



SCOT COLLIER RETIREMENT

Metro Water is honored to celebrate the retirement of Scot Collier, whose remarkable career with us began over 20 years ago. Scot joined as a Control Systems Technician and quickly became known for his expertise, dedication, and genuine love for the work. His talents and leadership were soon recognized, and in July 2008 he was promoted to I&E Supervisor where he continued to excel for many years.



When asked what he was most proud of in his career, Scot didn't hesitate: teamwork. He said the strength of the department came from smart, capable people working together toward shared goals. Scot believes in putting the right people in the right places, giving them the resources they need, and ensuring the team always has the proper equipment to do the job efficiently. That focus on collaboration and empowerment shaped not just the work, but the culture of the team he led.

Scot often notes his time with the company as the best job he ever had, and it showed. He brought enthusiasm, humor, and heart to his work every day. Many will remember his love for harmless pranks and trying to surprise coworkers with the intention of bringing joy to someone's day.

As he looks forward to retirement, Scot is eager to spend more time building cars and recreational vehicles, and enjoying time with his family. His philosophy moving forward is simple: "Life is short, do what makes you happy."

We're grateful for Scot's dedication, leadership, laughter, and heart. He has made a lasting impact on Metro Water and anyone lucky enough to meet him. We wish him all the happiness in this next chapter.

SEGO LILY GARDEN SPRING FAIR

Metro Water employees recently hosted a table at the Sego Lily Conservation Garden's Spring Fair. Although it started as a rainy morning, the weather subsided just in time for people to arrive and enjoy the gardens. Staff were able to connect with people on the importance of protecting our watersheds, the benefit of having clean surface water to send through treatment, and our affiliation with Sandy City as their wholesale water supplier.

Many said they had been able to stop by Metro Water's Open House for a tour during the Water Week event. The event maintained an emphasis on water conservation and pollinator advocacy as well as safety booths on fire prevention, backflow awareness, and mosquito abatement.

Staff had a great time representing Metro Water and connecting with other organizations and residents dedicated to protecting and conserving Utah's water supply.





EQUIPMENT FAILURE IN BASIN 7

Operations staff noticed a problem with Basin 7 recently and began draining the basin to assess the extent of the damage. Once emptied, staff began mitigating the issue by sorting out flights and broken chain sections. Once several components were untangled and cleared from the cross collectors, staff sprayed the basin down and began diagnosing the equipment failure.

The drive system contains safety pins designed to break during mechanical issues and shut the system down. Unfortunately, everything was so tangled that the safety pin did not break as intended.

After three days of replacing flights, staff had installed approximately 50 feet of new chain. The routine maintenance was completed throughout the system, and staff was able to get Basin 7 back into service and operating normally again. These types of failures are becoming more common as equipment continues to age, and they can present significant challenges. We're grateful for our attentive and capable staff who are able to keep the plant running.

ADMIN CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

The Administration Campus Improvements Project includes modifications to the existing server room to accommodate fiber connections, along with power and HVAC upgrades. This work requires relocation of stored materials currently in the server room.

After evaluating several options, Metro Water purchased a new portable building to be installed northwest of the existing Administration Building. The portable will provide office space for two employees and additional storage.

Whitaker Construction is installing power and communication conduits from the Finished Water Pump Building, crossing the temporary access road, landscaped areas, and the Administration parking lot to the Administration Building near the garage entrance.



Potholing, saw cutting, excavation, trenching, conduit installation, concrete work, and backfilling have been completed. Remaining work includes asphalt T-patching, wire installation, and portable delivery. Project completion is anticipated during the last week of June.

WATER WEEK OPEN HOUSE



The Water Week Open House event at Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant was a huge success. The event brought in over 200 people for tours, food and water education. Thank you to everyone who came and everyone involved. We're looking forward to next year!

HUMAN RESOURCES

Service Anniversaries

Brian Pehrson, Systems Administrator – 5 years

Chad Fernelius, Senior Systems Administrator – 5 years

Andy Reidling, Maintenance Manager – 20 years

New Employees

Cohen Bardsley, Grounds Worker

Tyler Fuller, Lab Intern

Hailey Johnson, Grounds Worker

Jackson Schonberg, Grounds Worker

Colten Squire, Facilities Technician

Tom Williamson, Grounds Worker

Evan Morrison, IT Intern