

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

Minutes of the 907th meeting of the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy Board of Trustees held Monday, September 21, 2026 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 Kirkham	Vice-Chair
Patricia Comarell	Secretary
Ralph Becker	Trustee
Florence Reynolds	Trustee
Daniel Salmon	Trustee
Chris Shope	Trustee

The following staff and guests attended the Board meeting:

Annalee Munsey	General Manager
Gordon Cook	Assistant General Manager/COO
Ammon Allen	Engineering Manager
Kelly Stevens	Senior Engineer
Gardner Olson	Senior Engineer
Erin Kuhlmeier	Engineer I
Josh Croft	Accountant
Darin Klemin	IT Department Manager
Nathan Scown	Operations Manager
Jeff Matheson	Lab Manager
Eric Sorensen	Water Resources Manager
Elizabeth Woodall	Administrative Assistant
Dani Cepernich	Spencer Fane
Jordan King	Kimley-Horn
Ashlie Albrecht	Consort
Laura Briefer	Salt Lake City Public Utilities
Tom Ward	Sandy City Public Utilities
Jeff Budge	Provo River Water Users Association
Lindsey Nielsen	Central Wasatch Commission
Wade Tuft	Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
Mike Whimpey	Central Utah Water Conservancy District
Ragan Bryce	PCL Construction
Kendall Devries	Garney
Brittany Sorensen	Brown and Caldwell
Jason Luettinger	Bowen Collins & Associates
Brad Jeppson	Stantec

Work Session Agenda

1. Report on Central Wasatch Commission – Lindsey Nielsen, Executive Director
2. Presentation on Cottonwoods Connection Public Involvement – Jordan King, Kimley-Horn and Ashlie Albrecht, Consort

3. Other

Board Meeting Agenda

4. Call to order
5. Oath of Office for Christopher Shope
6. Public comment
7. Consider election of officers
8. Discuss and consider approval of Board committee assignments
9. Consider approval of Resolution 1948
10. Engineering Committee report
 - a. Consider approval of Task Order No. 03 for Little Cottonwood Conduit Resiliency expanded design services
 - b. Reporting items
 - i. Presentation on Finished Water Strategic Conveyance Plan
 - ii. Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant Rebuild
 - iii. Capital Projects Report
11. Consider acceptance of financial reports – June 2026
12. Consider approval of Board Meeting minutes dated August 17, 2026
13. Reporting/Scheduling items
 - a. Water supply and demand update
14. Other business
15. Items to be discussed at future meetings
16. Closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation
17. Adjourn

Work Session

Report on Central Wasatch Commission

Ms. Munsey introduced Lindsey Nielsen, Executive Director of the Central Wasatch Commission (CWC). Ms. Nielsen provided an overview of CWC's history and an update on the proposed Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act (CWNCRA). She explained that the CWNCRA would require federal legislation because it would address federal public lands.

She reviewed the history of the Mountain Accord Charter, established in 2013 to develop a plan to sustain the Central Wasatch Mountain Range. Through the Charter, a first draft of the CWNCRA was developed. The proposed legislation would establish a new land designation combining elements of both conservation and recreation areas.

Ms. Nielsen explained that the proposed land designation would provide protections for water resources and water quality, restrict road development, mineral extraction, and timber production, and support wildlife preservation. The legislation would also prohibit the forced sale of privately owned land within the boundaries of the proposed National Conservation and Recreation Area (NCRA). She reviewed the existing federal land boundaries and the additional surrounding areas proposed to be included under the CWNCRA.

Board members discussed potential political support for the proposed legislation, challenges associated with advancing the bill through the House of Representatives, and the need for negotiations among various land and water stakeholders. Ms. Laura Briefer noted that future negotiations would likely involve re-educating stakeholders due to changes that had occurred in recent years and would require compromise given the various uses of the Central Wasatch Mountains.

Presentation on Cottonwoods Connection Public Involvement

Mr. Stevens introduced Mr. Jordan King from Kimley-Horn, and Ms. Ashlie Albrecht from Consor, and the work they'd completed for public engagement for the Cottonwoods Connection project. Their work

included developing a comprehensive communications strategy, and providing stakeholder support as needed. They provided communications through many avenues and kept those communication sources up to date. Their communications strategy included neighborhood meetings, media outreach, a project website and hotline, email updates, communication templates, and regular meetings with the city of Cottonwood Heights.

Mr. King presented statistics highlighting his team's public engagement efforts, and Ms. Albrecht provided similar information regarding her team's work. They also shared highlights from previous public engagement activities. Ms. Comarell commended their efforts to engage with community members on an individual level to allay their concerns. Mr. Becker thanked them for the positive impact their efforts had on the Cottonwoods Connection project, particularly in building goodwill through direct engagement with the community.

Other

No other business was discussed.

Board Meeting

Call to Order

Mr. Godfrey called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m., and welcomed staff and visitors. All board members were present.

Public Comment

No comments were made.

Oath of Office for Christopher Shope

Mr. Chris Shope joined Ms. Woodall to read aloud and sign the Oath of Office. Mr. Godfrey invited Mr. Shope to introduce himself, and Mr. Shope shared his hydro-geology and hydro-engineering background, along with water quality modeling experience.

Consider approval of Resolution 1948

Ms. Munsey explained that Mr. Eric Hunter, bond counsel with Chapman Cutler, prepared Resolution 1948 for the board's approval. She explained that Metro Water was intentionally delaying the issuance of bonds; however, Metro Water was currently paying certain capital expenses. The resolution would allow Metro Water to later seek reimbursement for those expenses using future bond proceeds.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to approve Resolution No. 1948, declaring the official intention of Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy to issue revenue bonds to finance certain capital expenditures. Ms. Comarell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all board members voted in the affirmative.

Consider election of officers

Mr. Becker motioned to retain the current officers, with Tom Godfrey as Chair, John Kirkham as Vice-Chair, and Patricia Comarell as Secretary. Ms. Reynolds seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and consider approval of Board committee assignments

Mr. Godfrey invited discussion of committee assignment changes, following the addition of a new Trustee.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to approve the revised committee assignments, updating the Finance and Environmental Committees. Ms. Comarell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Consider approval of Task Order No. 03 for Little Cottonwood Conduit Resiliency expanded design services

Ms. Kuhlmeier provided an update on the Little Cottonwood Creek Intake Structure project design. She noted the Board had previously awarded \$1,000,000 to Bowen Collins & Associates for the project design, which was now 90% complete. Metro Water was seeking an additional \$150,000 to fund expanded design services, and complete the design package.

Ms. Kuhlmeier shared an overview of the project tasks that had been completed and the additional services that would be included under the new Task Order. She also outlined the impact on the design budget. In response to Board inquiries regarding project benefits, Mr. Kirkham clarified that the completed project would allow Metro Water to bypass the Murray Hydroplant Penstock.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to approve Task Order No. 03 with Bowen Collins & Associates, for the Little Cottonwood Conduit Resiliency expanded design services for \$150,000. Ms. Reynolds seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation on Finished Water Strategic Conveyance Plan

Mr. Stevens presented the Strategic Conveyance Plan for Finished Water and provided an overview of the plan's objectives and the drivers behind the planning project. Previous examinations had identified four potential projects, three of which had already been budgeted and for which work had previously begun. He noted that specific Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with member cities would be required before proceeding to determine financial responsibility. Ms. Cepernich noted that an MOU would also be required if the project involved a capacity component, depending on the direction selected.

Through the planning process, 10 upstream alternatives and 11 downstream alternatives were identified. These were subsequently narrowed to seven upstream and five downstream alternatives, respectively. Mr. Stevens presented potential configurations for conveying water between treatment plants and pipelines. The Board discussed the analysis and mechanics of conveying water, as well as potential future uses of existing pipelines.

Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant Rebuild

Mr. Olson commended Metro Water staff on their recent work, in regards to the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant Rebuild project. He provided an update on current activities, including the request for proposals for a Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC), workshops and geotechnical work. He also shared a diagram of the potential Metro Water campus layout.

Mr. Olson explained that staff was evaluating dual-media filtration using new filter pilot plant equipment. The project will evaluate filter performance with different media depths and sizes to assure compliance with State requirements.

The Board discussed the potential to incorporate Big Cottonwood Creek water into the facility, seismic considerations, the potential reuse or salvage of existing equipment and facilities, as well as cost projections. Mr. Olson explained much of the existing equipment was too old to be reused, and a significant portion of the project would involve demolition and reconstruction. Mr. Cook added that Stantec was evaluating opportunities to repurpose existing equipment where practicable, and Mr. Jeppson also noted that Stantec's team was seeking to incorporate sustainability measures into the design where practical.

Capital Projects Report

Mr. Godfrey welcomed any questions or comments on the Capital Projects report. No comments were made.

Consider acceptance of financial reports – June 2026

Mr. Kirkham noted that the June 2026 reports included a number of year-end adjustments, such as construction in progress amounts being converted to capital assets. He noted that Metro Water will have a full report on those numbers as part of the fiscal year-end audit. Ms. Munsey confirmed that the audit is on schedule.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to accept the June 2026 financial reports. Ms. Comarell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Consider approval of Board Meeting minutes dated August 17, 2026

Mr. Kirkham motioned to approve the Board Meeting minutes dated August 17, 2026. Mr. Becker seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Water supply and demand update

Mr. Sorensen presented on recent rainfall and temperatures, and noted some recent record-breaking weather. Higher-than-normal temperatures had impacted reservoir levels for Deer Creek Reservoir and Utah Lake. Temperature projections through winter were also higher than normal temperatures.

Recent storms helped decrease demand, but demand was still at average or above-average levels. Mr. Sorensen reported that Metro Water maintained approximately 50,000 acre-feet of holdover by optimizing Little Cottonwood Creek water and use of the pump stations to deliver water to Utah Lake Distributing Company (ULDC) contract. That represented approximately 8,000 acre-feet more holdover than the previous year.

Other business

Ms. Munsey shared that the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant received an award for Best Surface Water at a recent Intermountain Section AWWA (American Water Works Association) conference taste test.

Mr. Godfrey shared the Board's congratulations to Colin Hirayama for his 20-year service anniversary with Metro Water.

Mr. Kirkham noted that the recently re-formed Sandy City Advisory Board will meet in November of this year.

Items to be discussed at future meetings

No items were discussed.

Closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation

Mr. Kirkham motioned to go into closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Mr. Becker seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

All Board members were present. The following staff were also present: Ms. Munsey, Mr. Cook, Mr. Allen, Ms. Woodall, and Ms. Cepernich.

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

Adjourn

At 6:25 p.m. the Board Meeting adjourned.

Tom Godfrey, Chair

Patricia Comarell, Secretary

Unapproved