



# MINUTES

## NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, February 11, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

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### Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Senate Chair  
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Chair  
Rep. Scott H. Chew, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Don L. Ipson  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
Sen. Scott D. Sandall  
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher  
Sen. Ronald Winterton  
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht  
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson

Rep. Stephen G. Handy  
Rep. Suzanne Harrison  
Rep. Karen Kwan  
Rep. Phil Lyman  
Rep. Lee B. Perry  
Rep. Casey Snider  
Rep. Keven J. Stratton  
Rep. Logan Wilde

### Staff Present:

Mr. Timothy G. Dinehart, Fiscal Analyst  
Mr. Ivan D. Djambov, Fiscal Analyst  
Mr. Steve Benard, Session Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

House Vice Chair Chew called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

### [1-Detailed Agenda 2-11-19](#)

Mr. Ivan Djambov, Fiscal Analyst, introduced the materials related to the Division of Water Resources.

### 1 . Division of Water Resources

#### [2-Water Resources, Agency Presentation](#)

Mr. Eric Millis, Director, and Jim Egbert, Finance Manager, of the Division of Water Resources, presented the funding requests.

Sen. Sandall asked a question regarding the dam safety projects. Mr. Millis explained.

Sen. Iwamoto asked questions regarding secondary metering and Lake Powell, and Mr. Millis answered.

Sen. Hinkins asked a question on funding spent on water. Mr. Millis answered.

Rep. Christofferson asked a question about over-regulating water, and Mr. Millis answered.

Rep. Kwan asked a question regarding conservation goals, and Mr. Millis responded.

### 2 . Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** Rep. Handy moved to approve the minutes for the February 1, 2019 and February 5, 2019 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-15

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. S. Harrison  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Sen. R. Okerlund  
Rep. L. Perry  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Rep. L. Wilde  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. D. Hinkins  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Sen. D. Thatcher

**3 . RFA - Agriculture Water Efficiency and Optimization Fund, Rep. Ferry**

Rep. Ferry presented the funding request for Utah's Water Efficiency and Optimization Fund, assisted by Scott Erickson, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Food.

**4 . RFA - SB52 Secondary Water Metering Request, Sen. Anderegg**

Sen. Anderegg presented an appropriations request for secondary water metering.

Sen. Ipson asked about the fiscal note on SB 52, and Sen. Anderegg replied.

Rep. Christofferson asked a question, and Sen. Anderegg explained.

Rep. Stratton commented regarding water fees and taxes.

Sen. Anderegg commented on a funding request.

**5 . RFA - Water Banking, Sen. Iwamoto**

Sen. Iwamoto introduced the water banking request, assisted by Steve Clyde, Nathan Bracken, both attorneys, and Emily Lewis.

Rep. Barlow commented on the market that will be created by the water bank. He also asked a question, which was answered by Mr. Clyde.

Sen. Iwamoto made some closing comments.

**6 . RFA - Water Development Fund, Sen. Okerlund**

Sen. Okerlund presented the appropriation request, assisted by Brian Bremner, Garfield County Engineer.

**7 . RFA - Panguitch City Water Restoration, Sen. Okerlund**

Sen. Ipson commented on the Panguitch project, and Mr. Bremner also answered.

**8 . RFA - Logan River Monitoring Observatory, Rep. Potter**

[8-RFA - Logan River Monitoring Observatory](#)

Rep. Potter presented the funding request, assisted by Beth Nielson, Logan River Observatory, and Nathan Dowds, Cache Water District Manager.

Rep. Christofferson asked a question regarding maintenance and equipment, which was answered by Ms. Beth Neilson.

Rep. Kwan asked about population count, and Ms. Neilson answered.

**9 . RFA - Cedar Valley Water Conservation & Supply Study, Rep. Shipp**

Rep. Shipp presented the appropriation request, assisted by Mr. Paul Monroe, General Manager of the Iron County Water Conservancy District.

Sen. Hinkins asked a question, and Mr. Monroe answered.

Sen. Hillyard presented two appropriations requests.

**10 . RFA - Bear Lake Regional Commission, Sen. Hillyard**

**11 . RFA - Bear Lake State Park Marina Expansion Environmental Impact Study, Sen. Hillyard**

**12 . Department of Environmental Quality, Executive Director's Office**

Mr. Tim Dinehart, Fiscal Analyst, introduced Alan Matheson, Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, who made a presentation.

Sen. Hinkins asked a question about other funding requests like the recent one from Panguitch.

Rep. Kwan asked a question about population counts, and Mr. Matheson replied.

Rep. Christofferson asked a question regarding the funding of a study, and Mr. Matheson answered.

Rep. Harrison asked a question regarding interplay between weather patterns, water quality, and wildfire issues. Mr. Matheson explained.

**13 . Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control**

Mr. Tim Dinehart introduced Mr. Rusty Lundberg, Acting Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, who gave a presentation.

Rep. Kwan asked about low level radioactive waste over time, and also performance measures. Mr. Lundberg explained.

Rep. Perry asked a question about waste management funding appropriated last year, and Mr. Lundberg responded.

**14 . RFA - Isotopes Research Center, Sen. Hinkins**

Sen. Hinkins presented the request for the proposed research center, and introduced the other speakers; Mr. Mike McKee, Seven County Coalition.

Sen. Hinkins explained the new research center and its urgency.



Dr. Matt Memmott, BYU, provided technical explanations on the significance of the medical isotopes and the proposed project.

Rep. Albrecht expressed his support for the project.

Rep. Harrison asked about licensing and federal oversight, and Mr. Memmott answered.

Rep. Lyman expressed his support for the project.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stratton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 4.

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Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. K. Christofferson  
Sen. D. Ipson  
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House Vice Chair Chew adjourned the meeting at 10:52 am.