

**MINUTES OF THE
STATE WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**
Tuesday, June 14, 2016 – 3:00 p.m. – Room 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Keith Grover, House Chair
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Don L. Ipson
Rep. Michael E. Noel
Comm. LuAnn Adams
Mr. David Damschen
Mr. Tage Flint
Mr. Jay Mark Humphrey
Mr. Warren Peterson
Mr. Gene Shawcroft
Exec. Dir. Alan Matheson
Exec. Dir. Mike Styler

Members Absent:

Sen. Margaret Dayton, Senate Chair
Rep. Gage Froerer
Rep. Kay L. McIff
Mr. Dallin W. Jensen
Ms. Voneene Jorgensen
Mr. Darrell H. Mensel
Mr. Joseph Paulick
Mr. Ron Thompson
Mr. David Ure
Mr. Boyd Workman

Staff Present:

Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Ms. RuthAnne Frost, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Katie LeFevre, Legislative Assistant

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.leg.utah.gov.

1. Commission Business

Chair Grover called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Sen. Dayton, Rep. Froerer, Mr. Jensen, Ms. Jorgensen, Mr. Mensel, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Ure were excused from the meeting.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015, meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hinkins, Rep. Briscoe, and Rep. Noel absent for the vote.

2. Gold King Mine Spill Update

Mr. Wade Faraway, Assistant Attorney General, Utah Office of the Attorney General, explained that the State of Utah has filed an intent to submit a claim. He informed the committee that the Attorney General's Office is in the process of hiring outside counsel.

Ms. Erica Gaddis, Assistant Director, Planning and Assessment Branch, Department of Environmental Quality, presented "Gold King Mine Presentation." She discussed the ongoing monitoring of the San Juan River and Lake Powell, Utah's study objectives, and the long-term work plan for the San Juan River.

3. Utah Snowpack Report

Mr. Randy Julander, Snow Survey Supervisor, Natural Resources Conservation Service, presented "Utah Water Supply." He reported on Utah's water supply and Utah's annual snowpack. He explained that the year's snowpack was average and discussed the snowpack's impact on rivers and reservoirs across the state. He responded to questions from the commission.

4. Water Quality

Mr. Walt Baker, Director, Division of Water Quality, presented "Utah Division of Water Quality Presentation." He discussed the Division of Water Quality's priorities, which are nutrient pollution, spills, and the Great Salt Lake. He outlined challenges facing the division and explained that there is dedicated staff working to protect Utah's water resources from pollution.

5. Other Commission Business

Chair Grover requested that members of the commission inform the chairs of any issues they would like to address this interim.

6. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Duckworth moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hinkins absent for the vote.

Chair Grover adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.