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Jordan River Watershed Council Meeting

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Plan

Great Salt Lake, April 2023

2026 State Water Plan

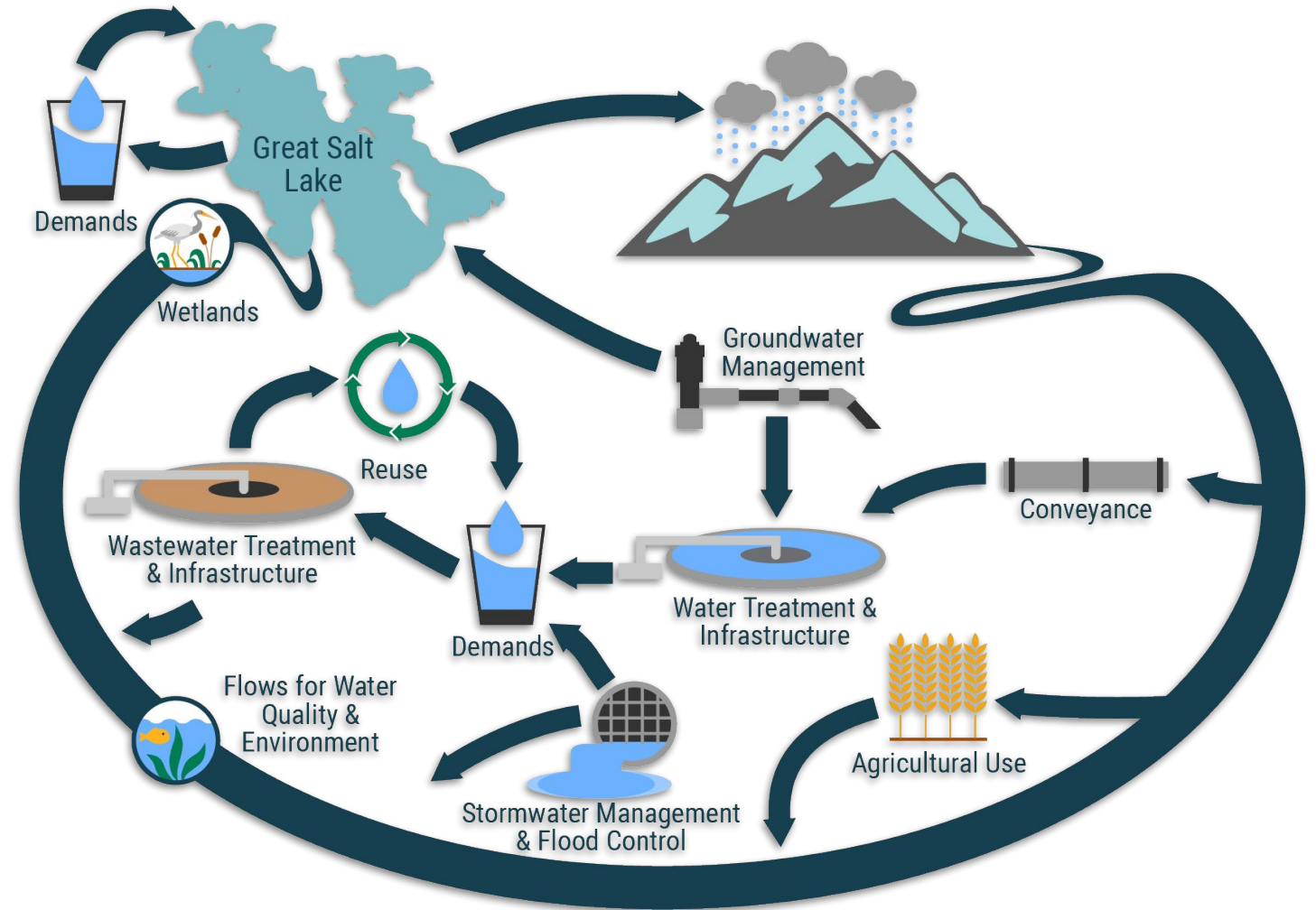
- 11 “Water Talks” held around the state helped the division gain public perspectives and insights
- 2026 State Water Plan public review draft to be released July 21st
- State Water Plan virtual Open House July 30th at 6:30pm
- Published by end of December 2026



Great Salt Lake Basin Integrated Plan



Great Salt Lake Basin
Integrated Plan



Watershed Councils

- 13 councils discuss local water issues throughout the state
- Councils play an important role in developing the 2026 State Water Plan



Conserve

Utah home with waterwise landscaping



Landscape Incentive Program

- Over 3 million square feet of grass replaced using division and water district funds
- A waterwise landscape uses about two-thirds less water than a traditional landscape
- Partnerships with water conservancy districts
- Information & application: SlowTheFlow.org



Courtesy: JVVCD



Water Efficiency Standards

- 80 eligible locations (this includes counties and unincorporated areas that have adopted standards)
- 65% of Utahns live in an area with water-efficiency standards



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- Approximately 40,000 rebates for toilet replacements and smart controllers have been awarded since 2018
- Rebates and incentives can be found at SlowTheFlow.org



Technical Support and Grants for Communities

- Transparent water billing
- Growing Water Smart program
- Water use preservation element



Secondary Meters

- Board of Water Resources has contracted the full \$265 million in ARPA funds for secondary meters and spent \$192 million
- Water providers have installed 127,000 secondary meters since 2022
- The division anticipates an additional 35,000 meters will be installed by the end of 2026



Secondary meter installation - Heber City



An aerial photograph of the Millsite Dam and its reservoir. The dam is a large, curved concrete structure with a spillway on the left. The reservoir is filled with water, reflecting the surrounding landscape. In the foreground, there is a concrete structure with three large, triangular openings. The background features a massive, layered mountain range under a clear blue sky. The word "Develop" is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

Develop

Millsite Dam, December 2023

Board of Water Resources



Water Infrastructure Need in Utah by 2060

- \$38.2 billion in drinking water projects
- \$15 billion in water quality projects
- \$6 billion for irrigation and canal projects

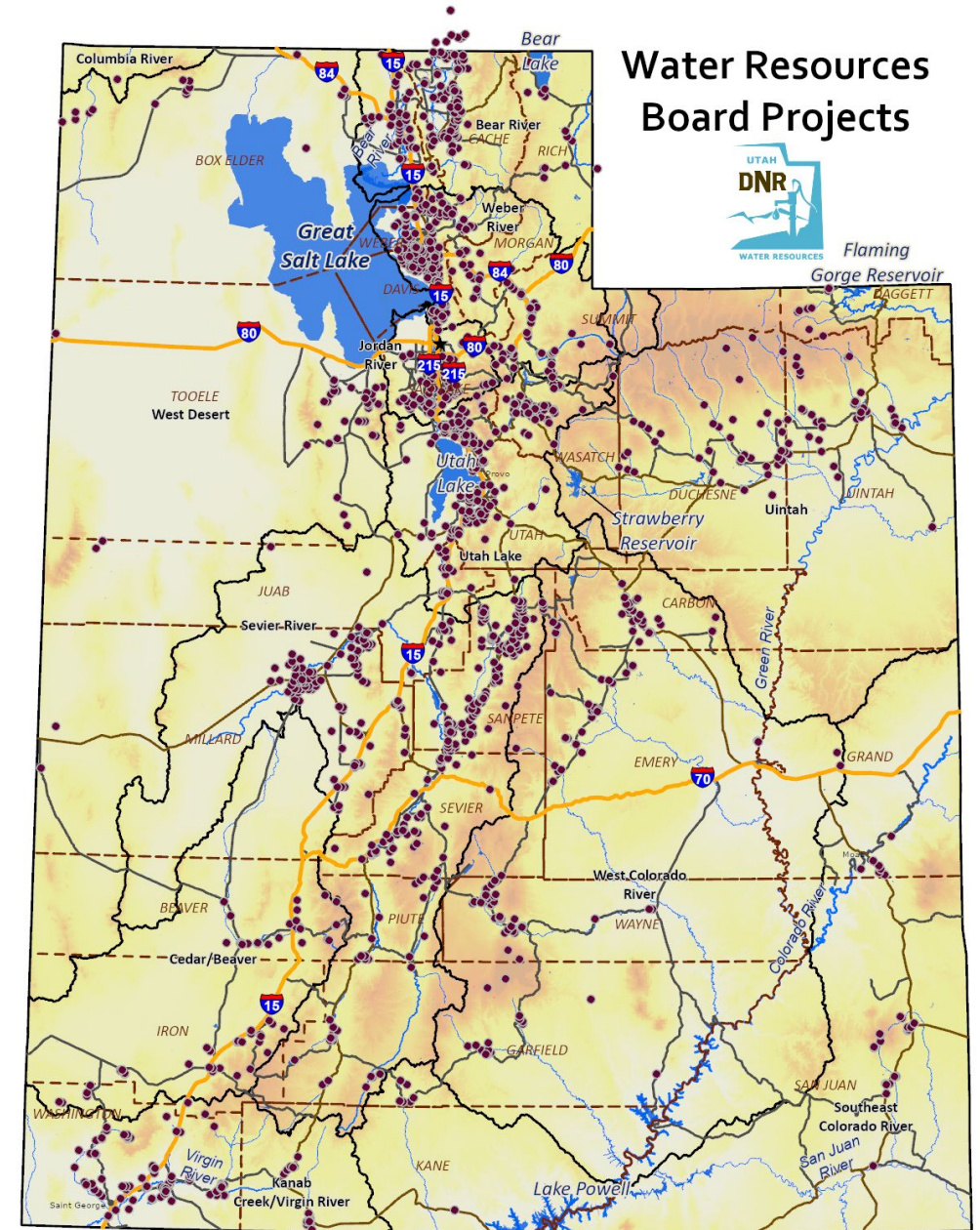


Frog Hollow Detention Basin



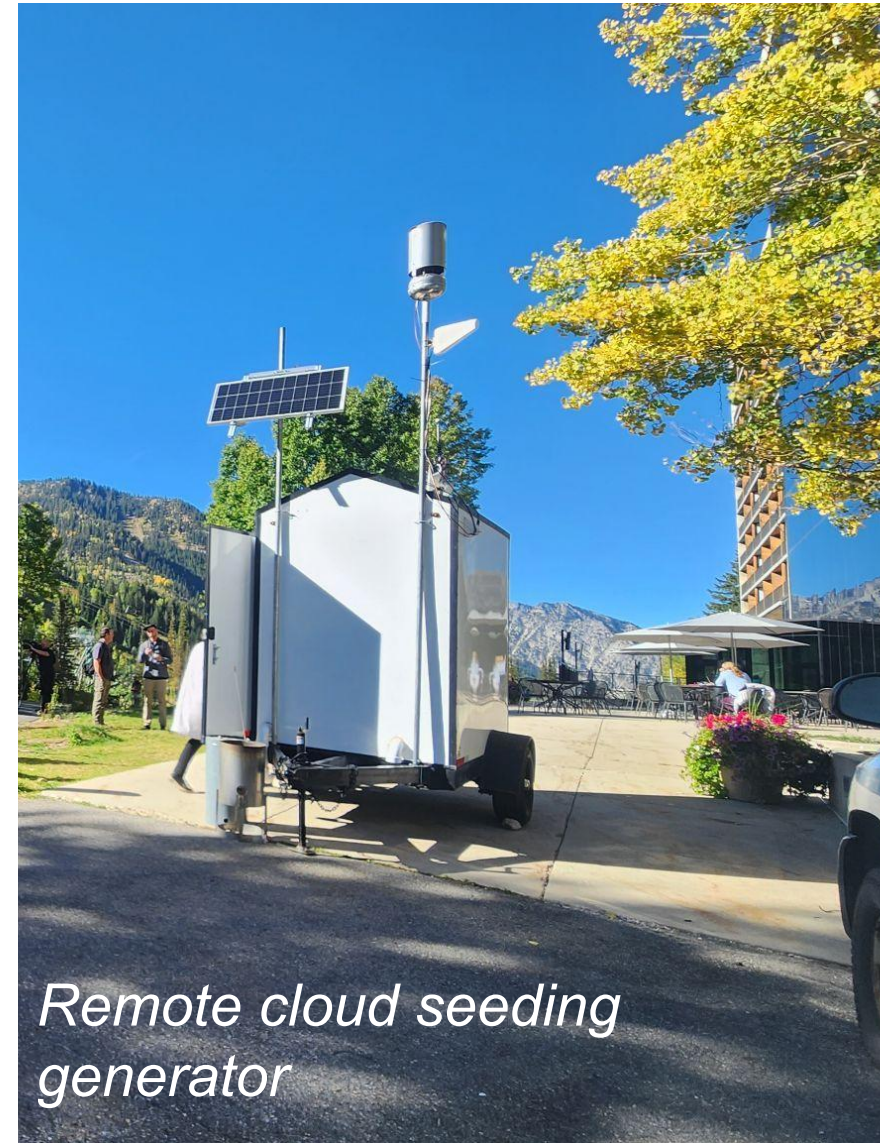
Board Funding

- 2 revolving funds
- Around 1,700 projects funded since 1947
- Total value of over \$3.4 billion
- FY 2025 - funded projects totaling \$134 million
- Projects include dams, irrigation, drinking water and secondary water projects



Cloud Seeding

- Appropriations to expand cloud seeding
 - \$12 million one-time
 - \$5 million ongoing
- 187 remotely operated ground-based generators have replaced all manually operated ones
- Studying new areas to cloud seed
- Full-time meteorologist oversees the program



Remote cloud seeding generator



An aerial photograph of a vast, deep canyon with a winding river at the bottom. The canyon walls are composed of layered red and brown rock formations. The river is a dark, winding line through the center of the canyon. The sky is clear and blue.

Protect

Dead Horse State Park

Dam Safety

- Around 100 high hazard dams still need upgrades
- At current funding (\$3.8 million annually), the division estimates 110 years to bring all dams up to minimum safety standards
- The additional \$6.2 million per year will cut that time in half
- 2015, 2019, 2022, 2024 Legislatures provided a total \$62.4M in one-time funds for large dam projects

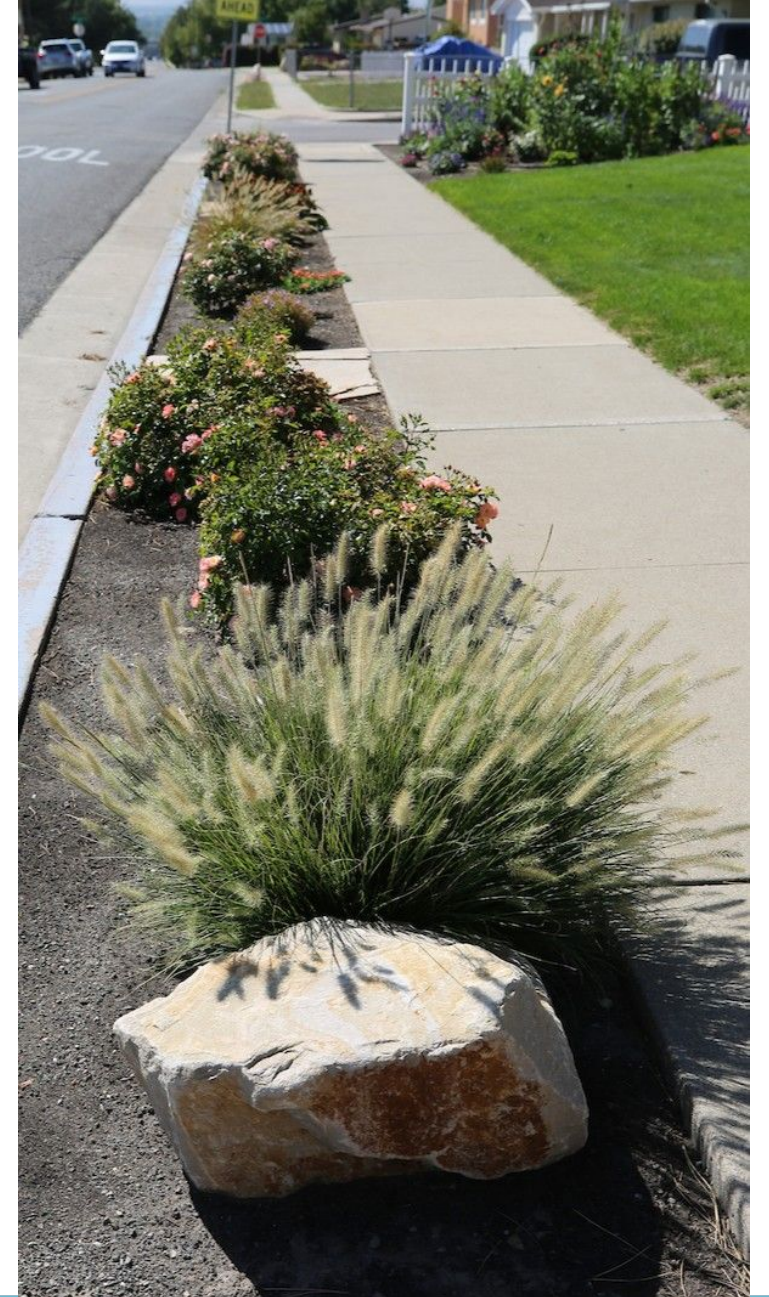


Millsite Dam



Looking to the Future

- Water Data Modernization
 - Developing long term solutions for centralizing and sharing Utah's water data
 - Improved water data for more informed decision making
- Building Waterwise Communities
 - How we grow matters
 - Water wise landscapes can allow us to grow without increasing our water demand



The Division of Water Resources

Planning Utah's water future

Conserving water for tomorrow

Developing critical water infrastructure

Protecting a life-sustaining resource



Kents Lake Reservoir



Thank you.

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