

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE WATER FINANCE BOARD

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

12:30 p.m.

GOMB Conference Room, 350 North State Street, Suite 140

## **Members Present:**

Phil Dean, Chairman

David Damschen

Eric Millis

Jon Bronson

Laura Briefer

Evan Curtis

Juliette Tennert

## **Staff Present:**

Miranda Jones, Finance Specialist

### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Phil Dean called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

### **2. Approval of minutes**

**Motion:** Jon Bronson proposed to make a technical change to section 6 of the minutes. Eric Millis proposed an amendment to section 4a of the minutes, noting that it should include language stating the Division of Water Resources has made meaningful progress in addressing the concerns of the legislative water audit.

Jon Bronson accepted the amendment. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

### **3. Committee Business**

Chairman Phil Dean proposed that the board visit Utah State University's water lab in the month of October.

The Chairman scheduled the upcoming meetings of the Executive Water Finance Board: Tuesday, September 12, at 1:00 p.m.; and Monday, September 25, at 9:00 a.m.

### **4. Water Data Overview**

Ron Thompson from the Washington County Water Conservancy District presented on the population growth, development, tourism, supply and demand of water in the county.

Jon Bronson clarified that the population growth estimates match the estimates of Kem C. Gardner, and the group discussed how full time residents are accounted for.

The group discussed the inflection in the demand line of Washington County's potable water supply and demand chart.

Phil Dean mentioned that public and institutional use of water should be studied further, and Juliette Tennert proposed that Todd Anderson from the Division of Natural Resources should present on the divisions 'Fame or Shame Campaign'.

Ron Thompson presented on percentages of metered and unmetered supply in the county. The committee discussed agricultural conversion.

The board discussed data problems associated with former water forfeiture policy, and Todd Anderson from DNR showed a visual representation of residential, irrigated and non-irrigated land in Washington County, and the vast move towards residential from 1991 to year 2013.

The group discussed the breakout of water use by economic sector. Laura Briefer mentioned that Salt Lake City acquires their usage data through the city's billing system. Phil Dean asked Laura to provide that data at a future meeting.

Todd Adams offered to distribute a DNR study on the water efficiency of Utah's Colleges and Universities.

## **5. Water Finance Overview**

Phil Dean distributed slides on the overview of current water financing in Utah, noting that the subject would be discussed further at a following meeting. He also mentioned that he would like a year-end report to the Governor on the subject.

## **6. Other Items/adjourn**

The group asked to compile all meeting materials in accessible online cloud storage.

Laura Briefer invited the group to Salt Lake City's Rate Advisory Committee on Wednesday, August 23, 2017.

**Motion:** Evan Curtis moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.