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**MINUTES**

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

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and

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May 27, 2026

8:30 am Board Meeting

**UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

James Webb  
Trevor Heaton  
Michela Harris  
Joe Havasi  
Jeannie Simmonds  
Tim Davis

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

Candice A. Hasenyager	Emily Cantón	Christa Huchison
Clanci Hawks	Christa Hutchison	George Meados
Deidre Beck	Dave Pierson	Brendon Quirk
Sandy Wingert	Leanna Littler-Woolf	John Schwarz
Jacob Ridgway	Lonnie Shull	Jeff Studenka
Samuel Taylor	Alex Heppner	Katie Garth
Linsey Shafer	Tessa Sceuer	Jodi Gardbert
Danielle Lenz	Jake Vander Laan	Skyler Davies
Samantha Heusser	Ben Holcomb	James House
Adriana Hernandez		

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Areil Calmes	Max Covey
Chad Burrell	Lily Bosworth
Eric Sorensen	Jeff Beckham
Nate Rogers	James Goodley
Trevor Lindley	Kyle Thompson
Rob Dubuc	

**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 – April 22, 2026, Meeting**

**Motion:** Ms. Simmonds moved to approve the meeting minutes.  
Ms. Harris seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:**

Mrs. Hasenyager addressed the Board with the following updates:

- Last week was Interim Week, and the committee released its latest study report items for legislative review.
- Key Item outlines the usage and implementation of retention and detention basins. This specific topic is slated for further evaluation and is expected to return to the legislature in the upcoming session.
- Statewide Drought Emergency and Water Infrastructure, the Governor issued an official Statewide Drought Emergency Declaration. All 29 counties are experiencing drought conditions, with 22 counties classified as extreme drought. Snowpack status levels hit the lowest on record since the 1930s. The snowpack peaked three weeks early, significantly condensing the State's traditional spring runoff.
- The Utah Lake Science Panel meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2026, the meeting will include a decision to approve the Technical Support Document and rolled-up targets.
- EPA Region 8 TMDL Workshop was hosted by DWQ in Salt Lake City the week of May 12<sup>th</sup>, and a kickoff meeting for a work group regarding POS and biosolids is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>, with Board Members Joe Havasi and Jill Jones volunteering to participate.
- The 2026 Addendum to the Jordan River Watershed E. coli TMDL is currently open for public comment, the review period concludes on June 6, 2026.
- The leadership title within the Department of Environmental Quality has officially transitioned from Executive Director to Commissioner.

**Wastewater Certification Program:**

**Presentation of the Utah Wastewater Operator Certification Programs**

**2025 Annual Report:**

Mr. Burrell presented the report, noting that a new test implemented in 2025 resulted in a 71% average pass rate.

This change is attributed to weighted question scaling, which more accurately measures operator knowledge. The Council has executed a contract to update the database, which will improve tracking and renewal efficiency.

**Compliance & Enforcement:**

**Request for Approval of Settlement Docket No. I25-01 for Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Company, LLC.:**

Mr. Castejon presented a request for approval of a settlement regarding civil penalties for Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Company.

**Motion:** Mr. Heaton moved to approve the settlement as stated in the packet.  
Ms. Harris seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER:**

**Requests for Designated Use and Antidegradation Reclassifications:**

**Weber River, Middle Provo River and Deer Creek Reservoir:** Mr. Vander Laan presented requests to classify areas of the Weber River as a drinking water source and to upgrade the anti-degradation category of the Middle Provo River and Deer Creek Reservoir to category 2. The board directed the Division to create a work group to gather more information including maps, data on existing water quality and input from existing permitted discharges before proceeding further. No motion was required.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

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

The full recording of the May 27, 2026, Water Quality Board Meeting may be viewed here [Google Meet](#)

**Next Meeting – June 24, 2026**  
**Meeting begins at 8:30 am**

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

  
Trevor Heaton (Jun 24, 2026 13:05:37 MDT)

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Trevor Heaton, Vice Chair  
Utah Water Quality Board