
Meeting Chair: Mayor Brett Anderson

Members present:

Mayor Kate Bradshaw, Bountiful
Mayor Marie Dougherty, Clinton
Mayor Tamara Tran, Kaysville
Mayor Jeanne Groberg, Fruit Heights
Mayor Rod Westbroek, South Weber
Mayor Scott Wiggill, Sunset
Mayor Ken Romney, West Bountiful
Mayor Dave Maughan, Syracuse
Mayor Brian Horrocks, North Salt Lake
Mayor Ryan Westergard, Woods Cross
Mayor Joy Petro, Layton
Commissioner John Crofts, Davis County

Kristen Hogan, Davis School Board
Colonel Cornelius, HAFB
Angie Osguthrope, Davis Chamber

Staff present:

Kent Andersen, DC CED
Alex Leonardi, DC CED

1. **Welcome to COG – Chair Mayor Brett Anderson**

Mayor Anderson welcomed everyone and assigned the prayer and pledge.

1.1 Prayer: Mayor Joy Petro

1.2 Pledge: Mayor Brett Anderson

2. **Business/Action Items**

2.1 March COG minutes approval

Motion: A motion to approve the March meeting minutes was made by Mayor Tami Tran and seconded by Mayor Jeanne Groberg. The motion passed with the attendees in favor.

3. **Presentations/Informational Items**

3.1 Transit Innovation Grants: Jim Golden, Transit Division Director at the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), introduced House Bill 430, a 2024 legislative act creating transit innovation grants. The program helps high-growth areas implement pilot transit services, such as shuttles, to demonstrate demand to the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for potential future route incorporation.

- **Funding Sources:** Three primary sources fund the grants — UTA's portion of the fourth-quarter sales tax (about \$7 million annually), the fifth-quarter sales tax for Salt Lake County (up to \$3 million, one-time money), and the Transportation Investment Fund (requires the standard 70/30 match and must be on the prioritized list).
- **Eligibility:** Projects focus on municipalities where historical and projected growth rates exceed those of their home county. Davis County has seven eligible communities. Screening criteria include a project description, operation and maintenance plans, area maps, implementation timelines, and integration with local transit plans.

- **Evaluation Metrics:** Applications are scored across five equally weighted areas (20% each): population density, employment density, opportunity cost and ridership potential, financial commitment from the city, and project innovation. Innovative projects, such as automated shuttles, score higher.
- **Timeline:** UDOT will present the criteria to the Transportation Commission, followed by training sessions for local communities in June. Applications open July 1st for a two-month period, with project evaluation in September and final recommendations to the commission in November.
- **Collaboration:** Neighboring cities may combine their applications to maximize economies of scale and reach, though individual grant caps of \$3 million and three-year durations likely still apply.

3.2 Weber Basin Water Conservancy District: Scott and Jon of the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District provided an overview of operations covering Davis, Weber, Summit, Morgan, and parts of Box Elder counties — serving over 700,000 people and delivering 260,000 acre-feet of water annually. Reservoirs are currently at about 67% capacity..

- **Drought Response:** The district is implementing a Level 3 moderate drought response: a 20% reduction in contracts for secondary irrigation with an early irrigation start May 15th and early shutdown in early October.
- **Resident Expectations:** Residents should not water more than three days per week in July and August. Pine View is in relatively good shape at 90% capacity, though recent precipitation reflects reliance on rain rather than snowpack.
- **Conservation Goals:** Efforts align with the state's 2018 regional conservation goals. The district advocates for regional consistency in how water is valued, suggesting local agencies set thresholds and design criteria — particularly for large industrial or residential developments.
- **Water Conservation Portal:** A digital portal provides real-time data refreshed every four hours. About 80% of retail secondary connection customers have signed up, with 50–60% actively tracking usage, setting leak alerts, and monitoring allocations.
- **Communication:** Shifting from mailers to text and email alerts has improved efficiency, enabling individualized notices (e.g., leaks or high usage) that drive better engagement than generic announcements.
- **Landscape Lawn Exchange:** Interest has grown sharply, with 238 applications in April 2026. Minimum criteria such as 35% plant coverage apply; cities are encouraged to coordinate standards to avoid heat-island issues from improper conversion to gravel.
- **Future Billing Mandate:** Under House Bill 274, the district must bill based on water use by 2030. It plans to work with culinary providers on tiered rate structures that prevent users from switching sources to avoid higher costs.
- **Warm-Season Grass Pilots:** Pilots of warm-season grasses such as hybrid Bermuda show a 60–70% reduction in water use versus Kentucky Bluegrass; they go dormant earlier but offer significant long-term savings.
- **Sustainable Growth:** With only about 10,000 acre-feet of supply remaining and major developments planned, current per-capita use of 250 gallons is unsustainable. New landscaping and industrial water-recycling standards are needed to support economic goals within supply limits.
- **Regional Water Projects:** Securing federal and state support for projects like the Bear River project and White Valley Reservoir is difficult given the current legislative focus on the Great Salt Lake.

3.3 Hill Air Force Base Update: Colonel Cornelius provided an update on Hill Air Force Base.

- **Noise & Squadron Deployment:** Residents should notice fewer noise complaints from flyovers and sonic booms due to the current deployment cycle of the base's three fighter squadrons (one away, one returning, one preparing to depart). Operations in other areas of the base are surging to record levels.
- **Munitions Operations:** The munitions storage area is operating at a record pace with 4,600 munitions on-site. Shipping output rose to 1,220 pallets this year versus 600 last year, a significant portion being 2,000-pound bunker busters currently in use.

- **Threat Assessment & Personnel Welfare:** Airmen face direct threats from ballistic missiles and drones rather than traditional rockets and mortars. Leadership raised concerns about potential mass-casualty events and the medical system's capacity for associated trauma. Eighteen airmen have returned home early due to non-visible issues, including mental-health challenges and difficulty continuing duties while spouses remained deployed.
- **Air Show Cancellation:** The base's air show was canceled because personnel needed to execute it were deployed, straining security resources. The base could not guarantee military aircraft, and logistics raised concerns about public proximity to moving munitions.

Motion to adjourn: Mayor Anderson, Seconded by Mayor Tran, All in Favor.

The next meeting is June 10th, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Future Agenda Items: Send future agenda items and any handouts to Alex Leonardi at aleonardi@daviscountyutah.gov. *Items must be received at least one week prior to the meeting.*

Next COG Meeting

- June 10th
- September 9th
- October 14th