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### MINUTES

### UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

#### UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD

195 North 1950 West  
Salt Lake City, UT 84116  
March 13, 2019

#### UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Myron Bateman	Mike Luers
Steven <del>Early</del> Earley	Gregg Galecki
Jim Webb	Alan Matheson

Excused:	Jennifer Grant
	Jim Vanderslice

#### DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Skyler Davies	Kim Shelley	Clanci Hawks
Jim Harris	Ken Hoffman	Jerry Rogers
Brenda Johnson	Jeff Ostermiller	
Jodi Gardberg	Chris Bittner	
Erica Gaddis	Beth Wondimu	

#### OTHERS PRESENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization Representing</u>
Bruce Hicken	KID
Pamela Gill	KID
Greg Anderson	KID
Jay Olsen	UDAF
Leland Myers	WFWQC
Alex Buxton	ZBPF
Scott Baird	Department of Environmental Quality
Thomas Bosteels	Great Salt Lake Brine Shrimp Cooperative

Mr. Bateman called the Board meeting to order at 8:30 AM and took roll call for the members of the Board and audience.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2019 MEETING**

**Motion:** Mr. Luers moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2019 meeting with a corrected header date of the December 3, 2018 minutes from October 24, 2018 to December 3, 2018. Mr. Early seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. *Early*

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT**

**National Level**

- Dr. Gaddis reported that the President's new budget was released which includes an approximate 30% budget cut to the EPA. This budget cut could impact State grants. The budget also prioritizes infrastructure, which should help keep the SRF program on track.
- The EPA has released a PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl) Substances Action Plan which includes:
  - mitigation options
  - monitoring method development
  - recommendations for enforcement
- Two Water Quality staff members attended a PFAS workshop in Denver for training. Water Quality can now develop a Reconnaissance Monitoring Plan.

**State Level**

- Dr. Gaddis reported that there are two budget items on the legislative schedule.
  - \$200,000 ongoing request for continued funding of the Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) program.
  - \$200,000 for funding of water quality studies. The governor increased the amount to a one-time \$1 million funding. It does not appear that legislature will approve the increase.
- HB32 (Nutrient Standards) is progressing forward.
- HB321 appears to be moving forward.
- SB144 is a bill asking the Department of Environmental Quality to conduct monitoring of air and water quality associated with the Inland Port.

Dr. Gaddis welcomed Mr. James Webb, a new Water Quality Board member. Mr. Webb will be representing agricultural interests. Dr. Gaddis also reported that Mr. Luers and Mr. Early were reappointed to their current board positions. *Early*

Dr. Gaddis requested that a hearing officer be selected from the board or a Water Quality staff member be appointed for the Headwater Criteria Public Meeting that will take place on May 1, 2019.

**Motion:** Mr. Galecki moved that a Water Quality staff member be selected as a hearing officer. Mr. Luers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gaddis reported that there was a gasoline release in Layton City that has affected the groundwater. The release has caused vapors to appear in the storm drain system and into resident's homes. The Division of Environmental Remediation and Response (DERR) has taken the lead on the investigation. A source has not yet been confirmed. However, there are two possible sources nearby.

Dr. Gaddis also reported that there was a spill in the San Juan River. It was approximately 200 barrels of crude oil combined with produced water. The company was very responsive and reported it immediately to the Division and the EPA. The EPA dispatched a team and the spill was cleaned up very quickly.

Dr. Gaddis asked the Board to nominate a small committee to help with the annual Sudweeks Award. Mr. Luers, Mr. ~~Early~~ and Mr. Bateman agreed to be on the committee.

*Earley*

#### **RULE MAKING**

**Proposed Revisions to Standards of Water Quality for the State UAC R317-2: Headwater Nutrient Criteria:** Mr. Ostermiller presented the request for approval to initiate rulemaking for the proposed numeric nutrient criteria for headwater streams.

**Motion:** Mr. Luers moved to approve the Proposed Revisions to Standards of Water Quality for the State UAC R317-2: Headwater Nutrient Criteria as written. Mr. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Proposed SRF Funding Cycle Changes:** Mr. Davies presented the Water Quality staff recommendations for changing the approach used by the Board and Division staff for introducing and authorizing SRF construction assistance loans and grants and to solicit Board input and recommendations for funding cycle changes through FY2023.

**Motion:** Mr. Luers moved to approve a semi-annual Funding Cycle beginning June 1, 2019 for the first round of applications deadline then continuing with the next round of applications deadline beginning December 1, 2019. Mr. ~~Early~~ seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Earley*

#### **Public Comments:**

- Mr. Leland Meyers with WFWQC commented in support of the proposed revisions to the UAC R317-2 rule.
- Mr. Jay Olsen with UDAF commented in support of the proposed revisions to UAC R317-2 rule.
- Mr. Thomas Bosteels with Great Salt Lake Brine Shrimp Cooperative commented


- in support of the proposed revisions to UAC R317-2 rule.
- Mr. Bruce Hickman with Kearns Improvement District commented on SRF Funding Cycle Changes.

#### **Meeting Adjournment**

**Motion:** Mr. Bateman moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Early seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. *Early*

To listen to the full recording of the Board meeting go to: <http://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html>

**Next Meeting – April 10, 2019**  
Dixie Convention Center  
1835 Convention Center Drive  
St. George, UT 84790

  
Myron Bateman, Chair  
Utah Water Quality Board