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MINUTES

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD

DEQ Building Board Room – 1015

195 North 1950 West

Salt Lake City, UT 84116

May 27, 2015

UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Clyde Bunker	Jennifer Grant	Steven Earley
Gregg Galecki	Michael Luers	Alan Matheson
Shane Pace	Hugo Rodier	

Excused: Myron Bateman

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Leah Ann Lamb, Erica Gaddis, Jenny Potter, Marsha Case, Nicole Froula, Kim Shelley, Doug Wong, John Mackey, Emily Cantón, Lisa Nelson, Judy Etherington, Svetlana Kopytkovskiy, John Kennington, Jodi Gardberg, Bill Damery, Keith Eagan,

OTHERS PRESENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization Representing</u>
Craig Ashcroft	Carollo Engineers
Lucy Jordan	Utah Geological Survey
John Guldner	Town of Alta
Jeff Beckman	Bowen Collins
Don Calderwood	Providence Mayor
James Brackner	River Heights Mayor
Issa Hamud	Logan City
Alex Buxton	Zions Public Finance
Mike Lowe	Utah Geological Survey
James Campbell	Pacific Corp
Erica Franson	Helper City Mayor

Edward Chavez
Gary Harwood
Chad Brown
Del Freddo
Ken Braegger
Todd Godfrey
Matt Dyll
John Chartier
Nate Selin
Shawn Dustin
Justin Maughan

Helper City
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Willard City
Willard City
Hodges Godfrey Bell
Logan City
DEQ District Engineer
Central Utah Health Dept.
Nibley City
Nibley City

Shane Pace called the Board meeting to order at 9:08 AM and took roll call for the members of the Board and audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 29, 2015 MEETING

Motion: The election for chair and vice chair will be held at June 2015 Board meeting.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Leland Myers: was recognized for his 8+ years of service on the Board. He expressed appreciation for his opportunity to serve.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

- This morning, May 27, 2015 at 8:00 AM, EPA and Corp of Engineers issued the final Waters of the U.S. Rule. There were over a million comments received and it will change which waters are subject to federal jurisdiction. In Utah, the Sevier River Basin will be deemed non-jurisdictional. Waters of the U.S. require 404 permits through the Corps and NPDES permits issued by DWR for pollution discharges. The State will likely need to develop a state surface water permit to protect those non-jurisdictional waters.
- On May 20, 2015 a presentation was made to the Natural Resources and Agriculture Environment Interim Committee:
 - Infrastructure- Wastewater infrastructures will be needed to accommodate future growth
 - More Stringent Standards- Increased growth and depleted flows in our rivers and streams will result in higher levels of treatment being needed
 - New and Emerging Water Quality Standards
 - A more stringent ammonia standard will be required in 2017
 - Nutrient reduction limits for POTWs and water quality standards for in our lakes and streams are forth coming
 - Spills
- The Utah Tax Review Commission meets on May 28, 2015 to consider changes to the allocation of 1/16% of the sales tax revenues to five statutory funding programs for water, wastewater, conservation and transportation infrastructures

FUNDING REQUESTS

Financial Reports: Ms. Cantón updated the Board on the Loan Funds, and Hardship Grant Funds, as seen in the Board Packet on pages E1-E3.

Central Utah Public Health Department: Mr. Eagan presented the staff recommendation on a hardship grant for \$49,300 which would be used to complete a baseline groundwater quality study in conjunction with the Central Utah Health Department to evaluate conditions and potential sources of pollution in the vicinity of Monroe, UT.

Motion: **Following a discussion Ms. Grant made the motion to approve the grant for Central Utah Public Health Dept. for \$49, 300. Mr. Luers seconded the motion. The motion passed, with Mr. Bunker voting in opposition.**

Willard City Loan Refinancing: Ms. Nelson presented Willard City's request for the Board to refinance the city's sewer bond for \$10,740,000. Willard City will make its bond payment for 2015, but without refinancing will be unable to make the bond payment for 2016. The new bond would be for \$10,740,000 for 30 years at 0% with the referenced graduated repayment schedule and early principal repayment clause and the following special condition: Willard City agrees to participate annually in the Municipal Wastewater Planning Program (MWPP).

Motion: **Following a discussion Mr. Galecki made the motion to approve the loan refinancing for Willard City for \$10,740,000. Ms. Grant seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.**

Helper City Loan Request: Mr. Mackey presented Helper City's loan request for \$2,314,000. Helper City is requesting the loan for 30 years with 0% for completion of a sewer project that would replace sewer mains throughout the city.

Motion: **Following a discussion Ms. Grant made the motion to approve the loan for Helper City for \$2,314,000. Mr. Rodier seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.**

RULEMAKING

R317-2 Standards of Quality for Waters of the State: Ms. Gardberg presented a request to have a Water Quality Board member serve as a hearing officer for proposed revisions to R317-2, *Standards of Quality for Waters to the State*.

Motion: **Following a discussion, Mr. Rodier noted he would attend the meeting as the public hearing officer.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Logan City Update: Ms. Nelson updated the Board on the Logan City project. The project was initially presented to the Board on January 22, 2014 when the Board authorized a \$70,000,000 loan at 0.75% interest to replace Logan City's discharging lagoons and construct a new 18-mgd wastewater treatment plant. February 15, 2014 the mayors from six surrounding communities (Nibley, Hyde Park, North Logan, Smithfield, Providence, & River Heights) submitted a letter to the Board expressing concerns about the project. The Board extended the terms of its loan authorization project until November 2014, again to December 2014 and again to April 2015. As of the May Board meeting an agreement between the six cities and Logan City has not been reached. The Board stated final staff recommendations will need to be presented at the June 2015 Board meeting.

**Next Meeting – June 24, 2015
DEQ Building Board Room – 1015
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Myron Bateman, Chair
Utah Water Quality Board