

Weber River Watershed Council & Weber River Partnership Meeting

September 8, 2026

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees- Adam Wickline, Yaeko Bryner, Jessica Reynolds, McKinley Smoot, Carly Payne, Rick Smith, Diego Schillaci, Nik King, Anna Zack, David Larsen, Steve Jones, Easton Hopkins, Darren Hess

Remote- Christine Osborne, Eric McCulley, Mike Luers, Rich Hansen, Olga Isupov, Emily Bishop, Les Vierra, Tanner Cox, Clint Brunson, Dawna Zukirma, Jess Kirby, Lily Wetterlin, Melissa Noble, Ariana Mason, Merrick Matyjasik, Cody Edwards

APPROVE EACH MEETINGS PREVIOUS MINUTES

- WRWC
 - 1st Motion- Rick Smith
 - 2nd Motion- David Larsen
- WRP- previous meeting minutes currently not available, will be approved at next Partnership meeting

VOTE IN REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

- Kate Sattelmeier will be replaced by **Diego Schillaci** from Summit Land Conservancy as voting member on Council
- Carla Trentleman will be replaced by **Yaeko Bryner** representing Friends of the Great Salt
- Les Vierra- Ogden Valley
 - Represented interest- Ogden Valley City, Ogden River Watershed, Ogden Valley Action Group
 - Representation as Community
- Replacement Members Approvals
 - 1st Motion- Darren Hess
 - 2nd Motion- Mike Luers

REVIEW WRWC LIST

- Replacement members reviewed
 - Wes Siddoway- remove
 - Logan Wilde- Darren will see if he's still interested
 - Cody Zesiger- Maggie Matthews replaced at USU Extension (Weber, Davis, Morgan)
 - Doug Evans- remove
 - Wendy Peterman- previous Summit County employee
 - Kenny McFarland (to replace Ron Gibson)- remove

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS FOR VICE CHAIR

- Council & Partnership still both without Vice Chair
 - Partnership Vice Chair Responsibilities
 - Run meetings in Chair's absence
 - To replace Chair in a few years
 - Help with planning & organization
 - Yaeko nominated Anna Zack & accepted
 - 1st Motion- Dawna Zukirmi
 - 2nd Motion- Yaeko Bryner
 - Unanimous from those in attendance
 - Council Vice Chair Responsibilities
 - Low pressure
 - Not a lot of time commitment
 - Does not necessarily replace the Chair
 - Helps with agenda planning
 - Dawna nominated Diego Schillaci & accepted
 - 1st Motion- Dawna Zukimri
 - 2nd Motion- Yaeko Bryner
 - Unanimous from those in attendance

HAFB WATER RESILIENCE STUDY- Easton Hopkins- Hansen, Allen, & Luce

- GSL Sentinel Landscape
- Conservation study with Utah Water Resources
- Objective
 - Increase resilience of HAFB and provide reliable water supply
 - Surrounding region protected
 - Goal of the study is to increase the resilience of HAFB and provide a reliable water supply to support operations, safeguard the riparian buffer, and ensure long-term sustainability.
- Study area
 - Stakeholder Meeting
 - October 7th at Weber Basin Water Conservancy District 10:00am-12noon
 - Purpose- present study findings and work with key stakeholders to develop the facts and information needed to guide next steps
 - Sentinel Landscape designation under Department of War to ensure areas around military installations are clean, safe, helping the community-collaborative effort.
 - Steps-
 - Initial Assessment
 - Implementation Strategy
 - Includes area from Willard Bay to Farmington
 - Weber-Delta groundwater boundary
 - Hydrogeologic boundary
 - Groundwater
 - Surface Water
 - This study does not include the Wasatch Back (study being done by others)
- Initial Mass Balance- Supply & Demand

- Groundwater
 - Surface Water
 - Irrigation Water
 - Drinking Water Use
 - Loss
 - Agricultural Demand
 - M&I Outdoor Demand
 - M&I Indoor Demand
 - Includes depletion, precipitation, evaporation- any type of loss
 - Shows preliminary findings of average data
- Water Supply
 - Safe yield
 - Well Discharge
 - Annual Recharge
 - Surface Water
 - Groundwater
 - Treat like a large reservoir & manage together to know how much water capacity is being used/not used
 - Water Rights amounts
- Recommendations on Potential Options to Preserve the Water Supply (need to all work together), Consider all Components:
 1. Water Conservation
 - Most Efficient (focused most on outdoor irrigation)
 - Turf Conversion
 - Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers
 - Landscape Irrigation Audits
 - Secondary Meters
 - Allotment-Based Tiered Rates
 2. Groundwater Recharge
 - Treat Surface Water
 3. Groundwater Management Program
 - Lots of systems are looking to develop more groundwater supply & working together to work on options/solutions
 4. Agricultural Optimization
 - Conservation Programs
 - Wheel-line to pivot LESA and LEPA
 - MESA to LESA
 - Wheel-line to SDI
 - Alfalfa to Winter Wheat
 - Alfalfa to Corn
 5. Phragmites Removal
 6. Storm Drain Optimization
 - Where water goes with different storm drain infrastructure
 - With LID (low impact development)
 - No storm drain or LID- no runoff, most evaporates
 - LID- able to capture quite a bit of runoff

- In the valley floor, most of the water evaporates almost instantly
- As development happens, water becomes more concentrated
- LID helps to clean the water before it goes back into the natural waterways
- Do our part to reduce depletion

7. Education

- Next Steps-
 - Receive feedback on the proposed recommendations
 - Prepare for stakeholder meeting

WATER QUALITY- Darren Hess

- Rocky Canyon Fire- turbidity typical around 10ntu, the microbursts maxed out at 4400ntu coming into treatment plant
 - Flows coming down with wildfire and rainstorms some taste & odor issues
 - Able to treat the water
 - Began in East Canyon Creek to Henefer side, below the dam

OGDEN VALLEY'S HARVEST FESTIVAL- Jessica Reynolds

- Tabling event volunteers for events
 - September 19- Ogden Nature Center
 - October 3- Argyle Acres
- weberriverpartnership.org now up and running
 - Collaborative Community Calendar

VOTE ON CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST POLICY- Adam Wickline

- Found here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/16zxHLNQ3xew_46Mil8-GRB9otA7MP91UvbrgtliXZqE/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.qqsvfgqd6u72)
- Adoption
 - 1st Motion- Yaeko Bryner
 - 2nd Motion- Dawna Zukirmi

DISCUSSION- Adam Wickline

- Confluence speakers around the Weber Basin water supply (groundwater, surface water, etc)
 - Panel discussion
 - Rep from WBWCD, groundwater expert, snow, etc
 - Suggestions to have on panel- Ogden City, Kamas Valley, Summit County (Andy Garland/Mountain Regional Water), Water Resources

WRWC UPDATED BYLAWS- Carly Payne

- Changes made in Section 3 and 7
 - Member selection- change to ONE individual nomination when filling a vacant seat on the Council
 - Approve Section 3
 - 1st Motion- David Larsen
 - 2nd Motion- Rick Smith
 - Section 7 moved for discussion at next meeting

CONCLUSION

- WRP Next Meeting- October 13th, 9:00am, virtual only
- WRWC/WRP Next Meeting- November 10th, 9:00am at Weber Basin Water