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I, **Jennifer Grant**, Chair of the **Water Quality Board**, have determined that the **December 2, 2020** meeting of the Water Quality Board will be held electronically without an anchor location.

This determination is based on the following facts:

1. Utah is currently dealing with Covid 19, which has been determined to be a pandemic. Covid 19 is extremely contagious and can be deadly to those who contract it, especially those of advanced age and underlying health conditions.
2. The Agency offices are in Salt Lake County, which is currently in the State's orange moderate risk category. This limits the size of public gatherings to fewer than 20 people and requires the wearing of masks and social distancing. People are encouraged to stay in their homes.
3. A vast majority of Agency staff and the members of the Water Quality Board are teleworking to avoid unnecessary contact with others.
4. The Board room is insufficient to allow social distancing and reasonably safe accommodation of the Water Quality Board and the public.
5. The Water Quality Board uses an electronic platform which allows interested parties to view the meeting, hear discussions and provide written comment.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2020.

Jennifer Grant
Jennifer Grant (Nov 18, 2020 06:52 MST)

Jennifer Grant, Chair
Water Quality Board

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