16	120,000.00	47,204.84	60.66%
3100.562 County Public Transit Tax	250.74	11,682.78	0.00	(11,682.78)	0.00%
Total Road Funds	116,567.42	84,477.94	120,000.00	35,522.06	70.40%
Total Intergovernmental revenue	116,567.42	84,477.94	120,000.00	35,522.06	70.40%
Licenses and permits					
Business licenses					
3100.130 Business Licenses	2,600.00	456.00	2,000.00	1,544.00	22.80%
Total Business licenses	2,600.00	456.00	2,000.00	1,544.00	22.80%
Building permits					
3100.260 Building Permit	49,875.93	38,761.30	75,000.00	36,238.70	51.68%
Total Building permits	49,875.93	38,761.30	75,000.00	36,238.70	51.68%
Other license and permits					
3100.2653 Floodplain Development Permit Fee	0.00	75.00	0.00	(75.00)	0.00%
Total Other license and permits	0.00	75.00	0.00	(75.00)	0.00%
Total Licenses and permits	52,475.93	39,292.30	77,000.00	37,707.70	51.03%
Charges for services					
Charges other					
3100.420 Engineering Services	14,598.00	3,750.00	0.00	(3,750.00)	0.00%
3100.450 Planning Services	12,016.85	8,276.66	15,000.00	6,723.34	55.18%
Total Charges other	26,614.85	12,026.66	15,000.00	2,973.34	80.18%
Storm drain fee					
3100.435 Stormwater Fines - for Educational and O	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	(1,500.00)	0.00%
Total Storm drain fee	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	(1,500.00)	0.00%
Total Charges for services	26,614.85	13,526.66	15,000.00	1,473.34	90.18%
Fines and forfeitures					
Justice court fines/forfeitures					
3100.500 Justice Court Fines/Forfeitures	10,648.15	4,970.07	6,000.00	1,029.93	82.83%
Total Justice court fines/forfeitures	10,648.15	4,970.07	6,000.00	1,029.93	82.83%
Total Fines and forfeitures	10,648.15	4,970.07	6,000.00	1,029.93	82.83%
Miscellaneous revenue					
Interest					
3600.100 Interest Earnings	12,059.28	12,062.94	7,000.00	(5,062.94)	172.33%
Total Interest	12,059.28	12,062.94	7,000.00	(5,062.94)	172.33%
Miscellaneous other					
3100.875 Event Revenue	0.00	200.00	0.00	(200.00)	0.00%
3600.902 Other Revenue - Declaration of Candidate	250.00	150.00	0.00	(150.00)	0.00%
Total Miscellaneous other	250.00	350.00	0.00	(350.00)	0.00%
Total Miscellaneous revenue	12,309.28	12,412.94	7,000.00	(5,412.94)	177.33%
Contributions and transfers					
3800.100 Contribution from GF	242,111.00	257,235.00	257,235.00	0.00	100.00%
Total Contributions and transfers	242,111.00	257,235.00	257,235.00	0.00	100.00%
Total Revenue:	816,542.12	683,048.87	834,235.00	151,186.13	81.88%
Expenditures:					
Administration					
4100.100 Wages	66,000.00	60,000.00	87,200.00	27,200.00	68.81%

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4100.150 Social Security Tax	4,092.00	3,720.00	5,450.00	1,730.00	68.26%
4100.160 Medicare	957.00	870.00	1,275.00	405.00	68.24%
4100.190 FUTA	0.00	280.00	0.00	(280.00)	0.00%
4100.200 Awards, Promotional & Meals	192.48	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00%
4100.210 Subscriptions/Memberships	25.00	1,550.40	2,000.00	449.60	77.52%
4100.220 Printing/Publications/Advertising	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00%
4100.230 Travel/Mileage	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
4100.240 Office Expense and Supplies	65.31	145.42	1,000.00	854.58	14.54%
4100.255 Computer Equip/Software	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00%
4100.280 Cell phone and Telephone	222.72	166.86	6,000.00	5,833.14	2.78%
4100.310 Attorney-Civil	39,420.00	47,277.00	40,000.00	(7,277.00)	118.19%
4100.320 Attorney - Land Use	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00%
4100.330 Training and Seminars	145.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
4100.360 Web Page Development/Maintenance	1,985.52	2,754.54	5,000.00	2,245.46	55.09%
4100.370 Software/Streaming	5,739.65	380.02	2,500.00	2,119.98	15.20%
4100.390 Payroll Processing Fees	856.50	1,057.50	1,000.00	(57.50)	105.75%
4100.420 Contributions/Special Events	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00%
4100.430 City Elections and Voting	0.00	3,112.61	0.00	(3,112.61)	0.00%
4100.510 Insurance	10,126.07	9,320.62	19,000.00	9,679.38	49.06%
4100.520 Workers Comp Insurance	(63.78)	666.60	3,000.00	2,333.40	22.22%
4100.590 Postage	729.83	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00%
4100.600 Professional and Technical	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00%
4100.625 UFA Emergency Services	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00%
4100.627 Restroom Maintenance	6,049.70	3,640.00	12,000.00	8,360.00	30.33%
4100.635 Election Support Services	0.00	0.00	11,060.00	11,060.00	0.00%
4100.871 Utilities	466.00	270.00	1,000.00	730.00	27.00%
4100.880 Non-Classified Expenses	0.00	80.00	0.00	(80.00)	0.00%
Total Administration	137,009.00	135,291.57	257,235.00	121,943.43	52.59%
Transfers					
4100.928 Contribution to General Fund	574,225.80	425,813.87	577,000.00	151,186.13	73.80%
48450.001 Operational Transfers out	207.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total Transfers	574,432.80	425,813.87	577,000.00	151,186.13	73.80%
Total Expenditures:	711,441.80	561,105.44	834,235.00	273,129.56	67.26%
Total Change In Net Position	105,100.32	121,943.43	0.00	(121,943.43)	0.00%

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	2025 Year-End Actual	2026 YTD Actual
Net Position		
Assets:		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents		
10100 Cash - Zions Checking	2,168.28	2,168.28
Total Cash and cash equivalents	2,168.28	2,168.28
Total Current Assets	2,168.28	2,168.28
Total Assets:	2,168.28	2,168.28
Liabilites and Fund Equity:		
Equity - Fund Balance		
29000 Unassigned Net Position (Fund Bal)	2,168.28	2,168.28
Total Equity - Fund Balance	2,168.28	2,168.28
Total Liabilites and Fund Equity:	2,168.28	2,168.28
Total Net Position	0.00	0.00

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	2025 Year-End Actual	2026 YTD Actual	2026 Budget	Unearned/ Unused Budget	% Earned/ Used
Change In Net Position					
Expenditures:					
Administration					
4100.200 Awards, Promotional & Meals	626.59	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Total Administration	626.59	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Total Expenditures:	626.59	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Total Change In Net Position	(626.59)	0.00	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	0.00%

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	2025 Year-End Actual	2026 YTD Actual
Net Position		
Assets:		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents		
10100 Cash - Zions Checking	1,000.00	17,365.46
10101 Cash - Zions CARES	207.00	207.00
10200 Cash - PTIF	0.00	266.81
10202 Cash - PTIF 9074 CARES	66,360.50	68,403.44
Total Cash and cash equivalents	67,567.50	86,242.71
Receivables		
12500 Due from Other Gov.	0.00	11,341.59
Total Receivables	0.00	11,341.59
Total Current Assets	67,567.50	97,584.30
Total Assets:	67,567.50	97,584.30
Liabilites and Fund Equity:		
Liabilities:		
Deferred revenue		
23455 CARES2 Deferred Revenue	60,735.64	60,735.64
Total Deferred revenue	60,735.64	60,735.64
Total Liabilities:	60,735.64	60,735.64
Equity - Fund Balance		
29000 Unassigned Net Position (Fund Bal)	6,831.86	36,848.66
Total Equity - Fund Balance	6,831.86	36,848.66
Total Liabilites and Fund Equity:	67,567.50	97,584.30
Total Net Position	0.00	0.00

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	2025 Year-End Actual	2026 YTD Actual	2026 Budget	Unearned/ Unused Budget	% Earned/ Used
Change In Net Position					
Revenue:					
Taxes					
MET Taxes					
3100.112 MET-Municipal Telecom	0.00	607.99	0.00	(607.99)	0.00%
3100.113 MET-Pacificorp/Rocky Mtn Power	0.00	10,740.95	0.00	(10,740.95)	0.00%
3100.114 MET-Questar Gas/Dominion Energy	0.00	16,624.51	0.00	(16,624.51)	0.00%
Total MET Taxes	0.00	27,973.45	0.00	(27,973.45)	0.00%
Total Taxes	0.00	27,973.45	0.00	(27,973.45)	0.00%
Intergovernmental revenue					
CARES Act					
3100.322 ARPA Funding	36,702.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total CARES Act	36,702.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total Intergovernmental revenue	36,702.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous revenue					
Interest					
3600.100 Interest Earnings	5,624.86	2,043.35	2,500.00	456.65	81.73%
Total Interest	5,624.86	2,043.35	2,500.00	456.65	81.73%
Miscellaneous other					
3100.870 Donations	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total Miscellaneous other	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total Miscellaneous revenue	6,624.86	2,043.35	2,500.00	456.65	81.73%
Contributions and transfers					
3100.001 Operating Transfers in	207.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total Contributions and transfers	207.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total Revenue:	43,534.31	30,016.80	2,500.00	(27,516.80)	1,200.67%
Expenditures:					
COVID Related Expenses					
4100.243 ARPA Act Expense and Supplies	36,702.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total COVID Related Expenses	36,702.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total Expenditures:	36,702.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total Change In Net Position	6,831.86	30,016.80	2,500.00	(27,516.80)	1,200.67%

Lost & Found Pets

Salt Lake County Animal Services

Losing a pet can be stressful, but acting quickly can help bring them home safely. Here are a few important steps to take if your pet goes missing or if you find a lost animal.

If your pet is lost:

- Visit your local shelter and nearby shelters as soon as possible and continue checking regularly. Lost pets brought to Salt Lake County Animal Services can be viewed at www.adoptutahpets.com.
- Email a photo and the location where your pet went missing to animal@saltlakecounty.gov or report your lost pet by calling Dispatch at 801-840-4000.
- Share your pet's information on social media platforms such as Facebook, Nextdoor, Petco Love Lost and KSL, and post flyers in your neighborhood.
- Search during the day and at night and ask friends or neighbors to help.
- Don't give up — many pets are reunited with their families' days after going missing.

If you find a lost pet:

- Found pets must be reported to local animal control within 24 hours.
- Bring found pets within Salt Lake County Animal Services jurisdiction to the shelter at 511 W. 3900 S. during business hours (Tues–Sat, 10 AM–6 PM).
- After hours, contact Dispatch at 801-840-4000. Animal Control officers are available 24/7.
- Posting a photo of the pet online can also help locate the owner.

Before your pet goes missing:

- Keep ID tags and microchip information current.
- Salt Lake County licensed pets qualify for free microchipping through Salt Lake County Animal Services.
- Keep updated photos of your pet in case you need to create flyers or online posts quickly.

Diana Baun

From: Willy Stokman <moabvacationrental@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 2:01 PM
To: charris@emigration.utah.gov
Cc: Diana Baun; dbrems@emigration.utah.gov; jhawkes@emigration.utah.gov; ngriffith; rpinon@emigration.utah.gov; nkisen; jason klophaus; Phil Triolo; Tamaran Woodland
Subject: Re: Skycrest culvert, request to reconsider third party review
Categories: Emigration Canyon

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Hi Rin,

Thank you for your response. I appreciate your help in getting our request on the record.

I have been thinking about how to respond to your email for the last week and decided providing feedback and some background information would help the City Council understand the situation better and hopefully improve your ability to listen and respond to resident concerns when it involves more complicated projects like this one in the future.

Regarding our ability to provide input

Our concerns about this project have fallen on deaf ears until recently. Naomi went to some of the City Council meetings last year, without getting the desired response. Since we realized it was very difficult to explain our concerns in the 3 minutes of public comment allowed, we decided to contact Tamaran and Mayor Smolka to arrange a meeting. Our requests were either brushed off or ignored. I finally had to knock on Mayor Smolka's door to get him to agree to come and talk to us. He taped the 1 1/2 hour discussion and promised to email the transcript, which we never received. We asked for a copy of the tape. No response. In fact, there was no follow-up what-so-ever. Tamaran admitted she knew about the tape, but did not listen to it. A request by the Property Rights Advocate to arrange a meeting was ignored by MSD.

There was pretty much a total breakdown in communications until we arranged a meeting with Mayor Brems and Tamaran in early February. We are trying very hard to move forward from past experiences, but there is no question our confidence in the system and the way this project was handled has been shaken.

The reason for project delays

I feel there is a suggestion in your email that we are somehow responsible for project delays. I don't think that is accurate.

MSD has known from the very beginning this project can only move forward if they either have signed temporary easements from property owners or get approval through eminent domain. We did not receive a request to sign temporary easements until the end of February 2026, even though planning started in 2023. Since none of the concerns and requests discussed during our meeting with Mayor Brems and

Tamaran just weeks before were included in the agreement, they also knew beforehand we would not be able to sign the easement.

Just to mention one of the issues: The easement is based on county property lines that are inaccurate and could be as much as 15 to 20 feet off, which affect compensation calculations. This was pointed out to MSD a year ago. They still have not completed the property surveys required. It seems to me efforts to move this project forward have been lacking.

MSD is still considering several additional concerns. As one of the four property owners most affected by the culvert project I assure you we are committed to move this project forward while waiting for their response.

Best regards,

Willy Stokman

On Apr 14, 2026, at 1:07 PM, Catherine Harris <charris@emigration.utah.gov> wrote:

Hello Willy, Phil, Naomi, and Jason, cc Emigration Canyon Council members and Mayor, and Diana Baun,

On behalf of the Emigration Canyon Council, I want to acknowledge receipt of your letter. You'll see that I added our City Clerk, Diana Baun, to this email. She will ensure your letter is properly recorded and entered into Public Comments for our upcoming April meeting. I know that individual Council members have already taken the time to read your letter.

I appreciate you taking the time to send such detailed comments, and I'm sorry to hear that you think no one is listening to concerns regarding culvert repairs from the extensive flooding in the spring of 2023. I believe I speak for the entire council when I say we work hard to listen to and understand resident concerns within our community, however, it's clear you think we have fallen short of expectations in this regard. I'm also pleased that you included Tamaran Woodland in your comments, as she and others at MSD work directly on these projects, and I know they all do their best to address individual resident concerns to the extent possible.

I'm not in a position to address your comments specifically, as I lack both engineering knowledge and the authority to make decisions regarding agenda items. Regarding your concerns about the engineering and material choices, we will pass these along to the appropriate people at both MSD and Salt Lake County, as they manage the planning, contracting, and execution of public works projects within the canyon. Agenda items are at the discretion of our mayor.

You're absolutely correct that the estimated costs for this project have grown considerably, as have the costs for almost every public works project over the last 3 years.

The Council is eager to complete this project. Projected expenses will likely continue to rise if further delays occur. More importantly, rebuilding this major culvert underneath a public road to meet required safety and engineering standards will benefit all residents in the Skycrest neighborhood.

Kind regards,

Rin (Catherine) Harris

Emigration Canyon City Council
charris@emigration.utah.gov

On Mon, Apr 13, 2026 at 5:45 PM Willy Stokman <moabvacationrental@gmail.com> wrote:
Dear Mayor Brems and Emigration City Council,

We would like to request reconsideration of a third party review for the Skycrest culvert replacement project and hope you will add this request to the agenda for the next council meeting.

Before going into the reasons for our request, we would like to comment on the recording of the council meeting in March, during which the Skycrest culvert project was discussed.

Please note that keeping the road open to provide access to homes during construction is not a "preference of Skycrest residents". Given the scope and complexity of the project, we have pointed out with increasing alarm - since no-one was listening - this project simply cannot be done within the projected 3 day timeline for closing the road. We also brought to your attention several other points that should have been considered: 1) that there was no contractual document that penalized or motivated a contractor to complete this work in 3 days so the timeline was unenforceable 2) that work performed at speed could compromise quality and easily result in poor compaction and soil settlement, which would put waterlines at risk and 3) that work performed rapidly puts more risk on a contractor, so they will inflate their bid prices accordingly.

A third party review would have been able to confirm the validity of our concerns and likely identify several others. Now that the decision has been made to keep the road open during construction the duration of construction is less of an issue. However, there are several other good reasons to justify a review:

1. The cost budgeted for the three culvert replacements almost doubled. It went up from \$579,000 to \$1,029,000 (keeping the road open in Skycrest is only a small part of this increase) which indicates MSD has significantly underestimated the complexity and related cost of this project. Exceeding the initial budget by such a large margin should raise alarm. How can we be sure the budget is correct the second time around?

And what happens if costs exceed the budget? The last tasks to complete are things like repairing sprinkler systems, replanting trees, and using a professional landscaper to repair the extensive damage to flowers and vegetable gardens. Will property owners be holding the bag if the budget is exceeded? A third party review will protect homeowners. MSD can easily fold the cost of the review, estimated to be four to six thousand dollar, into their million plus budget.

2. Since the current plan is to keep the road open, the Skycrest project will need to be completed in phases. Instead of using a precast concrete culvert, as proposed by MSD, a recommendation was made by Jason to rebuild the culvert using a much lighter multi-plate arch. They are cheaper and can be erected with an excavator instead of a crane. It may even be possible to build them over the existing culvert, which would take care of diverting creek water during construction. Precast culverts, on the other hand, are heavy, difficult to move, and require use of a large crane, which is expensive, takes up a lot of room, and will slow construction. Looking into feasibility of this lighter alternative through a third party review could save money in materials and crane rentals and pay for itself.

Please note, Jason is an engineer with his own consulting company who designs bridges and culverts. He has been using his knowledge and expertise to provide feedback and suggest modifications to the plan to help get this project completed the best way possible.

3. After two years of planning, MSD is still adjusting their engineering plans. In the latest version, the zone of disturbance was expanded and is now about 7 feet from the Stokman/Triolo deck. The hill below this deck is extremely steep and eroded. During the spring flooding event in 2023, the Skycrest culvert was blocked for several days. When equipment large enough to remove the blockage finally arrived on day five, water in the lake formed on the upstream side came crashing through the culvert with a force far exceeding normal erosional forces, washing away 3 to 4 feet of creek bank. One does not need to be an engineer to understand soil disturbance on this steep, eroded slope, this close to the deck, is not a good plan. A third party review to ensure engineering plans do not endanger private property could prevent potential future lawsuits which - in all likelihood - will cost more than four to six thousand dollars.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Willy Stokman
Phil Triolo
Naomi Kisen
Jason Klophaus