

MINUTES OF THE **WORK SESSION** OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026, AT 11:30 AM AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, OREM, UTAH.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Shelley Brennan, Chair	Wade E. Garner	Greg McPhie
Wayne Andersen, Vice Chair	Steve Hanberg	Jim Riding
Kevin J. Anderson	Max Haslem	Jennifer Scott
Jon Bronson	Marvin Kenison	Randy Vincent
Kirk Christensen	Kathy Wood Loveless	Brad Wells
Steve Farrell	L. Alma Mansell	

STAFF PRESENT

Gene Shawcroft, General Manager	Shawn Lambert, CFO
Lisa Anderson, Board Executive Assistant	Bart Leeflang, Assistant General Manager
Robert Moore, General Counsel	Rick Maloy, Water Resource Planner
Kirk Beecher, Senior Engineering	Devin McKrola, Senior Engineer
Gary Brimley, Water Resource Planner	Roger Pearson, Colorado River Program Manager
Derek Bruton, Water Resource Planner	Brad Perkins, Senior Engineer
Ric Cantrell, Director of Strategic Engagement	Mike Rau, Finished Water Operations Manager
Chris Elison, Water Resource Planning Manager	Bronson Stewart, Controller
Will Garner, Assistant Chief Engineer	Amanda Strack, Water Conservation Manager
Matthew Gregg, Computer System Specialist	Sarah Sutherland, Environmental Program Manager
Jared Hansen, Director of Water Policy	Bruce Ward, Chief Engineer
Shaun Hilton, Assistant Chief Engineer	Paulette Webster, Contracts Administrator
David Imlay, Raw Water Operations Manager	Gerard Yates, Deputy General Manager

Chair Brennan called the Work Session to order at 11:35 a.m.

Sarah Sutherland updated the Board regarding the Jordanelle Special Service District (JSSD) Water Reclamation Facility Expansion Project. She reported that a request had been received to increase discharge from the facility into the WCWEP canals. The proposed increase, together with prior public concerns regarding phosphorus and pharmaceutical constituents in the canal system, necessitates a new NEPA review. The facility's original permit, issued in the early 2000s, authorized discharge to four locations, including the Provo River. Due to concerns about the effects of increased phosphorus loading on Deer Creek Reservoir and downstream treatment plants, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed to evaluate the impacts of discharging to the WCWEP canal system; the EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) were finalized in 2010. Currently, during the irrigation season, treated water is pumped into the Timpanogos Canal; during the non-irrigation season, it is discharged into the Wasatch Canal, which feeds the Rock Ditch in winter. Given rapid development in Wasatch County, the plant is projected to reach capacity within two to three years, prompting a request to increase discharge from 1 MGD to 2.6 MGD into the WCWEP canals. JSSD has retained Bowen Collins and Associates to support project design and NEPA compliance and is developing the proposed action, alternatives, and scoping materials, with public scoping anticipated to begin in May or June. Updates will be provided for the Trustees. Sarah also noted that JSSD must comply with the state phosphorus cap of 91 pounds per year and that any increase in discharge would require issuance of a new discharge permit. The facility utilizes microfiltration, producing highly treated effluent.

Sarah also briefly updated the board that the Nebo Regional Water Project EA is on schedule, with the draft EA expected to be available for public comment in June, and notifications will be sent when it is ready.


Director of Strategic Engagement, Ric Cantrell, and General Counsel, Rob Moore, provided a legislative session recap, noting that the 2026 session considered 1,021 bills and resolutions (541 passed) with water and taxes as major areas of focus; the District tracked and analyzed numerous proposals with help from the executive team, internal subject matter experts, the legislative team, and partner agencies. They highlighted key water bills that passed—such as HB 19 (water utility emergency response planning), HB 76 (data center water-use transparency), and HB 473 (Colorado River Authority amendments)—along with other measures affecting water rights and systems, leasing, Great Salt Lake, local land use, truth in taxation, conservation (including turf and state facility use), and new cybersecurity-related requirements. Rob also reviewed several bills that failed (including proposals related to non-functional turf definitions, property tax limits, water rate requirements, and special district board appointments), noting potential impacts and that similar concepts may return in future sessions.

Rob next outlined proposed updates to the District’s administrative code and policies, including (1) revising board compensation language to reference the statutory process for adopting compensation increases (reflecting recent state law changes), (2) updating public property disposal procedures to incorporate HB 535 requirements—such as a public hearing and defining “substantial” property using the \$500,000 threshold, with exceptions for exchanges of similar value, (3) clarifying protest criteria so the district generally will not protest applications for small amounts of water primarily for residential supply (removing a fixed number to align with state law), and (4) considering a Community Reinvestment Areas participation policy change that would require a third-party “but-for” style report (modeled after Canyons School District) assessing feasibility without tax increment financing, the impacts of district participation, and whether participation is in the district’s best interest.

Rob then presented upcoming changes to the District's retention schedule to align with privacy legislation and current practices. He noted that changes to the retention schedule will also include adding new document types due to privacy legislation, updating descriptions for consistency with current practices, and removing obsolete document types.

Rob concluded by conducting the required annual training on Utah's Open Public Meetings Act, reviewing legal requirements for meetings, notice, conduct, minutes, closed sessions, and electronic communications. All 17 trustees were present at the training.

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.



Shelley Brennan, Chair



Gene Shawcroft, General Manager

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