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**MINUTES**

***UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY***  
***UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD***

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April 22, 2026

8:30 am Board Meeting

**UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

James Webb  
Michela Harris  
Jill Jones  
Joe Havasi  
Jeannie Simmonds  
Rob Fehr

Tim Davis

**DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY STAFF MEMBERS' PRESENT**

Candice A. Hasenyager  
Clanci Hawks  
Deidre Beck  
Sandy Wingert  
Jacob Ridgway  
Samuel Taylor  
Linsey Shafer  
Danielle Lenz

Emily Cantón  
Christa Hutchison  
Dave Pierson  
Leanna Littler-Woolf  
Lonnie Shull  
Alex Heppner

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Colin Ricks  
Nunjot Nesson  
Joel Thompson  
John Gallaglos  
Ryan Morrill  
Sarah Clancy  
Eric Dixon

Mathew Myers  
Soren Simonsen  
Ashley Peck  
Phillip Heck  
Liz Harris  
Justin Elsner  
Leland Myers

**Mr. Webb called the Meeting to order at 8:30 AM.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Mr. Webb took roll call for the members of the Board.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 25, 2026, Meeting**

**Motion:** Ms. Jones moved to approve the meeting minutes.  
Mr. Havasi seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:**

Mrs. Hasenyager addressed the Board with the following updates:

- Western States Water Council Meeting: Participated in Congressional meet-and-greet alongside State Water Official to discuss Statewide water Issues.
- Bear River Commission Meetings: Held productive interstate discussion in Pocatello. Secured commitment for Idaho & Wyoming to collaborate on Utah's Bear Lake Protection Plan.
- Bear Lake Infrastructure: Reported that a sewer project funding application was prioritized by Congressman Moore's office, with a response pending from Senator's Curtis's office. A regional density study is also planned. Our primary big picture focus remains the necessity of sewer installation on the east side to ensure the long-term protection of Bear Lake.
- Water Environment Association of Utah: DWQ had many successful presentations during the April 13-17, 2026, conference.
- Utah Lake Science Panel: Pivoted the project focus from strict numeric criteria toward targets and a holistic watershed approach. We are making good progress in this area.
- DEQ's Abundance Accelerator Update: DWQ staff are continuing to work on the comprehensive internal review of all division rules, statutes and workflows to improve efficiency.
- EPA Submission: DWQ Submitted the Integrated Report to the EPA.
- Federal Permits: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers posted a Notice of Solicitation of Input on Potential Future Changes to Nationwide Permits (NWPs). NWPs are General Dredge and Fill (Section 404) permits. The posting doesn't identify potential changes but instead identifies topics in which they are soliciting feedback. The DWQ is evaluating and assessing whether they will issue comments in coordination with the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office.

- Personnel: Announcement of the departure of Engineering Section Manager Kan Hoffman, he has moved on to join the Division of Drinking Water and recruitment for his replacement is underway.

**FUNDING:**

**Request for JH Land & Livestock, LLC, Interest Rate Buy Down:**

Ms. Canton introduced a funding request, JH Land & Livestock, LLC. The company holds an ARDL Loan of \$735,000 (15-year term, 2.75% full interest rate) approved by the UCC on March 3, 2026. ARDL staff requested approval on April 16, 2026, for a \$75,000 interest rate buy-down to reduce the rate to 1.375% and waive the 1% administrative fee.

**Motion:** Ms. Jones moved to approve the interest rate buy down with the new dollar amount of \$82,586.64, with the staff recommendations that Land and Livestock, LLC must adhere to the developed nutrient management plan and the final project report with be submitted to DWQ within 90 days of the project completion.  
Ms. Harris seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**RULE MAKING:**

**Initiate Rule Making for the Addendum to the Jordan River Watershed *E.coli* TMDL:**

Mr. Taylor requested preliminary approval of TMDL/Petion to initiate rulemaking.

**Motion:** Mr. Havasi moved to Initiate rulemaking to adopt Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) by reference into R317-1-7 for the Jordan River Watershed *E. Coli* TMDL: 2026 Addendum.  
Ms. Jones seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER:**

1. Unified Water Infrastructure Plan (UWIP) Board Presentation- Presented by the UWIP Team
2. Wastewater Treatment Plant Challenges with PFAS in Biosolids Presentation – Presented by WFWQC
3. Request to Initiate Informal Rulemaking: Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) & Biosolids. – Presented by Leanna Littler-Woolf

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Soren Simonsen, the executive Director of the Jordan River Commission Watershed Council, thanked the Division of Water Quality with their efforts to help with the Jordan River Watershed and Addendum to the rule making for the *E.coli* TMDL and a thank you to everyone that is helping to make improvements to address those contaminations.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Ms. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Mr. Havasi seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

The full recording of April 22, 2026, Water Quality Board Meeting may be viewed here [Google Meet](#)

**Next Meeting – May 27, 2026**  
**Meeting begins at 8:30 am**

**In-Person**  
**MASOB**  
**195 North 1950 West**  
**Board Room 1015**  
**Salt Lake City, Utah 84116**

*James Webb* 06/03/2026

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James Webb, Chair  
Utah Water Quality Board