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UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD

195 North 1950 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84116
August 28, 2019

UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Baird	Mike Luers
Steven Earley	Emily Niehaus (On Phone)
Gregg Galecki	James VanDerslice
Brandon Gordon	James Webb
Jennifer Grant	

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Beers	Ken Hoffman
Emily Cantón	Brenda Johnson
Marsha Case	John Mackey
Skyler Davies	Jerry Rogers
James Harris	Danielle Lenz

OTHERS PRESENT

Name	Organization Representing
Paul McConkie	AG Environmental Division
Marie Owens	DDW
Jesse Ralphs	Sunrise Engineering
Justin Atkinson	Sunrise Engineering
Randall Probst	Wasatch County Health Department
Tracy Richardson	Wasatch County Health Department
Jean Powell	Wellington City
Cory Pierce	Spanish Fork City

Ms. Grant 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 JUNE 26, 2019 MEETING

Motion: **Mr. Gordon moved to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting. Mr. Vanderslice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

National Level

- Mr. Harris updated the WQ Board that the division is formulating comments on the proposed changes to the 401 Certification process and will be finalizing them with the Governor's office.
- The Division created an internal water reuse group to evaluate the rules and permit approach to ensure that WQ is ready for projects when they come. Items in the plan include: evaluating suitability of existing rules, permitting issues, water balance and rights and related uses such as aquifer storage and recovery, indirect potable reuse, and direct potable reuse. The EPA will be releasing a Water Reuse Action Plan in early September.

State Level

- Mr. Harris updated the WQ Board about the Watershed Council Act that was drafted by Representative Tim Hawkes to create watershed councils to facilitate coordinated action among stakeholders on water issues at the watershed level to encourage collaborative solutions.
- There are 11 active advisories at this time for HABs events. Matt Warner Reservoir is closed for swimming and fishing. Utah Lake is under warning in the areas of Provo Bay, Lincoln Beach and Goshen Bay. On August 20th the warning for Wheeler Farm was lifted due to ongoing monitoring results.

Division Level

- Mr. Harris announced that Ms. Kim Shelley has been promoted to the DEQ Executive Directors Office as the Director of Operations.
- Dr. Gaddis is attending the Association of Clean Water Administrators Annual Conference.
- A new staff member, Danielle Lenz was introduced to the WQ Board.
- Mr. Harris advised the Board that Water Quality was chosen for a multi-purpose grant to be used on the WQ Trading/Credit Tool. WQ will develop a tool to support water quality credit tracking and trading along the Jordan River with the goal to maximize the water quality benefit of public expenditures aimed at improving the Jordan River by September 2020.
- Water Quality has selected the WQ Board as a priority Continuous Improvement Project.

Staff has scoped out needed areas of improvement and focus which include internal improvements associated with agenda development, board presentations and staff guidance in addition to developing an updated board manual for members and improving technology, WQB packets, board training and work meetings.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Financial Report: Mr. Rogers updated the Water Quality Board on the Loan Funds and Hardship Grant Funds, as indicated in the packet. He also introduced a new Financial Report format.

Amended FY19 Intended Use Plan: Request for Public Comment: Ms. Cantón presented the recommendation to the board to amend the FY19 Intended Use Plan (IUP) for transferring funds between SRF Programs.

Motion: **Mr. Luers moved to approve the proposed amendment for the FY19 IUP with a Public Comment period of 30 days. Mr. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote with Mr. Earley opposing.**

Wasatch County Health Department: Request for Hardship Planning Grant. Mr. Beers presented Wasatch County Health Departments request for a hardship planning grant in the amount of \$100,000 to complete and update their Hydrologic/Water Quality Study from 1994 to assess the impacts of growth and land use transition in Heber and Round Valleys on groundwater quality.

Motion: **Mr. Luers moved to approve the staff recommendations with the following stipulations.**

- DWQ must approve the Engineering Agreement and Plan of Study (Scope of Work) before the grant agreement will be executed.
- Wasatch County Health Department must provide an informational presentation of the study results and recommendations to the Water Quality Board within one year following the project completion.
- The Plan of Study (Scope of Work) must include an evaluation and estimate of the maximum density of on-site septic systems that can be 'permitted' within any given area; based on existing and most probable water quality issues, soil type, ground water, etc.
- The Plan of Study (Scope of Work) must include a requirement for the Wasatch County Health Department to discuss their proposed study with the wastewater providers in the area. In particular, how can existing septic tanks areas and proposed septic tank areas be served by a wastewater provider.
- If an area is restricted to how many septic tanks the area can

handle, due to soil type, ground water etc., other treatment options need to be considered, such as community subsurface, package plants etc.

Ms. Grant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wellington City Financial Assistance Project Follow-up. Mr. Davies reintroduced Wellington City to the Board. The City has recently completed the emergency repair and returned to provide the schedule update that the Board requested at authorization. The update included the status of that project as well as the anticipated schedule going forward. The City has reevaluated the recommendations that were provided in the previous master plan and have determined that the necessary improvements were not fully identified in that report. Wellington City has identified about \$7.3 million in necessary sewer improvements and repair. The City will be seeking the necessary funding through multiple funding agencies.

Public Comments:

- No public comments.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Earley 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 – September 25, 2019

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Jennifer Grant, Chair
Utah Water Quality Board