

Ute Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
April 8, 2026

Meeting No. 1,018 of the Ute Water Conservancy District's Board of Directors and the Ute Water Activity Enterprise was called to order by President Ben Miller at 5:30 p.m. at the District office.

ROLL CALL

Board Members: Briana Board, Pat Brennan, Carl Conner, Dan Cronk, Tammy Eret, Robert Foster, Greg Green, Ken Henry, Sally Huddle, Ben Miller, Bruce Talbott, Bob Thome, and Troy Waters. Bob Wilson was absent.

Ute Water employees at the meeting included Nick Bierman, Sam Briscoe, Gary Coup, Nikki Dalpiaz, John Eklund, Natalee Hall, Kyle Hamaker, Ben Hoffman, Jesse Klingler, Dusty Kreigshauser, Andrea Lopez, Tim Moore, Brett Murphy, Scott Olsen, Pat Orient, Dave Payne, Dave Priske, Rick Stengel, Tina Weber, and Greg Williams. Ute Water's general counsel, Chris Geiger, was also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

MINUTES

Director Green made a motion to approve the March board meeting minutes, No. 1,017. Director Huddle seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of approving the March board meeting minutes.

BILLS

Secretary Board made a motion to approve the March bills. Director Huddle seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the March bills.

ADOPTION OF DISTRICT BYLAW REVISIONS

General Counsel Chris Geiger presented an overview of the proposed revisions to the District bylaws, and the finalized version was included in the Directors' Board packets for consideration and adoption.

There was a discussion about Article I, Section 2, Item C. President Miller clarified that board members can seek information to make informed decisions appropriately, including contacting the General Manager, the Executive Committee, or bringing the matter up at a scheduled public meeting. Director Eret affirmed that Article I, Section 2, Item C clarified a process for how board members can request information from staff.

Director Conner asked for clarification on the election of the board officer positions. It was clarified that, under the bylaws, officers elected by the Board of Directors will hold office until the next annual election of the Board of Directors the following May. The President and Vice President of the board will each serve for a term of one year. However, with the consent of the board, the President and/or the Vice President may serve a second consecutive term of one year, provided the

President and/or Vice President agrees. If circumstances dictate and the board feels the need for continuity, the board may extend the terms of the President and Vice President for as long as the need for continuity persists.

Director Henry made a motion to approve the bylaws as revised and presented. Director Eret seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to adopt the bylaws as presented.

WATER & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Foster to approve the Water and Construction Committee minutes. Secretary Board seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the Water and Construction Committee minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Huddle to approve the Finance Committee minutes. Director Green seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the Finance Committee minutes.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REPORT

No additional questions were asked of the Engineering department.

DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Distribution Superintendent Tim Moore honored Distribution Operations Supervisor Gary Coup, who will be retiring after 32 years, on May 8th. Mr. Moore described Mr. Coup as reliable and consistent. Mr. Coup played an integral role in maintaining the District's dams and outlet piping, and in replacing headgates, and holds a wealth of knowledge of the District's distribution and transmission system. Mr. Coup joined the District as a Utility Maintenance Worker II, and was promoted to Distribution Technician, Lead Distribution Technician, and ultimately to the Distribution Operations Supervisor. Mr. Coup holds the highest level of water distribution certifications, a cross-connection certification, a Water Treatment Operator D license, and a Commercial Driver's License.

The board thanked Mr. Coup for his dedication to the District and congratulated him on a well-earned retirement.

TREATMENT & SOURCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Manager Dave Payne provided the board with an update on the tailrace water the District is receiving from the Bureau of Reclamation. According to Mr. Payne, the Bureau of Reclamation notified the District that it planned to provide 65 acre-feet per day, and Mr. Payne informed the board that the District received a portion of that water. Mr. Payne stated that the District is diverting Plateau Creek water to meet the requirements of the Endangered Species Act, Section 7. The District is also taking 1 cubic foot per second of Mesa Creek water.

Mr. Payne emphasized that if the District continues to rely on secondary water sources, membrane treatment techniques can help ensure it meets its mission of providing customers with the highest-quality water that can be produced.

Mr. Payne announced that the Water Quality Chemist Allison Dederick had also retired from the District after 10 years. Mr. Payne thanked Mrs. Dederick for her service to the District and wished her well in her retirement.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Finance Director Scott Olsen reminded the board that there will not be a Finance Committee meeting in April.

HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT

No additional questions were asked of the Human Resources department.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT REPORT

External Affairs Manager Andrea Lopez gave the board an update on the progress of the annual Children's Water Festival and invited them to attend a VIP breakfast and tour of the event on May 12th.

Ms. Lopez also announced that the District celebrated its 70th anniversary on April 6th. The External Affairs department will be looking for fun and creative ways to celebrate, both internally and externally, 70 years of service in the community.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Greg Williams provided the board with an update on the Drought Response Plan, and a finalized version will be brought to the board once it is updated in coordination with the City of Grand Junction, Clifton Water District, and the Town of Palisade.

Mr. Williams provided the board with a brief overview of the legislative session and a draft constitutional amendment bill that the District is closely monitoring regarding the right to a healthy environment and its impact on the District.

Assistant Manager Dave Payne congratulated Mr. Williams for being elected to the Colorado Water Congress's Water Stewardship Project as the Vice Chair.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

General Counsel Chris Geiger provided an update on the directors whose terms are expiring in May. Mr. Geiger informed Director Foster that at the time of the meeting, there was an opposing applicant for District 2; therefore, the judge may want to meet with the applicants whose positions are contested.

Mr. Geiger informed the board that the Division 5 Engineer is very focused on the current drought conditions. Mr. Geiger stated that it is possible that, when the Cameo call comes on, it will likely remain on until October, which will impact how the Colorado River is administered this water year.

GENERAL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Director Cronk asked whether pumping rates associated with the District's use of secondary sources would be passed along to District customers. General Manager Greg Williams stated that

the District does not plan to charge customers a pumping rate. President Miller clarified that, as of the April 7th meeting, the Water and Construction Committee did not recommend implementing drought rates. Mr. Williams clarified that the drought situation is dynamic and evolving rapidly, and that implementing drought rates remains an option for the board as the year progresses.

There was no additional information or discussion.

President Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Briana Board, Secretary