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MINUTES

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD

Via Adobe Connect

April 22, 2020

8:30 am

UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Baird	Mike Luers
Gregg Galecki	Emily Niehaus
Brandon Gordon	James VanDerslice
Jennifer Grant	James Webb

Excused: Steven Earley

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Emily Cantón	James Harris
Marsha Case	Ken Hoffman
Scott Daly	Brenda Johnson
Skyler Davies	John Mackey
Dusty Earley	Duncan Nelson
Judy Etherington	Andrew Pompeo
Erica Gaddis	Mark Stanger
Dan Griffith	Beth Wondimu
Angela Gunderson	

OTHERS PRESENT

Matt Francis	AECOM
Amber Qalagari	EDO
Marv Allen	Hansen, Allen & Luce, Inc.
Dave Decker	Provo City
Rebecca Andrus	Provo City
Gary Calder	Provo City
Jimmy McKnight	Provo City
Mark Ogren	Provo City

OTHERS PRESENT

David Damschen	State Treasurer's Office
Jay Olsen	Utah Dept. of Agriculture & Food
Brent Justensen	Waste Water Operator Certification Council
Cory Christiansen	Water Works Engineers
Bill Prater	William L Prater, LLC

Ms. Grant called the work meeting to order at 8:30 AM

WORK MEETING

Storm Water Program Updates: Ms. Riley presented the Board with storm water program updates as indicated in the packet.

Ms. Grant then called the Board meeting to order at 9:30 AM and took roll call for the members of the Board and audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2020 MEETING

Motion: Mr. Galecki moved to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2020 meeting. Ms. Niehaus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Dr. Gaddis welcomed everyone to the meeting on the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

National Level

- Dr. Gaddis reported to the Board that the 4th Congressional relief package came through Congress for \$480 billion dollars. There could be a substantial portion that could be dedicated to the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund but it is not yet clear. Dr. Gaddis will be working to confirm whether SRF funds are included in the package.
- The EPA issued an enforcement discretion guidance memo for regulatory relief associated with COVID-19 issues. All Divisions at the Department of Environmental Quality have taken those guidelines and drafted more specific guidance to align with the EPA memo. The Division has taken a more proactive stance and has asked facilities to self-report any issues.

State Level

- Dr. Gaddis reported to the Board that the Division is participating in collaborative research for a wastewater epidemiology study of COVID-19 with University of Utah, Brigham Young University and Utah State University and 10 wastewater facilities across the state.
- Rural Water and FEMA are working together to provide PPE supplies for wastewater operators.
- Dr. Gaddis reported that the Board will be presented with financing relief options for SRF loan

recipients.

- The goal is to have no defaults.
- The Community Impact Board (CIB) approach will be presented.
- Most communities have indicated that they can make their payments.
- The Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) guidance has been finalized and posted on the Water Quality Website.

Division

- The Division has been teleworking with few issues.
- Dr. Gaddis reported that because the State does not have travel restrictions for staff, inspections are ongoing with social distancing guidelines in place.
- Staff have been recruited by the Department of Health to help with the COVID-19 contact tracing effort. Up to 1,000 state employees will be calling infected citizens. The Division initially volunteered one quarter of its staff.
- Dr. Gaddis introduced Duncan Nelson, Dusty Earley, and Andrew Pompeo as new employees of the Division.

Board

- Dr. Gaddis reported that there will be several upcoming Board items.
 - A Jordan River Temperature Use Attainability Analysis.
 - Kanab Creek in Southern Utah will have a site specific standard proposal for an alternative standard for TDS.
- Dr. Gaddis requested that 3 board members volunteer to choose a candidate for the Sudweeks award. Mr. Luers, Ms. Grant and Dr. VanDerslice volunteered and candidate information will be sent to them.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Financial Report: Ms. Cantón updated the Water Quality Board on the Loan Funds and Hardship Grant Funds, as indicated in the packet.

Financial Assistance for Loan Recipients: Per the request of the Board Mr. Mackey presented the active loans with upcoming loan repayments, as well as options that are available to the board to provide financial relief to cities that may be financially distressed as a result of the current state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion: **Ms. Niehaus moved to approve the staff recommendation of the Community Impact Board (CIB) State of Emergency Debt Relief Policy. The policy is that a community may request debt relief in the form of payment deferral or debt reorganization and it can be provided by staff, without additional Board action. There is no provision for debt forgiveness but loan repayments can be restructured in a number of ways including a mechanism to extend the loan term. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Provo City – Project Update: Mr. Hoffman presented the Provo City update on the Provo Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) Project for which the Board authorized a \$77.8 million loan, including \$2 million in principal forgiveness, with an interest rate of 0.5% and a term of 20 years.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wastewater Operator Certification Council Annual Report for 2019: Mr. Justensen presented the yearly report of the wastewater operator certification program activities.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Luers moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Galecki seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Next Meeting – May 27, 2020 at 8:30 am
195 North 1950 West
Room 1015
Salt Lake City, UT 84116


Gregg A. Galecki (Jun 24, 2020 10:03 MDT)

Gregg A. Galecki, Vice Chair
Utah Water Quality Board