



Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, June 4, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Meeting Location:

Education Center at Conservation Garden Park
Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
8275 South 1300 West
West Jordan, UT 84088

In accordance with state statute and the adopted electronic meeting policy, Governing Board members, invited guests, visitors, and other participants may join the meeting virtually using the following access information.

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AGENDA

*****Please note: start times for agenda items are approximate.*****

1. Governing Board Welcome, Roll Call & Introductions

~ 10:00 AM

- a. Welcome Jordan River Commission Governing Board Members, and other meeting participants present in person and online.

Governing Board representatives, guests, and visitors, please use this link or QR code to record attendance — [Governing Board Meeting Attendance Record](#)



- b. Introduction of New Governing Board Representatives

1) New Representatives

- a) Saratoga Springs – Councilmember Robert Taylor
- b) West Valley City – Councilmember Tom Huynh
- c) Others

2. Public Comments

This is an opportunity for members of the general public to provide comments to the Governing Board. Comments will be limited to two minutes per speaker, and the entire public comment period is limited to ten minutes.

- a. Review Recent Written Comments Received

3. Presentations & Discussion

~ 10:15 AM

- a. Department of Natural Resources Partnerships & Programs Updates (30 minutes) : Staff from the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands will share an informational presentation and discussion of numerous partnerships and programs connected with the Jordan River and Commission through the Utah Department of Natural Resources:
 - 1) Emma Whitaker, Lands Operations Manager
 - 2) Emily Andrea, Lands Program Manager - Utah Lake & Jordan River
 - 3) Keith Hambrecht, State Lands Restoration Program Manager
 - 4) Jens Ammon, Jordan River Restoration Coordinator
- b. Jordan River Parkway Design & Public Safety Guidelines Draft Review & Discussion (20 minutes) : Soren Simonsen, Executive Director of the Jordan River Commission, will share an overview of a draft design and public safety guidelines document for the Jordan River Parkway, developed by the Technical Advisory Committee and Commission Staff, and solicit feedback from the Governing Board over the next month.
- c. State & Federal Legislative Updates (10 minutes) : Soren Simonsen, Executive Director of the Jordan River Commission, will provide an update of recent and current legislative activity:
 - 1) 2026 General Session & Interim Committee Updates
 - 2) 119th Congress
 - 3) Other State and Federal Funding Legislation, and Related Programs and Opportunities
 - 4) U.S. Congressional District Boundary Updates – expanded federal representation of the Jordan River area

Notes:

4. Commission Business

~ 11:15 AM

- a. [Written Report] Adopted Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, Fees Schedule & Legislative Appropriation Recommendations
- b. [Postponed] Meeting Minutes Adoption :
 - 1) February 5, 2026
 - 2) April 2, 2026
- c. [Written Report] Annual Fraud Risk Prevention Assessment
- d. Event Advisory Committee Update : India Nielsen, Event Advisory Committee Chair, will introduce herself as the new Chair, and provide a brief update of recent Committee activity and business.
- e. [Action Item] Ex-Officio Partner Organization Board & Watershed Council Reappointments : Consider reappointing the following partner organizations and Ex-Officio Representatives to the Jordan River Commission Governing Board and Jordan River Watershed Council for two-year terms:
 - 1) Larry H. Miller Company – Amanda Covington, Representative
 - 2) National Audubon Society – Heidi Hoven, PhD, Representative

- 3) Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation – Councilmember Brad Perry, Vice Chair, Representative
 - 4) Rocky Mountain Power – Brad Knoles, Representative
 - 5) Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities – Laura Briefer, Representative
 - 6) Utah Reclamation, Mitigation & Conservation Commission – Michael Mills, Representative
 - 7) Utah Fairpark Authority – Larry Mullenax, Representative
- f. **[Action Item] Commission Treasurer Reappointment** : Consider reappointing Travis Kartchner, CPA, as Commission Treasurer for a two-year term.
- g. **Commission Staff Reports** :
- 1) Rachel Lyn, Communications & Outreach Manager
 - 2) Caroline Johnston, Event & Volunteer Coordinator
- h. **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**
- 1) Tentative July Watershed Council Meeting – date TBD (please complete the survey at <https://forms.gle/3NhrCUTLA4K6PEYZA>)
 - 2) Regular Governing Board Meeting – Thursday, August 6, 2026, 10:00 AM
 - 3) Regular Watershed Council meeting – Thursday, September 3, 2026, 10:00 AM
 - 4) Fall Commission & Watershed Council Field Trip (Get to the River Festival Activity) – Thursday, September 3, 2026, following the Watershed Council meeting : tentative visit to the Utah Pollinator Habitat Program Greenhouses at the Utah State Prison in Salt Lake City

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5. Director’s Report (as time permits)

~ 11:45 AM

- a. **Commission Staffing**
 - 1) New & Upcoming Team Member Announcements
 - 2) Discuss Potential Development Director Position
- b. **Upcoming Events & Activities**
 - 1) Jordan River e.Coli TMDL Public Comment (closes June 16) – <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWAvVnvtbZiN81l7pEDUJujog4ODKjSYYLqE-XTt5QgXEWOA/viewform>
 - 2) Utah Lake Access Survey by Utah Lake Authority (closes June 19) – <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/572074319e8a4646accf4dffa3920c9d>
 - 3) Day of Service Opportunities to “Love Your Watershed”
 - a) Independence Day (America 250) – July 4, 2026
 - b) 9-11 Day of Service (25th Anniversary) – September 11, 2026
 - c) Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Day of Service – January 18, 2027
 - d) Earth Day – April 22, 2027
- c. **Grants & Funding**
- d. **News & Media**
 - 1) Upcoming Media Opportunities – Days of Service “Love Your Watershed” Outreach
 - a) Late June : Independence Day – America 250 Celebration Year of Service Opportunities Kickoff
 - b) Late August (24 or 27) – Festival Kickoff and Mayor’s “Day of Service Challenge”

Notes:

6. Adjourn

~ 12:00 PM

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