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MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026, AT 1:00 PM AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, OREM, UTAH.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Shelley Brennan, Chair

Wayne Andersen, Vice Chair

Kevin J. Anderson

Jon Bronson

Kirk Christensen

Steve Farrell

Wade E. Garner

Steve Hanberg

Max Haslem

Marvin Kenison

Kathy Wood Loveless

L. Alma Mansell

Greg McPhie

Jim Riding

Jennifer Scott

Randy Vincent

Brad Wells

STAFF PRESENT

Gene Shawcroft, General Manager

Lisa Anderson, Board Executive Assistant

Robert Moore, General Counsel

Kirk Beecher, Senior Engineer

Blake Beuhler, Water Resource Planner

Gary Brimley, Water Resource Planner

Derek Bruton, Water Resource Planner

Ric Cantrell, Director of Strategic Engagement

Chris Elison, Water Resource Planning Manager

Will Garner, Assistant Chief Engineer

Matthew Gregg, Computer System Specialist

Jared Hansen, Director of Water Policy

Tyler Harvey, Facilities, Fleet, & Emergency Manager

Shaun Hilton, Assistant Chief Engineer

David Imlay, Raw Water Operations Manager

Eli Johnson, Engineering Technician

Shawn Lambert, CFO

Bart Leeflang, Assistant General Manager

Rick Maloy, Water Resource Planner

Aspen Neville, GIS Analyst

Roger Pearson, Colorado River Program Manager

Brad Perkins, Senior Engineer

Paul Pierpont, Provo Area Manager

Mike Rau, Finished Water Operations Manager

Bronson Stewart, Controller

Amanda Strack, Water Conservation Manager

Sarah Sutherland, Environmental Program Manager

Bruce Ward, Chief Engineer

Paulette Webster, Contracts Administrator

Gerard Yates, Deputy General Manager

GUESTS PRESENT

Rick Baxter, Bureau of Reclamation

Tyler Bird, Hazen and Sawyer

Sterling Brown, Strawberry Water Users

Paul Christensen, Department of the Interior

Cole Clawson, Office of Representative Maloy

Dan Fechner, Jones and DeMille Engineering

Conner Haus, Office of Representative Kennedy

Jason Luettinger, Bowen Collins & Associates

David Robertson, LRB Public Finance Advisors

Nate Robertson, LRB Public Finance Advisors

Darin Robinson, Jones and DeMille Engineering

Chris Thunhorst, Hazen and Sawyer

Wade Tuft, JVVCD

Alex Walker, USBR

Ben Woolf, Bureau of Reclamation

Chair Brennan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

*Motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2026, Work Session and Board Meeting, made by Trustee Mansell and seconded by Trustee Wells.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gene Shawcroft introduced and welcomed guests. Gene informed the Board that there is a scheduling conflict for the September 23rd Board tour date, and while no alternative date has been proposed yet, the Board will act as necessary if the date needs to be moved. He then recognized Amanda Strack, Conservation Manager, as she was featured in an article in Municipal Water highlighting the District's conservation work. He also noted that when Scott Cameron, Acting Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, recently visited, Amanda spent time explaining the District's conservation work, which contributed to the \$100 million award from the BOR for the Highline Canal enclosure.

Gene reported that the district has adopted an AI standard to guide employee use of AI in a protected environment, utilizing district-purchased software to ensure appropriate and secure usage.

He next presented data and projections showing record-low snowpack and reservoir levels, particularly at Lake Powell, and described the UCRC's adoption of a DROA plan to release up to 1 million acre-feet from Flaming Gorge, with additional measures including reduced releases from Lake Powell to maintain critical elevations. Trustees Bronson, Vincent, and Mansell asked about the sustainability of repeated Flaming Gorge releases, the intent to support native fish, and the priority of storage based on which dam was constructed first; Gene clarified the water balance and environmental constraints, the timing and purpose of releases, and the operational priorities for Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - CHAIR JIM RIDING

Senior Engineer Brad Perkins described the ongoing issues with the Starvation Dam spillway, including leakage and concrete deterioration. He stated that the RFP was sent to 12 consultants on the District's prequalified list, and the District received five proposals for professional services to assess the damage and develop alternatives to complete the work.

*Motion that the Board award the professional services agreement to Barr Engineering Co. for the Starvation Dam Spillway Evaluation Project in an amount not to exceed \$234,643.00 and authorize District officers to execute the agreement, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Christensen.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0;  
*Motion Passes.*

Senior Engineer Kirk Beecher outlined the need to upgrade power and communication systems for the Hades and Docs Diversions, including new wiring and fiber optics. He stated that five consultants attended the pre-proposal conference and three submitted proposals to evaluate the existing power system to determine what is required and the best way to complete the project.

*Motion that the Board award the professional services agreement to Hazen and Sawyer for the Hades and Docs Diversions Power and Communications Project in an amount not to exceed \$448,900.00 and authorize District officers to execute the agreement, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Farrell.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0;

*Motion Passes.*

Kirk next presented the plan to install over 30,000 feet of fiber optic cable to connect the WCWEP field office to Jordanelle Dam and pump stations. He addressed the Trustee's questions regarding project scope, timeline, and penalties for delays. Kirk mentioned that three contractors attended the pre-construction conference and two submitted bids.

*Motion that the Board award the construction contract to BHI, Inc. for the Wasatch County Water Efficiency Project – Fiber Optic – Office to Jordanelle Dam in an amount not to exceed \$722,370.80 and authorize District officers to execute the contract, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Hanberg.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. Trustees Abstain: Haslem. For: 16; Against: 0; Abstain: 1; *Motion Passes.*

Kirk then reviewed the cooperative agreement and maintenance agreement with Wildflower Logistics Center and the City of Saratoga Springs for drainage improvements and maintenance at the North Shore Terminal Reservoir Site, with the District's cost share with the developer being \$620,000. In response to the Trustees' questions, Kirk clarified the District's responsibilities and potential future use of the site.

*Motion that the Board approve the easement, construction, and reimbursement agreement with Wildflower Logistics, LLC for the North Shore Terminal Reservoir Site Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$620,000.00 and authorize District officers to execute the agreement, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee McPhie.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

*Motion that the Board approve the maintenance agreement with the City of Saratoga Springs and Wildflower Logistics, LLC for the North Shore Terminal Reservoir Site Improvements, and authorize District officers to execute the agreement, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Wells.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

Assistant Chief Engineer Shaun Hilton shared the construction history of Well 14 and the need for chemical treatment to remove the biofouling. He stated that two bids were received in response to the RFP, and that Widdison Well Services has previously developed the District's wells and is very familiar with them.

*Motion that the Board award the construction contract to Widdison Well Services for the CWP Well 14 Treatment Project in an amount not to exceed \$353,070.00 and authorize District officers to execute the contract, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Vincent.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

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OPERATIONS - CHAIR AL MANSELL

*Motion that the Board adopts Resolution 2026-04-02, a Resolution of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District appointing Blake Buehler as the UAMPS member representative, with Paul Pierpont acting as the alternate, made by Trustee Mansell and seconded by Trustee Scott.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

Eli Johnson, Engineering Technician, detailed the major repair on Jordanelle Hydroelectric Power Plant's Unit 2 runner. He outlined the causes and processes of cavitation repair and explained the unforeseen issues that arose while repairing the runner, which increased the project's cost. In response to a question from Trustee Vincent, Eli stated that the power plant has been profitable and will cover the cost of the repair, which is being cost-shared with Heber Light and Power.

*Motion that the Board approve Change Order No. 1 to the repair contract with Chalmers & Kubeck for Jordanelle Hydroelectric Plant, Cavitation Repair on Unit #2 Runner in the amount of \$194,960.00 and authorize District officers to execute the change order, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Mansell and seconded by Trustee Bronson.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

Water Resource Planner Derek Bruton presented a new agreement to supply Vineyard City with 2,000 acre-feet of water, marking the full allocation of the CWP supply (53,306 acre-feet). He reviewed the phased delivery schedule starting at 150 acre-feet in the upcoming fiscal year.

*Motion that the Board approve the FY2026A CWP Water Supply Agreement for 2,000 Acre Feet with Vineyard City, and authorize District officers to execute the agreement, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Mansell and seconded by Trustee Andersen.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

Derek next explained the annual process for setting the District's one-time development fee, annual fee, and prepayment option for CWP water, highlighting demographic data recently released from the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, projecting significant population growth in the District through 2065, especially in Utah County, and discussing the challenges of meeting future water demand through coordinated long-term planning and collaborating with District partners. In response to a question from Trustee Bronson, Derek stated that only Saratoga Springs has used the prepayment option.

*Motion that the Board set the one-time development fee of \$12,290 per acre-foot, the annual fee of \$663 per acre-foot, and the prepayment fee of \$19,209 per acre-foot for fiscal year 2026-2027 made by Trustee Mansell and seconded by Trustee Kenison.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

WATER SUPPLY PLANNING & CUPCA PROGRAMS - CHAIR KIRK L. CHRISTENSEN

Director of Water Policy Jared Hansen stated the Bonneville Unit water supply is a supplemental resource delivered on demand from storage. In wet years, customers may use less than the contract amount; in dry years, customers often may use a small amount more than their allotment, with the yearly average over time not exceeding the customers allotment. Jared noted that the allotment amounts are listed in the Board Packet.

*Motion that the Board set the 2026 Central Utah Project - Bonneville Unit water allotments as listed in the board packet made by Trustee Christensen and seconded by Trustee Bronson.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

Water Resource Planner Rick Maloy stated that Draper Irrigation has a long-term collaboration with Draper Irrigation Company and pursued CUPCA Section 207 funding starting in 2009 for conservation and, later, reuse-water obligations tied to the ULS EIS. The reuse project has largely completed its infrastructure, complied with NEPA requirements (EA completed in 2023), and now has DOI-approved funding mechanisms in place. The District's obligation is to provide up to \$5,248,234.00 in funding for the Jordan Basin Water Reclamation Facility.

*Motion that the Board approve the agreement between Central Utah Water Conservancy District and Draper Irrigation Company for the Jordan Basin Water Reclamation Facility Project and provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$5,248,234.00, and authorize District officers to execute the agreement, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Christensen and seconded by Trustee Mansell.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

Water Resource Planner Gary Brimley presented Amendment #4 to Development Block Notice 1A, which will convert 300 acre-feet of Bonneville Unit project water from agricultural to M&I use in response to growth-related demand. It was noted that similar conversions were approved under Amendments #1 and #2; the request was compiled by Wasatch County Special Service Area #1 from other local entities.

*Motion that the Board approve Amendment 4 to Development Block Notice No. 1A and authorize District officers to execute the amendment, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Christensen and seconded by Trustee Garner.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

Gary next stated that with the approval of the previous item, Amendment 4, the water can be contracted to Wasatch County Special Service Area 1 through a new water sales agreement for 300 acre-feet of CUP Bonneville Unit water converted from agricultural use to M&I use. The agreement makes Wasatch County Special Service Area No. 1 the repayment entity and shifts the customer's payment obligation from agricultural rates to M&I rates (about \$223 per acre-foot) under the updated contract values.

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*Motion that the Board approve the Water Sales Contract among the United States of America, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, and the Wasatch County Special Service Area No. 1, and authorize District officers to execute the agreement, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Christensen and seconded by Trustee Bronson.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

Jared Hanen delivered a water supply report, highlighting record heat, low snowpack, and poor runoff forecasts for 2026, with supporting data and visual comparisons to previous years, and discussed the implications for reservoir storage and wildfire risk.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL, CONSERVATION, & COMMUNICATIONS - CHAIR JENNIFER SCOTT

Committee Chair Scott first mentioned that a clipboard is being sent around for Trustees to sign up for the Utah Water Conservation Forum, being held on May 6.

She then introduced Resolution 2026-04-03, formally acknowledging Utah's ongoing drought, affirming water conservation as a priority, and calling on partners to cooperate in stewardship efforts, with minor clarifications on the resolution number because the agenda had the incorrect Resolution number listed.

*Motion that the Board adopt Resolution 2026-04-02, A Resolution of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District Acknowledging Utah's Ongoing Drought Conditions and Requesting Assistance and Cooperation in Water Stewardship, made by Trustee Scott and seconded by Trustee Loveless.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

#### FINANCE, AUDIT, & BUDGET - CHAIR GREG MCPHIE

Trustee Wells stated that he wanted to clarify what appeared to be a significant over-expenditure item in the report but reflected a system realignment rather than over-expenditure. This clarification was made prior to Committee Chair McPhie making his motion.

*Motion that the Board approve the Financial Reports, as certified by the Chief Financial Officer, for the periods ending February and March 2026. The CUPCA expenditures total \$633,296.60 and \$730,425.08, respectively, and the District expenditures total \$12,370,126.28 and \$11,960,528.56, respectively, made by Trustee McPhie and seconded by Trustee Wells.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

Chair McPhie informed the Board that refunding of the 2016A bonds may be presented for approval at the May meeting, pending further review.

*Motion that the Board approve the amendment to the agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA, for a standby bond purchase agreement associated with the District's 2008 Series B-2 bonds and authorize District officers to execute the amended agreement, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee McPhie and seconded by Trustee Hanberg.*

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Committee Chair McPhie asked that the Trustees review the draft 2026-2027 budgets that they received in their committee meetings and reach out to staff if they had questions.

*Motion that the Board strike Agenda Items 7, 9 & 10 made by Trustee Vincent and seconded by Trustee Andersen.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

*Motion that the Board enter into Closed Session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation made by Trustee Wells and seconded by Trustee McPhie.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

The Board entered Closed Session at 2:57 p.m.

*Motion that the Board enter into Open Session made by Trustee Mansell and seconded by Trustee Garner.*

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; Against: 0; *Motion Passes.*

The Board entered Open Session at 3:26 p.m.

*Trustee Riding moved that the Board adjourn.*

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

  
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Shelley Brennan, Chair

  
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Gene Shawcroft, General Manager

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