MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

Minutes of the 903rd meeting of the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy Board of Trustees held Monday, May 18, 2026 at 5:40 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

The following staff and guests attended the board meeting:

Annalee Munsey, General Manager
Gordon Cook, Assistant General Manager/Chief Operating Officer
Breana Jackson, Executive Administrator
Sonya Shepherd, HR Manager
Elizabeth Woodall, Administrative Assistant
John Baer, Controller
Gardner Olson, Senior Engineer
Jeff Matheson, Lab Manager
Nathan Scown, Operations Manager
Eric Sorensen, Water Resources Manager
Kelly Stevens, Senior Engineer
Jared Rose, Assistant IT Manager
Erin Kuhlmeier, Engineer I
Josh McDougall, IA&E Manager
Josh Croft, Accountant
Dani Cepernich, Spencer Fane
Brad Jeppson, Stantec
Mark Graham, Stantec
Clint Rogers, Stantec
Jesse Stewart, Salt Lake City Public Utilities
Tom Ward, Sandy City Public Utilities
Mike Whimpey, Central Utah Water Conservancy District
Dave Faux, Provo River Water Users Association
Ragan Bryce, PCL Construction
Josh Hinckley, PCL Construction

Closed Session Agenda

1. To discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation

Work Session Agenda

2. LCWTP project prioritization and preliminary funding options
3. Other

Board Meeting Agenda

4. Call to order
5. Public comment
6. Engineering Committee report
    a. Consider approval of Resolution 1945 approving FEMA BRIC funds commitment for grant application for the Raw Water Little Cottonwood Conduit Replacement Project
    b. Consider approval of Resolution 1946 approving FEMA BRIC funds commitment for grant application for the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant Rebuild Project
    c. Consider approval of server procurement
    d. Reporting items
        i. Change Order No. C18 for Cottonwoods Connection
        ii. Capital Projects Report – April 2026
7. Environmental Committee report
    a. Reporting items
8. Consider approval of Board Minutes dated April 20, 2026
9. Consider acceptance of finance reports
10. Reporting/Scheduling items
    a. Reporting items
11. Other business
12. Items to be discussed at future meetings

Public Hearing Agenda

1. Open Public Hearing

2. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2027 Tentative Budget
3. Report on city council budget presentations schedule
4. Public comment
5. Close Public Hearing
6. Adjourn

Closed Session

Mr. Kirkham motioned to go into closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Ms. Reynolds seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

All board members were present. The following staff were also present: Ms. Munsey, Mr. Cook, Ms. Jackson, and Ms. Cepernich.

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

Work Session

Mr. Olson introduced representatives from Stantec, and Mr. Brad Jeppson began the presentation on the pre-design progress of the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant rebuild project. He reviewed the assessments and evaluations, and how stages of the project were prioritized. The three main goals of the rebuild project are resilience during a hazard event, to improve processes through system upgrades, and to improve electrical and process control systems.

Mr. Mark Graham presented on possible financial modeling options, and discussed possible combinations of funding options, weighted both for cost and affordability. The initial budget was set to $350 million but additional funding would allow a larger project scope. Stantec recommended a strategy that blended cash, revenue bonds, and low interest loans, and discussed many variations on that strategy, to achieve a larger possible budget. Mr. Clint Rogers reviewed state and federal programs, and believed Metro Water was a competitive candidate for six to eight particular programs they recommended applications for.

The board discussed at length the prioritization process, funding opportunities, and sustainability efforts for the project.

Board Meeting

Call to order

At 5:40 p.m., Mr. Godfrey, board Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed board members, staff, and visitors.

Public comment

No public comments were made.

Consider approval of Resolution 1945 approving FEMA BRIC funds commitment for grant application for the Raw Water Little Cottonwood Conduit Replacement Project

Ms. Kuhlmeier presented on the FEMA BRIC grant application. Metro Water is applying for a $15 million federal share from BRIC. If granted, it would require a $5 million match from Metro Water in the FY2028 budget.

The board discussed the application process and how the State disperses funding. Ms. Reynolds inquired about the differences in FEMA BRIC programs.

The Engineering Committee discussed this application on May 5, 2026, and recommended approval by the full board.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to approve Resolution 1945 to commit funds for a grant application for the Raw Water Little Cottonwood Conduit Replacement Project. Ms. Comarell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Consider approval of Resolution 1946 approving FEMA BRIC funds commitment for grant application for the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant Rebuild Project

Mr. Olson presented on another FEMA BRIC grant application. In addition to grant programs for natural hazard mitigation, BRIC also provides scoping grants. Metro Water proposed an application to this grant, for $1 million for project scoping, for the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant Rebuild Project. This grant would require Metro Water to fund the remaining $14 million from the FY2028 budget.

The Engineering Committee discussed this application on May 5, 2026, and recommended approval by the full board.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to approve Resolution 1946 approving FEMA BRIC funds commitment for grant application for the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant Rebuild Project. Mr. Becker seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Consider approval of server procurement

Mr. Rose presented on Metro Water's high-performance backup servers, which are replaced approximately every five years. Due to increased cost, network equipment is now considered a capital procurement item. Available funding was identified within the repair & replace budget line item, which would cost $114,032.10. Instead of purchasing three sets as Metro Water has historically done, Metro Water will only seek two new servers at this time. Ms. Reynolds asked if would be wise to wait on the purchase, and see if prices come down in a year or two. Mr. Rose stated that the committee had considered delaying the purchases but they expect continued high prices.

The Engineering Committee met on May 5, 2026 and discussed the server procurement. They recommended approval by the full board.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to approve new server procurement to CDWG for $114,032.10. Mr. Salmon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Reporting items

Mr. Stevens reported on Change Order No. C18 for Cottonwoods Connection. The change order included Work Change Directives (WCD) C38, C39, and C40, and included a scope increase of $65,176.65, the total of which would be due to Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities (SLCDPU). The root cause of WCD C38 and C39 was for desired valves which differed from the original design. For WCD C40, SLCDPU had requested the removal of a turnout tee. The Engineering Committee reviewed this Change Order on May 5, 2026.

Mr. Godfrey welcomed any comments on the Capital Projects report.

Environmental Committee Report

Mr. Becker stated that the committee met on May 5, 2026 and they are planning to revisit the Power Management and Energy Plan to provide updated areas of focus.

Consider approval of Board Meeting minutes dated April 20, 2026

Mr. Kirkham motioned to approve the Board Meeting minutes dated April 20, 2026. Ms. Reynolds seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Consider acceptance of finance reports

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

Reporting Items

Mr. Sorensen presented on the water supply and demand update. He presented on drought trends from in Salt Lake County, and compared 2016 to present. Mr. Sorensen showed how the snow melt occurred faster than usual, due to several periods of record high temperatures in 2026, and has essentially ended for this season.

Mr. Sorensen showed how water usage continued to spike higher than usual for May but water levels in reservoirs have remained relatively comparable to past years. He reviewed record high temperatures and predicted weather forecasts, from both the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administrator and Old Farmer's Almanac.

Other business

Mr. Godfrey extended a welcome to new employees, Nick Reed and AJ Chavez. He also extended congratulations to Eric Sorensen, Todd Tucker, Chad Rose, and Alyssa Allen for their years of service.

Items for future meetings

No items were discussed.

Public Hearing

Mr. Becker motioned to open the public hearing. Mr. Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. At 6:03 p.m. Mr. Godfrey called the public hearing to order.

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2027 Tentative Budget

Ms. Munsey presented on the FY2027 tentative budget. The presentation reviewed the budget schedule, source of funds, and uses of funds. Sources of funds included property taxes, bonding, and a proposed water-rate increase to the member cities. There is no property tax rate increase for FY27, but an increase is planned for FY28. Uses of funds included capital improvement projects, costs related to other agencies, aging infrastructure, and key components of Operations & Maintenance.

Mr. Salmon inquired how a drop in revenue sales is factored into the annual budget, due to changing water usages. Ms. Munsey explained that in 2017 Metro Water moved to a fixed-rate charge to its member cities to achieve revenue and budget predictability for Metro and the member cities.

Report on city council budget presentations schedule

Ms. Munsey reported on the budget presentation to Salt Lake City's council on May 5, 2026. Mr. Godfrey also attended the presentation. Ms. Munsey will present the FY2027 budget at the Sandy City Council meeting on May 26, 2026.

Public comment

Mr. Godfrey welcomed any public comments. No comments were made.

Adjourn

Mr. Kirkham motioned to close the public hearing. Ms. Comarell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

At 6:18 p.m. the board meeting adjourned.

Tom Godfrey, Chair

Patricia Comarell, Secretary