

Metropolitan Water District of Provo



Organized in 1935

- Organized according to and governed by the Utah State Metropolitan Water District Act
- Board Members appointed by the Municipality's Legislative Body
- Board size determined by Board itself with one Provo City employee responsible for water

Current Board Members

- Richard Brimhall – Retired Assistant Director Water Resources, Provo City
- Greg Hudnall - Executive Director, Hope4Utah
- Woodruff Miller - Professor, Hydraulics & Hydrology, Dept. of Civil Engineering, Brigham Young University
- Cindy Richards – Former Provo Municipal Council Member, HS educator, & Harvard Swim Coach
- Scott Steffensen, Professor Cognitive & Behavioral Neuroscience, Brigham Young University
- Dennis Weir – Owner RATA U.S.A. Inc. Civil Engineer Degree
- Dave Decker – Provo City Representative

MWDP was organized to assume Provo's share of the construction costs of Deer Creek and be the sponsoring agency for Provo through an agreement with Provo River Water Users

Provo River Water Users assets include:

Deer Creek Reservoir

- Duchesne Tunnel
- Weber Provo Diversion Canal
- Provo Reservoir Canal

MWDP contracted with the Provo River Water Users Association for 8,000 shares of stock in the Association on September 18, 1937

- Original Debt assumed was \$608,000
- Amended contract signed on February 3, 1947 - Increased the total debt to \$912,000

The Contract also made MWDP responsible for a proportionate share of the O and M costs associated with project facilities

The MWDP also opted to be included in two additional projects associated with Deer Creek. The power plant at the base of Deer Creek and the Murdoch canal.

Total repayment and O and M costs currently run about \$202,000 annually to Provo River Water Users

MWDP's primary source of revenue is from leasing Deer Creek Water To Provo City

The State Water Act gives the City the first right to purchase their share of the water from the district. The Act also gives the districts the right to set the price.

The Metropolitan Water District Act Also Gives MWDP A Fairly Broad Range Of Authority

- Acquire or lease real property
- Acquire or construct facilities and improvements inside or outside the district or state
- Acquire water, works, water rights or sources of water inside or outside the district or state
- Issue Bonds
- Subscribe for, purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire stock in a canal company, irrigation company, etc.
- Assess property taxes

July 20th 1994 MWDP signed a contract with the Central Utah Water Conservancy District for 1800 acre feet of water in Jordanelle Reservoir

As long as MWDP does not use this water, making it available to Central Utah Water Project, the annual costs of approximately \$250,000 is waived.

- The MWDP and Provo City have long enjoyed an effective working relationship. The MWDP has been able to help the City financially with its water development programs. The District's \$1.2 million contribution to the Big Springs Development is the most recent. Land was also donated to the city for the Slate Canyon Trailhead. The District also paid for the pump houses at Canyon Road and Timpview wells.

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