

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024**

Minutes of the 879<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy Board of Trustees held Monday, January 22, 2024 at 4:37 p.m. at 3430 E Danish Road, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84093.

The following trustees attended the board meeting:

Tom Godfrey	-Chair
John S. Kirkham	-Vice Chair
Patricia Comarell	-Secretary
Donald Y. Milne	-Trustee
John H. Mabey, Jr.	-Trustee
Cindy Cromer	-Trustee
Joan Degiorgio	-Trustee

The following staff and guests attended the board meeting:

Annalee Munsey, General Manager  
Gordon Cook, Assistant General Manager – Chief Operating Officer  
Wayne Winsor, Assistant General Manager – Chief Administrative Officer  
Darin Klemin, IT Manager  
Ammon Allen, Engineering Manager  
Kelly Stevens, Senior Engineer  
Matthew Tietje, Operations Manager  
Nathan Scown, Operations Manager  
Steve Slack, Maintenance Manager  
Jeff Matheson, Laboratory Manager  
Sonya Shepherd, HR Program Manager  
Breana Jackson, Executive Administrator  
Josh Croft, Accountant  
Eric Sorensen, Water Resources Manager  
Dani Cepernich, Snow, Christensen & Martineau  
Dan Hartman, Hartman Management Group  
Jason Brown, Salt Lake City Public Utilities  
Jesse Stewart, Salt Lake City Public Utilities  
Laura Briefer, Salt Lake City Public Utilities (electronic participation)  
Tom Ward, Sandy City Public Utilities  
Jacob Young, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District  
Mike Whimpey, Central Utah Water Conservancy District  
Marie Owens, AE2S  
Brad Buswell, Carollo Engineers  
Elliot Meyer, Salt Lake Tribune  
Lindsey Nielsen, Central Wasatch Commission  
Sam Kilpack, Central Wasatch Commission  
Jeff Budge, Provo River Water Users Association  
Neal Winterton, Pleasant Grove City

Justin Jenkins, David Evans & Associates  
Josh Martin, Sundt

### **Work Session Agenda**

1. Central Wasatch Commission update
2. History of Pleasant Grove City and the MWDSLs agreement for the monitoring of water quality and the carriage of flood flows of Grove Creek and Battle Creek in the Provo River Aqueduct (signed 2/13/12)
3. Other

### **Board Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to order
2. Public comment
3. Legislative update
4. Engineering Committee report
  - a. Consider approval of contract for pipe preorder for SLAR-CC Project (CC-1 West)
  - b. Consider approval of Reuse Authorization Contract for the reuse of Central Utah Project Water
  - c. Reporting items
5. Environmental Committee report
  - a. Consider approval of Utah State University water audits program for 2024
  - b. Reporting items
6. Executive Committee report
  - a. Metro Vision Statement
7. Consider approval of Board Meeting minutes dated December 11, 2023
8. Consider acceptance of financial reports
9. Reporting/Scheduling items
  - a. Annual compliance report
  - b. Water supply and demand update
  - c. Quarterly check register, electronic payments, and credit card expenditures reports provided to Finance Committee for review
10. Other business
11. Items to be discussed at future meetings
12. Closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation
13. Closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual
14. Adjourn

### **Work Session**

#### **Central Wasatch Commission update**

Ms. Lindsey Nielsen presented the Central Wasatch Commission (CWC) update to the board. She reviewed the purpose of the CWC, the member jurisdictions and benefits, and the CWC stakeholders. They have recently restructured the committees to reflect the Mountain

Accord and created a Youth Council. The CWC is currently accepting applications for the Youth Council and the Stakeholder Council. Ms. Nielsen elaborated on the 2023 short-term projects the CWC was a part of. She mentioned the purpose of the Environmental Dashboard and the resources available.

Mr. Kirkham asked what it meant when the CWC provides “support for” a project. Ms. Nielsen explained it shows the distribution of funds across the projects. Mr. Mabey asked why Wasatch County wasn’t a stakeholder. Ms. Nielsen explained project areas are very specific and it is not within the focus area. Ms. Degiorgio noted the CWC is a useful cooperation of cities and entities. Ms. Comarell asked if CWC was contacted during the outreach regarding the gondola. Ms. Nielsen said CWC is not a cooperating agency on the project, but was briefed throughout the process.

### **History of Pleasant Grove City and the MWDSLs agreement for the monitoring of water quality and the carriage of flood flows of Grove Creek and Battle Creek in the Provo River Aqueduct (signed 2/13/12)**

Ms. Cepernich provided background and context on the Pleasant Grove City agreement with the District. This included Pleasant Grove’s rights to utilize PRCEP capacity, Pleasant Grove’s obligations, and provisions regarding termination of the agreement. The board discussed the intention of the agreement and Pleasant Grove’s infrastructure capacity. Mr. Kirkham suggested the board consider giving notice of termination to Pleasant Grove. Mr. Matheson noted the water quality impact of the water coming into the Point of the Mountain Water Treatment Plant. However, it has not caused any issues on the water quality leaving the plant. Mr. Godfrey asked if this had affected the chemical use. Water data has been coming to the District from Pleasant Grove at the end of the water season.

Mr. Neal Winterton addressed the board on behalf of Pleasant Grove City. He said the water data could be different depending on when and where the samples are pulled. Ms. Degiorgio asked what Pleasant Grove was doing to expand their infrastructure. Mr. Winterton explained Pleasant Grove had not determined this agreement to be a temporary solution and the city has not been working toward its own system. Ms. Comarell supported staff gathering data regarding Pleasant Grove’s water to aid in a decision regarding the potential termination of the agreement.

### **Board Meeting**

#### **Call to order**

At 4:37 p.m. the Chair, Mr. Godfrey, called the meeting to order and welcomed board members, staff, and visitors.

#### **Public comment**

No public comments were made.

#### **Legislative Update**

Mr. Dan Hartman provided a legislative update for the board. There is a new Speaker of the House and a new arranging of the chairs. Mr. Hartman explained there was an early filing period this year because of the primary. The new Speaker and the Senate President seem more focused on water and generational long-term vision and policy for water. Many water bills are still in process and still being written. There are a few bills in process regarding the Great Salt Lake. Mr. Hartman noted HB280 as a bill to follow. The board discussed HB280, its intentions, and what it could mean for water projects in Utah.

### **Consider approval of contract for pipe reorder for SLAR-CC project (CC-1 West)**

Mr. Stevens provided an overview of the contract for Salt Lake Aqueduct Replacement – Cottonwoods Conduits project (SLAR-CC or Cottonwoods Connection). The contract includes more than 21,000 feet of new pipe ranging from 36 to 72 inches in diameter. Although the District is ordering the pipe, receipt and payment will be handled by the selected contractor. If the project is not awarded, or award is delayed until after the pipe is delivered, then the District will be responsible for receiving, storing, and paying for the pipe. As the pipe is for Salt Lake City's CC-1 West, Salt Lake City has agreed to reimburse the District should this situation occur.

The Engineering Committee discussed this item on January 9, 2024 and recommended approval of the contract.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to approve the contract of \$913,875 to Thompson Pipe Group for 3,116 feet of pipe for the CC-1 West portion of the SLAR-CC project. Ms. Degiorgio seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Consider approval of Reuse Authorization Contract for the reuse of Central Utah Project Water**

SLC and Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD) desire to capture and distribute the Bonneville Unit and the Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System to benefit the Great Salt Lake. This arrangement requires approval by SLC, CUWCD, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy. Roles for each party are outlined in the Reuse Authorization Contract for the reuse of Central Utah Project Water.

Ms. Cepernich noted District approval is required for Salt Lake City to enter into the agreement, but there is no downside for the District. Under Recital D (BP32) she recommended more specificity where it says Jordan River. However, it has already been signed by Central Utah Water Conservancy District. Ms. Cepernich, in cooperation with SLC, will work to propose this change if necessary.

The Engineering Committee discussed this item on January 9, 2024 and recommended approval of the contract.

Mr. Milne motioned to approve the Reuse Authorization Contract for the reuse of Central Utah Project Water with the aforementioned language adjustment if necessary. Mr. Mabey seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Reporting items**

Mr. Milne asked for any updates on the Managed Aquifer Recharge Project. Mr. Allen said the well development is almost complete. Ms. Cromer requested another visit to the project site. Mr. Stevens provided the board with an update on easement procurement for the Cottonwoods Connection Project.

## **Consider approval of Utah State University water audits program for 2024**

The District entered into a contract with Utah State University (USU) for water audits on January 13, 2021 that allows for up to five twelve month extensions. In January 2022, the board approved increasing the water check budget from \$80,000 to \$116,000 to address the record number of requests received in 2021. The increase allowed for USU to hire a scheduler and two more water checkers which increased the total teams from two to three teams. In January 2023, the board supported maintaining the budget at \$116,000. The past year experienced less requests so USU only hired two water check teams instead of three. The final cost for 2023 is less than \$90,000. Ms. Degiorgio complimented the water audits program.

The Environmental Committee reviewed this item on December 5, 2023 and recommended approval of the program.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to approve the Utah State University water audits program for 2024 with an amount not to exceed \$116,000 for total compensation for services performed in 2024. Mr. Milne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Reporting items**

The Environmental Committee reviewed their Environmental Mission Statement and they have updated their objectives. Ms. Munsey welcomed any questions regarding the statement.

## **Metro Vision Statement**

The General Manager recommended reviewing and updating the District's Mission Statement to the Executive Committee. The committee supported involving the board, the management team, and employees in developing the Metro Vision Statement. The Executive Committee discussed the process for developing the vision statement during its January 9, 2024 meeting.

Ms. Munsey explained the process that will commence for the Metro Vision Statement. Ms. Comarell will conduct interviews with the board and District management to discuss the existing Mission Statement and the future Vision Statement. The February Work Session will be dedicated to discussing the themes and purposes identified during the interviews. Ms. Munsey will relay the draft vision statement to District staff to receive their input. This input will be brought back to the board and then the Metro Vision Statement will be finalized.

Ms. Comarell explained the importance of this process and provided some expectations for the interviews and February work session.

### **Consider approval of Board Meeting minutes dated December 11, 2023**

Ms. Cromer motioned to approve the Board Meeting minutes dated December 11, 2023. Mr. Milne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Consider acceptance of financial reports**

Mr. Kirkham noted the revenue statement comparisons from year-to-date to prior years-to-date.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to accept the October and November 2023 financial reports. Ms. Comarell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Reporting/Scheduling items**

Mr. Winsor shared the annual compliance report with the board. The District has met all of the reporting requirements.

Mr. Tietje provided a water supply and demand update for the board. He mentioned the forecast and snow-water equivalent compared to previous years. Mr. Tietje explained it is anticipated to have warmer than usual temperatures in the upcoming weeks. He shared the precipitation map for the Jordan River/Weber Basin. Mr. Tietje provided information on reservoir levels.

The Finance Committee has received and reviewed the quarterly check register, electronic payments, and credit card expenditures reports.

February's board meeting will include a public hearing. There is a February 5<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting at 10 AM. The Provo River Water Users Association Board Meeting has been moved to February 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Godfrey extended a welcome to new employees, Welsee Kern and Mya Paquette, and congratulated Jimmy Cade and Nathan Scown on their promotions.

### **Other business**

No other business was discussed.

### **Items to be discussed at future meetings**

The information from staff regarding Pleasant Grove City will be discussed at a future meeting.

### **Closed Session**

Mr. Mabey motioned to go into closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Ms. Cromer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. All board members were present. The following staff were also present: Ms. Munsey, Mr. Cook, Mr. Winsor, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Cepernich, Mr. Allen, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Tietje, and Mr. Scown.

Mr. Milne motioned to go out of closed session. Ms. Comarell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Milne motioned to go into closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Ms. Comarell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. All board members and Ms. Munsey were present

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### **Adjourn**

At 6:31 p.m. the board meeting adjourned.

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Tom Godfrey, Chair

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Patricia Comarell, Secretary