



# THE 2026 UTAH WATER USERS WORKSHOP

## March 16-18, 2026

### The Dixie Center, St. George, Utah

## GENERAL SESSIONS

- A. NWRA Congressional Update—Greg Morrison**
- B. Water Outlook & Water Supply—Glen Merrill & Jordan Clayton**

## WORKSHOP SESSIONS

### **WATER RIGHTS**

1. State Engineer Update—Teresa Wilhelmson
2. Adjudication Update—Chase McDonald
3. Utah Dam Safety Update—Matt Call
4. Water Rights Data Services Update—Jeff Horsburgh & Adel Abdullah
5. Application & Records Update—Eric Jones
6. Regional Focus on Water Rights—Mike Drake
7. Great Salt Lake Inflow Measurements Using Gap Analysis—Bethany Neilson, Eileen Lukens & Blake Bingham
8. Overview of Great Salt Lake Management Plan—Blake Bingham
9. Utah Lake CMP—Ben Stireman
10. Water Right Legal Update—Mike Ferguson

### **LEGAL & LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

11. Public Trust Update—Mike Begley
12. Colorado River Authority of Utah—Gene Shawcroft & Amy Hass
13. Legislative Perspectives on Water—Tom Peterson

### **WATER RESOURCES**

14. Water Resources Update—
15. Unified Water Infrastructure Program—Eric Dixon
16. Cloud Seeding Update—Jonathan Jennings
17. East Jordan Canal Failure—Jason Luttinger
18. Great Salt Lake Commission Update—Brian Steed
19. Water Efficiency Incentives—Madison Martina
20. New Water Planners (SB-76) - Panel
21. Agency Funding Options for Water Projects—Panel
22. Ground Water Assessment of Cache Valley Using Modern Tracing Techniques—Eric Humphrey
23. Deer Creek Intake Project Update—Jeff Budge
24. Great Salt Lake Basin Integ. Plan—Laura Vernon
25. WCWCD Proposed Water Reuse Program
26. Southwest Dams & Hydro Power—Bryan Franke
27. Updating State Water Plan—Stephanie McGinnis
28. Water Shed Restoration—Tyler Thompson
29. Long Term Landscape & Water Quality Changes—Upper Colorado River Basin—Christine Rumsey

### **TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION**

30. Water Research Lab Programs—Beth Neilson
31. Cyber Security Update—Tom McOmie
32. Secondary Water Metering—Now What? - Heidi King & Jack Hinzman
33. AIS Update—Bruce Johnson
34. USU Water Manager Survey—Britta Schumacher & Bailey Holdaway
35. Utah Flux Network Progress—Paul Inkenbrandt

36. Utah State Agency Water Data: - Jeff Horsburgh & Cortney Flint
37. Impacts of Canal Piping on Streamflow and Temperature—Michael Lasswell & Bethany Neilson
38. Lessons Learned From Three Wells in Northern Utah—Neil Burke
39. Endangered Species Update—
40. Dept. of Natural Resources Update—Joel Ferry
41. Great GSL Water Transactions & Wetlands—Marcelle Shoop & Adam Wickline
42. Water Leak Protection & Water Loss—
43. Functional Flows Framework—Belize Lane

### **WATER QUALITY**

44. Division of Drinking Water Update—Russell Seeley
45. Division of Water Quality—Candice Hasenyager
46. GSL Water Quality Update—Candice Hasenyager
47. Water Quality Research Update—Sarah Page
48. Cons. of Public Water Systems—Russell Seeley
49. Drinking Water Source Protection—Melisa Noble
50. Harvesting Algal Blooms—
51. GSL Salinity Modeling Program—Christine Rumsey

### **AGRICULTURE**

52. USU Extension—Meet With Water Managers—Burdette Barker & Matt Yost
53. AG Water Optimization Status—Tom Richards
54. AG VIP Nutrient & Soil Management for Water Quality—Katie Ottman & Tony Richards
55. UDAF Conservation Division Program—Panel
56. Sanpete Valley Ground Water—Kate Baustian
57. Ag Water Leasing Update—
58. Conveyance Loss & Protection—Chas Weatherford
59. Family Farm Alliance—Samatha Barncastle
60. Securing Deep Water Aquifers for Ag Purposes—Brett Behling
61. Ag Water Optimization Success Stories—Tanner Mile Mill
62. Utah's Production Agriculture Creates Water Efficiency and Conservation

### **GUEST PROGRAM**

63. Guest Program

Note: The Utah Division of Water Rights will be hosting all day water rights consultation sessions throughout the conference for anyone interested. This event will be in the Lions Den room near the lobby.

## UTAH WATER USERS WORKSHOP MEETING SCHEDULE

**Monday, March 16, 2026**

8:00 am	<b>Golf Tournament - To Be Determined (Nathan Moulton—nmoulton@epiceng.net</b>
4:00 pm	<b>Mountain Bike Ride (To Be Determined)</b>
2:00-7:00 pm	<b>Registration for Workshop</b> in the lobby of the Dixie Center

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

7:00 am-1:30 pm	Registration for Workshop
7:30-8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30-8:35 am	<b>Welcome – Utah Water Users Association – Mike Davis</b> , Garden Room
8:35-9:35 am	<b>General Session A—Water Outlook—</b> Garden Room

**9:35-10:00 am**      **Break**—Refreshments in Vendor Exhibit Hall

	Ballroom A	Ballroom C	Ballroom E	Ballroom F	Sunbrook A/B	Entrada B/C	Auditorium	Garden Room
10:00-10:45 am	17	29	15	47	54	21	63	1
11:00-11:45 am	2	12	23	18	30	41	63	16
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch Buffet in the Exhibitors Hall							
1:00 –1:45 pm	5	22	28	46	31	56	35	45
2:00-2:45 pm	3	13	24	32	39	48	57	43
3:00-3:30 pm	Break-Refreshments in Vendor Exhibit Hall							
3:30-4:15 pm	4	19	20	34	40	58	59	42
4:30-6:00 pm	53 USU Extension—Meet with Irrigation Canal Operators							
4:30-5:00 pm	UTAH WATER USERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING—financial report & election of Officers—Sunbrook A/B							

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

7:30-9:00 am	Continental Breakfast & Registration for Workshop
9:00-10:00 am	<b>General Session B—Awards and Great Salt Lake Update</b> — Garden Room
10:00-10:30 am	<b>Break</b> —Refreshments in Vendor Exhibit Hall

	Ballroom A	Ballroom C	Ballroom E	Ballroom F	Sunbrook A/B	Entrada B/C	Auditorium	Garden Room
10:30-11:15 am	6	14	25	38	36	44	10	52
11:30-12:15 pm	8	26	37	49	60	62	33	55
12:30-1:15 pm	7	9	11	27	50	51	61	
1:30-3:30 pm	Board of Water Resources Meeting				Sunbrook A/B			

## To REGISTER:

### Important Registration Announcement

Please note a change to our registration process for the 2026 Utah Water Users Workshop.

To streamline registration and provide a more efficient experience, we will now be accepting **online registration only**.

We look forward to seeing you at the Dixie Center in St. George, March 16-18, 2026!

**ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:** The registration link is available on our website: [www.UTAHWATERUSERS.COM](http://www.UTAHWATERUSERS.COM)

**DEADLINE:** Registrations must be submitted by **March 10, 2026**.

**PAYMENT:** Online registration must include credit card information, or you can mail in a check to: Utah Water Users Association

6856 S. Bateman Dell Way West Jordan, Utah 84084

**Sorry--No purchase orders.**

#### CONFIRMATIONS:

Confirmations will be e-mailed out upon receipt of registration.

#### CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:

Refunds will be made to those registrants who must cancel, less a **\$15** processing fee. Written cancellation requests must be on or before **March 10, 2026**. **No refunds will be made after that date.** Substitutions are welcome.

## REGISTRATION FEES

**EARLY REGISTRATION** by February 11

UTAH WATER USERS ASSN.	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>NON-MEMBER</u>
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(TO JOIN SEE BELOW)

<input type="checkbox"/> Two Day Registration w/ lunch	\$175	\$220
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Registration w/ lunch	\$145	\$190
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest Program (Includes Lunch)		\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Early Reg. Lunch Tickets		\$35

**REGULAR REGISTRATION** (After February 11)

<input type="checkbox"/> Two Day Registration w/ lunch	\$195	\$240
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Registration w/ lunch	\$165	\$210
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest Program		\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Lunch Tickets		\$40

TO JOIN THE UTAH WATER USERS ASSOCIATION  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [WWW.UTAHWATERUSERS.COM](http://WWW.UTAHWATERUSERS.COM)

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SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW:



## Workshop Organizers:

Utah Water Users Association in cooperation with:

State of Utah: Department of Environmental Quality, Divisions of Drinking Water and Water Quality; Department of Natural Resources, Divisions of Water Rights and Water Resources; Utah Department of Agriculture & Food and Utah Geological Survey; Strawberry Water Users Assn.; Central Utah Water Cons. Dist.

U.S. Government: Bureau of Reclamation; Geological Survey; and Natural Resources Conservation Service

USU Extension Service

## Golf Tournament & Bike Ride

Monday, March 16, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m. Fee includes green fee, cart rental, lunch and prizes.

Contact Nathan Moulton at: 435-654-6600 extension 116 or e-mail [nmoulton@epiceng.net](mailto:nmoulton@epiceng.net)

Watch for emails on the bike ride event on our website at [www.utahwaterusers.com](http://www.utahwaterusers.com)

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP SESSION  
USU EXTENSION—MEET WITH  
WATER MANAGERS**

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## 2026 Utah Water Users Workshop Room Reservation Information: March 16 - 18, 2026



<b>2026 WATER USERS WORKSHOP LODGING INFORMATION</b>  <b>Hotels with Rooms blocked for Utah Water Users Workshop</b>  (Mention Utah Water Users Workshop when reserving. Rooms will be blocked until February 15, 2026.)	<i>Hotel</i>	<i>Workshop Rate (not including tax)</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
	Best Western Abbey Inn	<b>\$90</b>	435-652-1234
	Hilton Garden Inn	<b>\$124</b>	435-634-4100
	Clarion Suites (formerly Comfort Suites)	<b>\$83</b>	435-673-7000
	Hyatt Place	<b>\$149</b>	435-656-8686
	Fairfield Inn by Marriott	<b>\$129</b>	435-673-6066
	Holiday inn Express (Hurricane)	<b>\$189</b>	435-986-1313
	Red Lion (formerly Lexington)	<b>\$83</b>	435-628-4235
	New Holiday Inn	<b>\$129</b>	435-628-8007
	Tru by Hilton (New for 2022)	<b>\$119</b>	435-634-7766
	Wingate by Wyndham	<b>\$149</b>	435-673-9608
	Abby Inn	<b>\$114</b>	435-652-1234

### ***Other St. George area hotels:***

Hampton Inn—\$198 435-652-1200	Coral Hills 435-673-4644
Best Western Travel Inn 435-673-3541	Howard Johnson Inn & Suites 435-628-8000
Country Inn & Suites 435-251-9600	La Quinta Inn & Suites 435-674-2664
Days Inn 435-673-6123	Travelodge St. George 435-673-4621
	Super 8 435-673-6161

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