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

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August 26, 2026

8:30 am Board Meeting

UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jill Jones
Tim Davis
Trevor Heaton
Joe Havasi
Jeannie Simmonds
Rob Fehr

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY STAFF MEMBERS' PRESENT

Candice Hasenyager	Cambria Linville	Allie Rockhill
Paul Burnett	Emma Rodgers	Geoge Meadows
Eric Castrejon	Lonnie Shull	Skyler Davies
Jodi Gardberg	Sandy Wingert	Henry Willmes
Katie Garth	Porter Henze	Amber Loveland
Daniel Griffin	Ally Mars	Samantha Heusser
Jeff Komel	Samuel Taylor	John Schwarz
Andrew Pompeo	Clanci Hawks	Ben Holcomb
Harry Campbell		

OTHERS PRESENT

Leland Myers
Gary Vance
Haley Sousa
Curtis Nelson
Justin A.

Mr. Heaton called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Heaton took roll call for the members of the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 24, 2026, Meeting

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

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:

Director Hasenyager addressed the Board with the following updates:

- **Legislative Interim Week Updates**
 - Commissioner Davis presented updates on the permitting process to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality (NRAE) Appropriations Subcommittee.
 - Commissioner Davis also presented on Data Center Policy to the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee.
 - Director Hasenyager presented an overview of the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) permitting process for data centers to the NRAE Interim Committee. She noted that the Department engaged M3 to review the various permitting pathways, resulting in a comprehensive fact sheet. This document is available and can be shared with the Board upon request.
- **Tooele Valley Public Infrastructure District UPDES Permit Public Hearing**
 - A public hearing was held on July 27th at 6:00 pm.
 - Ms. Hasenyager extended special thanks to Joe Havasi for serving as the Hearing Officer, as well as to all supporting staff.
 - The hearing recorded 106 physical sign-ins and peaked at 130 online participants. The Division received 46 verbal comments at the hearing and a total of 668 unique email submissions.
- **404 Feasibility Study**
 - The Request for Proposals (RFP) officially closed last week. The Division aims to award the contract quickly, with the goal of having critical sections completed prior to the upcoming legislative session.
- **Utah Hosting Upcoming Events & Conferences (September)**
 - State/EPA Water Directors Meeting
 - Region 8 (R8) Water Quality Standards Meeting
 - Region 8 (R8) Nonpoint Source (NPS) Meeting
- **Personnel and Staffing Changes**
 - Jacob Vanderlann has accepted the offer for DWQ's third Deputy Director. Jake will oversee the Standards and Technical Services, Watershed Protection, and Monitoring sections.
 - Emily Cantón will now be overseeing the Engineering section.
 - Ben Holcomb, Section Manager for Standards and Technical Services, introduced a new Water Quality Recreational Health Coordinator, Ally Mars.

- Deidre Beck, Section Manager for Groundwater Permitting section, introduced a new Environmental Scientist and Permit Writer, Emma Rodgers.

Compliance and Enforcement:

Request for Approval of Settlement Docket No. I24.08, Schreiber Foods, Inc.:

Ms. Loveland requested Board approval regarding unpermitted discharges from Amalga Cheese Plant in the amount of \$75,364.50.

Motion: Ms. Jones moved to approve the settlement in the amount of \$75,364.50.
Mr. Havasi seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Funding:

Financial Status Report: Ms. Hutchison presented the Financial Status Report to the Board.

Mount Pleasant City Introduction: Mr. Willmes introduced a request for \$2.116 million for aeration upgrades to their existing wastewater lagoon system to accommodate growth and improve odor control.

Town of Fountain Green Request for a Design Advance: Mr. Pompeo requested Board authorization for a Design Advance for the Town of Fountain Green in the amount of \$115,000.

Motion: Ms. Jones moved to authorize the funding request in the amount of \$115,000 as recommended by staff.
Ms. Simmonds seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Fillmore City Introduction: Mr. Pompeo introduced a request for \$4.773 million for lagoon treatment system improvements, including a new primary lagoon and headworks.

Bear Lake Special Services Introduction: Mr. Meados introduced a request for \$3 million for extending sewer lines on the east side of Bear Lake to protect the lake from septic system impacts.

Other:

Update of PFAS in Biosolids Workgroup: Mr. Harris provided an update on a PFAS in Biosolids Workgroup, which is shifting toward a more flexible guidance document approach rather than fixed thresholds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A public comment was provided by Soren Simmonson with the Jordan River Commission regarding PFAS and the potential need to investigate impacts on downstream waters and food chains.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting.
Ms. Simmonds seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

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The full recording of August 26, 2026, Water Quality Board Meeting may be viewed here [August Meeting Recording](#)

Next Meeting – September 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 (Sep 28, 2026 17:19:50 MDT)

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Trevor Heaton, Vice Chair
Utah Water Quality Board