

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026, AT 1:00 PM AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, OREM, UTAH.

PUBLIC HEARING

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Shelley Brennan, Chair
Greg McPhie, Vice Chair
Wayne Andersen
Kevin J. Anderson
Jon Bronson

Kirk Christensen
Steve Farrell
Wade E. Garner
Steve Hanberg
Marvin Kenison

L. Alma Mansell
Jim Riding
Jennifer Scott
Randy Vincent
Brad Wells

TRUSTEES EXCUSED

Max Haslem

Kathy Wood Loveless

Finance, Audit, & Budget Committee Chair Jon Bronson called the public hearing to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed those present. He stated that he had been asked to conduct the hearing on the Central Utah Water Conservancy District's proposed final budget for fiscal year 2026–2027. In accordance with Utah Code Section 59-2-924, the District presented and made available the property tax impact schedule. Copies were available at the hearing and on the District's website under the Truth in Taxation section.

He reported that District staff prepared a final budget that includes a property tax increase. Each standing committee reviewed its respective budget, and the Board of Trustees adopted tentative budgets on May 20 and an interim budget on June 17, 2026. Major revenue sources include ad valorem taxes and fees, water and power sales, federal funds, state and federal grants, reserve revenues, and bond proceeds. Major expenditures include capital construction projects, debt service payments, use of bond proceeds, administration, and operations. The proposed final budget, including adjustments and based on the proposed tax rate, totals \$450,116,498.

Notice of the hearing was posted on the Utah Public Notice website, the District's website, and in three public places throughout the District. The hearing was conducted through in-person participation at District headquarters. Written statements, comments, or questions were accepted through 4:30 p.m. on August 25, 2026. Public comments at the hearing were limited to three minutes per speaker, and speakers were asked to state their name and city of residence. The hearing was conducted to receive comments; questions were addressed by District staff after the hearing.

Lisa Anderson, Board Executive Assistant, reported that no written comments had been received. No individuals signed up to speak, and no one offered public comment when invited to do so.

Motion to close the hearing made by Chair Bronson and seconded by Trustee Farrell. The hearing adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

BOARD MEETING

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STAFF PRESENT

Gene Shawcroft, General Manager
Lisa Anderson, Board Executive Assistant
Robert Moore, General Counsel
Kirk Beecher, Senior Engineer
Gary Brimley, Water Resource Planner
Ric Cantrell, Director of Strategic Engagement
Dylan Dastrup, Stillwater Area Manager
Jon Franklin, Instrument & Maintenance Support
Matthew Gregg, Computer System Specialist
Shaun Hilton, Assistant Chief Engineer
Eli Johnson, Water Resource Planner
David Imlay, Raw Water Operations Manager
Shawn Lambert, Chief Financial Officer
Cort Lambson, Senior Engineer
Bart Leeftang, Assistant General Manager
Rick Maloy, Water Resource Planner
Brad Perkins, Senior Engineer
Mike Rau, Finished Water Operations Manager
Bronson Stewart, Controller
Amanda Strack, Water Conservation Manager

Sarah Sutherland, Environmental Program Manager
Bruce Ward, Chief Engineer
Paulette Webster, Contracts Administrator
Mike Whimpey, Assistant General Manager
Gerard Yates, Deputy General Manager

GUESTS PRESENT

Rick Baxter, Bureau of Reclamation
Sterling Brown, Strawberry Water Users
Paul Christensen, Department of the Interior
Chris Dermody, Dermody Consulting
Jill Franklin, Guest
Ross Hansen, Heber
Sullivan Love, MGC Contractors
Scott Morrison, Jacobs
Andy Reidling, MWDSL
Nate Robertson, LRB Public Finance Advisors
Chris Thompson, Hansen Allen & Luce
Wade Tuft, JVWCD

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Brennan called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

MINUTES – Chair Brennan

Motion that the Board approve the minutes from June 17, 2026, Work Session and Board Meeting made by Trustee Mansell and seconded by Trustee Hanberg.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT – Gene Shawcroft, General Manager

Gene introduced and welcomed guests. He then reported the recent passing of colleague Steve Clyde, former General Counsel for the District and noted that staff are considering an appropriate way to honor his service. The Board was also informed that the District received the American Water Works Association's national "Best Water in the West" recognition, with appreciation expressed to the employees responsible for this achievement. Russ Franklin was recognized as the Division of Wildlife Resources' Conservationist of the Year for his leadership, commitment, and efforts to secure funding for recovery initiatives, including carp removal. Jon Franklin was honored upon his retirement after more than 18 years of service in treatment plant operations, maintenance, and as maintenance supervisor at the Don A. Christiansen Water Treatment Plant.

Gene then informed the Board that the federal government released the final environmental impact statement for Lake Powell and Lake Mead operations on July 31, followed by the record of decision and the 2027–2028 operations plan on August 21. The 10-year decision will be implemented in two-year increments, and staff will review the documents and related litigation. He then stated that the Board has received a copy of the Utah Statewide Water Assessment 2026, a concise overview of statewide water use, distribution, conservation, the Great Salt Lake, and efforts to maintain reliable water supplies.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No comments received.

TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Chair Jim Riding

CWP Vineyard Flow Control Vault 2026 Modifications Project – Shaun Hilton, Assistant Chief Engineer

Shaun stated that this project is part of the CWP system, noting that the existing 24-inch plunger valve, which regulates flow and reduces pressure from the Don A. Christiansen Regional Water Treatment Plant, requires replacement after 12 years of service and cavitation damage. The project includes replacing the valve, adding a 10-inch bypass for lower flows, replacing associated drain valves, and completing mechanical and electrical modifications. Eight bids were received and compared against an engineer's estimate of approximately \$1 million.

Motion that the Board award the construction contract to MGC Contractors, Inc. for the CWP Vineyard Flow Control Vault 2026 Modifications Project in an amount of \$642,259.00 made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Farrell.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

WCWEP – Timpanogos Canal Lining – Jordanelle Ridge Reach Project – Kirk Beecher, Senior Engineer

Kirk stated that this annual project will complete the remaining gap between existing concrete-lined sections. The project includes approximately 1,910 feet of 10-foot-by-3.5-foot concrete canal and a developer-proposed realignment of approximately 650 feet that will shorten and straighten the canal, reducing the required lining by approximately 320 feet. The developer will reimburse the District for the realignment and an associated 100-foot drainage crossing under a reimbursement agreement. Six

of seven prequalified contractors submitted bids, and JL Concrete was the lowest responsible bidder at \$1,441,500. After reimbursement, the District's estimated cost is approximately \$800,000, including federal inspection services. If the developer's fill work does not proceed, the District will construct the lining along the original alignment.

Motion that the Board award the construction contract for the WCWEP - Timpanogos Canal Lining - Jordanelle Ridge Reach Project to JL Concrete LLC in the amount of \$1,441,500.00 made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee McPhie.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

Task Order No. 2025-40 Amendment 2 and No. 2025-41 Bureau of Reclamation – Inspection & Construction Management Services, WCWEP – Timpanogos Canal Lining – Jordanelle Ridge Reach Project – Kirk Beecher

Kirk next presented two Bureau of Reclamation task orders totaling \$350,000 for construction management of the federal facilities: \$100,000 for Phase 1 engineered fill placement and \$250,000 for Phase 2 canal lining and related improvements. The District will prepay the Bureau and will be reimbursed by the developer for all Phase 1 costs and its share of Phase 2 costs under the reimbursement agreement. If the developer does not proceed, the canal will be constructed along the original alignment.

Motion that the Board approve Task Order No. 2025-40 Amendment 2 and Task Order No. 2025-41 with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation for construction inspection services in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the WCWEP Timpanogos Canal Lining Jordanelle Ride Reach project and authorize District officers to execute the Task Order, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Christensen.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

Olmsted Equalization Reservoir Solids Management Project Change Order No. 2 – Cort Lambson, Senior Engineer

Cort updated the Board on the Olmsted Equalization Reservoir Sediment Management Project, which will provide a 2-million-gallon basin for annual sediment removal and drying to help prevent downstream taste and odor issues. Change Order No. 2 includes eight items, primarily construction of a box culvert and all-weather service road to provide alternate maintenance and emergency access, along with related drainage, piping, power, and communication improvements.

Motion that the Board approve Change Order No. 2 to the Olmsted Equalization Reservoir Solids Management Project construction contract with Whitaker Construction in the amount of \$216,700.00 made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

Alpine Aqueduct Reach 1 Risk & Resiliency Project Change Order No. 3 – Cort Lambson

Cort next reported that summer construction focused on the 1,000-foot tunnel, vertical shaft, pipeline installation through the neighborhood, and work along the eastern hillside. The 12-foot-diameter vertical shaft was reamed in three days and is fitted with a steel liner and elbow connection; the annular space will be backfilled with concrete. Additional work included connecting the previously installed Kubota pipe toward the tunnel, constructing an approximately 800-cubic-yard concrete thrust block, and installing welded steel pipe and a 310-foot section of Kubota pipe through the neighborhood. Change Order No. 3 includes adding 38 feet of spare 102-inch steel pipe, added stabilization material on Somerset Drive, added aluminum-faced insulation in electrical vaults, and a sump pump necessitated by a grade change. The change order totals \$164,429.10, increasing the contract with W.W. Clyde to \$84,758,630.12; cumulative changes remain below 1%.

Motion that the Board approve Change Order No. 3 to the construction contract with WW Clyde & Co. for the Alpine Aqueduct Reach 1 Risk & Resiliency Project in the amount of \$164,429.10 made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Mansell.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

Task Order No. 2026-01, Bureau of Reclamation - Inspection Services for the Alpine Aqueduct Reach 1 Risk & Resiliency Project Amendment No. 2 – Cort Lambson

Cort reported that, because the Alpine Aqueduct is a federal facility, the Bureau of Reclamation provides construction inspection and resident engineering services under Task Order 2026-01. He stated the anticipated project completion is in June 2027.

Motion that the Board approve Task Order No. 2026-01 Amendment 2 with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation for construction inspection services for the Alpine Aqueduct Reach 1 Risk & Resiliency Project in the amount of \$500,000.00 made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Bronson.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE - Chair Steve Farrell

Resolution 2026-08-10 Appointing a UAMPS Member Representative

Motion that the Board adopt Resolution 2026-08-10, A Resolution of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District appointing a UAMPS member representative, who will be Eli Johnson, with Paul Pierpont acting as the alternate made by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Wells.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

2026 Upper Strawberry Aqueduct Painting Project – Dylan Dastrup, Stillwater Area Manager

Dylan stated that this project will remove and replace aging lead-based coatings on components of the aqueduct collection system on the Hades Feeder and West Fork pipelines and at Soldier Creek Dam. The work includes blasting and recoating 21 manways and associated piping, three diversion structures, gates, railings, and related equipment; applying corrosion-resistant wax to bolts; and repairing and sealing concrete at the Soldier Creek Dam gatehouse and generator building. Four contractors were invited to bid. Gateway Coatings of Utah submitted a low bid of \$120,800, compared with the engineer's estimate of \$156,000.

Motion that the Board award the construction contract for the 2026 Upper Strawberry Aqueduct Painting Project to The Gateway Company of Utah in the amount of \$120,800.00 made by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Riding.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

Purchase of a Caterpillar 150 JOY Motor Grader – Dylan Dastrup

Dylan reported that a motor grader is essential for maintaining access to district and Bureau of Reclamation facilities in the Uintah Basin and Heber-WCWEF area, including road repairs, drainage restoration, and snow removal at Soldier Creek and Currant Creek dams. The existing grader, acquired in 1990, has required approximately \$30,000 in maintenance during the past six years and is becoming increasingly costly to operate. In response to trustee questions, Dylan stated it is a new piece of equipment, and it will be stored in an enclosed facility. Staff recommended purchasing a new Caterpillar 150 grader through the state contract due to its service support and resale value. The purchase price is \$432,500, less a \$30,000 trade-in allowance, for a net cost of \$402,500. Staff noted that ordering promptly would help ensure the grader is available for winter snow removal.

Motion that the Board approve the purchase of a Caterpillar 150 JOY Motor Grader in an amount not to exceed \$402,500.00 made by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Kenison.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

WATER SUPPLY PLANNING & CUPCA PROGRAMS COMMITTEE - Chair Kirk L. Christensen

Spanish Fork Santaquin Pipeline – Santaquin Reach Project Change Order No. 7 – Brad Perkins, Senior Engineer

Brad reported on completion of the Spanish Fork to Santaquin pipeline project, which is now delivering water to Salem City and Santaquin City and can provide more than 11,000 acre-feet annually to four cities. Change Order No. 7 addresses closeout items and project enhancements, including vault modifications to accommodate a 60-inch full-port ball valve and installation of security fencing near P-Mountain in Payson. The \$178,966 change order results in a final project cost of approximately \$78 million, about \$20 million below the original \$98.6 million engineer's estimate.

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Motion that the Board approve Change Order No. 7 to the construction contract with VanCon, Inc. for the Spanish Fork Santaquin Pipeline - Santaquin Reach Project in the amount not to exceed \$178,966.00 made by Trustee Christensen and seconded by Trustee Scott.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

FINANCE, AUDIT, & BUDGET COMMITTEE - Chair Jon Bronson

Finance & Expenditure Reports for June and July 2026

Motion that the Board approve the Financial Reports, as certified by the Chief Financial Officer, for the periods ending June and July 2026, the CUPCA expenditures total \$5,316,877.82 and \$3,617,372.99 respectively, and the total District expenditures posted during the same periods total \$17,955,633.32 and \$16,500,718.16 respectively made by Trustee Bronson and seconded by Trustee Wells.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

Resolution 2026-08-11 to set the 2026 Tax Rate

Discussion addressed public hearing comments regarding tax-supported revenues, user fees and new growth, use of reserves, tax incentives, approximately \$2 million in additional revenue, \$100 million in federal funding designated for specific projects, and the effect of the rate on future bonding capacity. Trustees also thanked staff for attending the Truth in Taxation hearings, answering public questions, and clarifying the District's statutory authority, and expressed appreciation for independent Board discussion. The Finance Committee unanimously recommended adoption of the 0.0004 tax rate.

Motion that the Board adopt Resolution 2026-08-11, which sets the District's fiscal year 2026-2027 final tax rate at 0.0004 for each county in the District made by Trustee Bronson and seconded by Trustee Mansell.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. Trustees Against: Garner. For: 14; Against: 1; *Motion Passes.*

Resolution 2026-08-12 to adopt the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget

Motion that the Board adopt Resolution 2026-08-12 adopting the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget totaling \$450,116,498 made by Trustee Bronson and seconded by Trustee Mansell.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

Motion that the Board strike agenda items 7, 9, and 10 made by Trustee Wells and seconded by Trustee Riding.

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Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

Motion that the Board enter into Closed Session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation (UCA 52-4-205(1)(c)) made by Trustee McPhie and seconded by Trustee Andersen.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

CLOSED SESSION - *The Board entered Closed Session at 2:24 PM.*

Motion that the Board exit Closed Session made by Trustee McPhie and seconded by Trustee Garner.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Anderson, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Kenison, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 15; *Motion Passes.*

OPEN SESSION - *The Board entered Open Session at 2:57 PM.*

ADJOURNMENT - *Motion that the Board adjourn made by Trustee Mansell at 2:58 PM.*


Shelley Brennan, Chair


Gene Shawcroft, General Manager