



# MINUTES

## LEGISLATIVE WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Monday, June 22, 2020 | 10:00 a.m. | 30 House Building

### Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Chair  
Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair  
Sen. Keith Grover  
Sen. Don L. Ipson  
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Phil Lyman  
Rep. Casey Snider  
Mr. Melvin R. Brown  
Mr. Steven Clyde  
Mr. Jay Mark Humphrey  
Mr. Michael D. Larson  
Mr. Warren Peterson  
Mr. Gene Shawcroft

### Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Rep. Susan Duckworth  
Rep. V. Lowry Snow  
Mr. Sterling Brown  
Mr. Tage Flint  
Ms. Voneene Jorgensen  
Mr. Ron Thompson  
Mr. David Ure

### Staff Present:

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst  
Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel  
Cherish Cosman, Administrative Assistant

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).

Chair Stratton called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

### 1 . Committee Business

Commission members and staff introduced themselves.

Nathan Brady presented a review of water-related 2020 General Session legislation.

#### [1 - Review of 2020 General Session Legislation](#)

### 2 . Overview of the duties and responsibilities of the Legislative Water Development Commission

Patricia Owen presented an overview of the powers and duties of the Legislative Water Development Commission.

#### [2 - Overview of the Legislative Water Development Commission's Powers and Duties](#)

Chair Stratton discussed the water-related legislation process, communication between the commission and standing committees, and votes of non-legislative members.

### 3 . Committee Business

**MOTION:** Sen. Ipson moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-9

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Rep. V. Snow

Nathan Brady discussed commission makeup and vacancies and reviewed the process for recommendations and appointments.

**4 . 2020 Interim study items**

Nathan Brady presented the 2020 interim study items and commission discussion on the study items followed.

[3 - 2020 Legislative Water Development Commission Interim Study Items](#)

**MOTION:** Rep. Briscoe moved to adopt the study items list with the addition of a report on the Bear River Development project, clarification of Kane County's position on the Lake Powell pipeline project, and a status update on the water resources and needs of the Colorado Basin as it relates to Utah. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-9

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Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Rep. V. Snow

**MOTION:** Sen. Ipson moved to authorize the chairs to open commission bill files on behalf of the commission related to the approved study items and commission discussion to the motion followed. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

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Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. P. Lyman  
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Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams  
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**5 . Overview of the Aquatic Invasive Species Program**

Brian Steed, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, spoke to the coordination and communication with the commission, introduced Nathan Owens, and responded to commission questions.

Nathan Owens, Program Coordinator, Aquatic Invasive Species Program, Department of Natural Resources, provided an overview of the Aquatic Invasive Species Program, explained the process for rapid response in the event of invasive species detection, and responded to commission questions.

[4 - Aquatic Invasive Species Program Update and Planning](#)

**6 . Report on the Water Resources, Snow Pack, Runoff, and Reservoir Levels**

Glen Merrill, Meteorologist, Hydrology Focal Point, National Weather Service, discussed Utah's 2020 water year and its impact on the water supply.

[5C - Utah's 2020 Water Year Update and Forecast](#)

Laura Haskell (representing Jordan Clayton, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)), gave an overview of NRCS, the snow pack information system, and an update on Utah's snow pack.

[5A - Water Supply Update](#)

Laura Haskell, Engineer, Utah Division of Water Resources, presented on the status of reservoir water levels throughout the state and answered commission questions.

[5B - Reservoir Levels](#)

**7 . Other Items/Adjourn**

The commission discussed subsequent meetings and rules surrounding the opening of commission bill files.

**MOTION:** Sen. Ipson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-9

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Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
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Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.