# MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025

Minutes of the 890th meeting of the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy Board of Trustees held Monday, February 24, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. at 3430 E Danish Road, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84093.

The following trustees attended the board meeting:

 Tom Godfrey -Chair

John S. Kirkham -Vice Chair

Patricia Comarell -Secretary

Cindy Cromer -Trustee

Joan Degiorgio -Trustee

Florence Reynolds -Trustee

The following trustee was excused:

John H. Mabey, Jr. -Trustee

The following staff and guests attended the board meeting:

Annalee Munsey, General Manager

Gordon Cook, Assistant General Manager/Chief Operating Officer \*electronic participation\*

Eric Sorensen, Water Resources Manager

Sonya Shepherd, HR Manager

Nathan Scown, Operations Manager

Ammon Allen, Engineering Manager

Kelly Stevens, Senior Engineer

Darin Klemin, IT Department Manager

Andy Reidling, Maintenance Manager

Josh Croft, Accountant

Breana Jackson, Executive Administrator

Lesieli Tonga, Intern

Dani Cepernich, Spencer Fane

Jesse Stewart, Salt Lake City Public Utilities

Tom Ward, Sandy City Public Utilities

Marie Owens, AE2S

Brad Jeppson, Stantec

Trevor Lindley, Brown & Caldwell

Brittany Sorenson, Brown & Caldwell

David Killpack, Alpine Hollow

David Dobbins, Draper City

Jason Luettinger, Bowen Collins & Associates

Mike Whimpey, Central Utah Water Conservancy District

Jeff Budge, Provo River Water Users Association

## Work Session Agenda

1. Background Ontario Drain Tunnel water
2. Operations update
3. Other

## Board Meeting Agenda

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	2. Consider approval of adding position to the District’s organizational structure
5. Engineering Committee report
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	2. Consider approval of Addendum No. 2 to Cooperation Agreement with Draper City
	3. Consider approval of Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services During Construction
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11. Closed session
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	2. Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual
12. Adjourn

## Work Session

 Ms. Cepernich provided an overview of the Ontario Drain Tunnel. She detailed Metro Water’s acquisition of water rights and its historical pedigree. Ms. Cepernich reviewed the 2005 Interlocal Agreement and the Jordanelle Special Service District Operations and Maintenance Agreement and lease with amendments. She mentioned the Sundance snowmaking agreement and gave a prelude to the Great Salt Lake lease.

Mr. Scown updated the board on the current projects in the Operations department. He reviewed the sampling requirements of Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) from the Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Scown explained that by 2027, water systems must comply with monitoring, related reporting, and public notification requirements. By 2029, public water systems will have five years to implement solutions to reduce PFAS if applicable. Metro Water is currently in the initial stage of monitoring. Surface Water Systems serving all population sizes are required to monitor quarterly within a 12-month period and to collect samples two to four months apart.

Mr. Scown discussed the operational plan for the upcoming water year at the Point of the Mountain Water Treatment Plant. He reviewed the demand versus flow, average million gallons per day, and pumping costs. The plant is set to operate from April through October 2025 to support water banking with Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District.

## Board Meeting

## Call to order

At 4:30 p.m. the Chair, Mr. Godfrey, called the meeting to order and welcomed board members, staff, and visitors.

## Public comment

No public comments were made.

## Legislative update

 No legislative update was provided.

## Consider approval of lease agreement of ODT water to the Great Salt Lake Trust

District legal counsel has been coordinating with the Great Salt Lake Trust (GSLT) to prepare the agreement for the ODT lease. The lease agreement incorporates the points from the GSLT’s proposed term sheet and the annual price escalation of 3 percent for the 10-year term. The Executive Committee discussed this item during the January 14, 2025committee meeting and recommended approval by the full board. Ms. Cromer asked about the current status of the state engineer approval. Ms. Cepernich reported the process was still pending and the board will be notified once the process is complete.

Ms. Degiorgio motioned to approve the lease agreement of the Ontario Drain Tunnel water to the Great Salt Lake Trust. Mr. Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## Consider approval of adding position to the District’s organizational structure

Ms. Munsey discussed Metro Water’s current staffing needs and the proposed Controller position. The new position would not increase staffing levels, as the vacant Assistant General Manager position will not be filled at this time. Ms. Munsey noted that a Controller position existed until 2010 when it was converted into an Accountant position. Staff has experienced a steady increase in workload and financial planning needs, and for these reasons are recommending the Controller position to provide additional financial support as Metro Water plans and prepares for the future. The Executive Committee discussed the position during the January 28, 2025 committee meeting and recommended approval by the full board.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to approve adding a Controller position to the District’s organizational structure. Ms. Comarell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## Consider appeal from Alpine Hollow development

On January 27, the board reviewed an appeal from The Ridges at Alpine, LLC for a variance to policy to permit utilities and access across District-owned property to serve the proposed Alpine Hollow Development. Alpine Hollow is a 110-acre parcel located on the south side of Traverse Ridge in Draper and intended to develop into 50 residential lots. The board tabled the appeal until more information could be provided about the use and access to the land. The Engineering Committee discussed this item on January 14, 2025 and recommended the full board grant the variance.

Mr. Allen reviewed the revised Alpine Hollow Cooperation Agreement and welcomed any comments or concerns. Mr. Kirkham expressed concern that the agreement specifies allowance of vehicular access but does not note pedestrian access. Ms. Cromer expressed concern for the District’s long-term involvement with the corridor and the third-party utilities. Ms. Cepernich delineated specific terms within the agreement that would help mitigate those anticipated liabilities.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to grant a variance to the District policy with the change to the agreement language, to permit the road, utilities, and grading in the attached form of agreement, allowing the General Manager and legal counsel to make non-substantive changes as deemed in the District’s best interest. Ms. Comarell seconded the motion. The motion carried five in favor; Ms. Cromer opposed.

## Consider approval of Addendum No. 2 to Cooperation Agreement with Draper City

In 2012, the District and Draper City entered into a cooperation agreement for trails in the Corner Canyon area. The agreement was expanded in 2019 to include new trails installed with development on the north side of Traverse Ridge. The proposed Alpine Hollow Development is located on the south side of Traverse Ridge in Draper and is the subject of the previous agenda item. Addendum No. 2 addresses the current and future trail use and District access, including the south side of Traverse Ridge where the Alpine Hollow Development is located. The Engineering Committee did not previously discuss this item.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to approve Addendum No. 2 to Cooperation Agreement with Draper City. Ms. Degiorgio seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## Consider approval of Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services During Construction

Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Hazen and Sawyer includes the cost for additional construction administration, construction delays, change orders related to the Little Cottonwood Conduit, and unanticipated material quantities for the Salt Lake Aqueduct Replacement – Cottonwood Conduits (SLAR-CC) project. The cost would be accounted for in budgets for FY2026 and FY2027. Mr. Stevens noted the budget and timeline changes made within the amendment. The Engineering Committee discussed this item on February 4, 2025 and recommended approval by the full board.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to approve Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services During Construction for the SLAR-CC in the amount of $1,551,391. Ms. Cromer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## Reporting items

Mr. Godfrey welcomed any questions regarding the Capital Projects Report. Mr. Kirkham inquired about the completion date for the design of the Little Cottonwood Conduit Replacement. Mr. Allen reported the date is still pending.

## Consider approval of Board Meeting minutes dated January 27, 2025

Ms. Cromer motioned to approve the Board Meeting minutes dated January 27, 2025 with minor corrections. Ms. Degiorgio seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## Consider acceptance of financial reports

Mr. Kirkham motioned to accept the financial report for December 2024. Ms. Comarell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## Reporting/Scheduling items

 Mr. Sorensen provided a water supply and demand update for the board. He discussed the February water supply and explained that February surpassed January projections. Mr. Sorensen reported peak snowpack should be reached in approximately two months.

Ms. Munsey went over the budget schedule for the 2026 Fiscal Year and thanked Ms. Shepherd for the work she’s done for the upcoming review.

## Other business

Mr. Kirkham noted the Sandy City Public Utilities Advisory Board Meeting will not be held at City Hall. The meeting will be held at the Operations building.

Mr. Godfrey extended the board’s welcome to new employees Clay Rose and Mason Fuller. He congratulated Darren Weller, Shaun Stone, and Wade Ewell on their promotions.

## Items to be discussed at future meetings

 Ms. Cromer requested a field trip of the Managed Aquifer Recharge Project.

## Closed Session

## Strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation

Mr. Kirkham motioned to go into closed session to discuss strategy sessions for reasonably imminent litigation. Ms. Cromer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. All board members were present except Mr. Mabey, the following staff were also present: Ms. Munsey, Mr. Cook, Mr. Allen, Ms. Jackson, and Ms. Cepernich.

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

## Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual

Mr. Kirkham motioned to go into closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Ms. Degiorgio seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. All board members, minus Mr. Mabey, were present. Ms. Munsey was also present.

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

## Adjourn

 At 5:51 p.m. the board meeting adjourned.

 Tom Godfrey, Chair Patricia Comarell, Secretary