



# THE 2026 UTAH WATER USERS WORKSHOP

## March 16-18, 2026

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

#### GENERAL SESSIONS

- A. NWRA Congressional Update — Greg Morrison
- Department of Natural Resources Update — Joel Ferry
- B. Water Outlook & Water Supply — Glen Merrill & Jordan Clayton

#### WORKSHOP SESSIONS

##### WATER RIGHTS

1. State Engineer Update — Teresa Wilhelmsen
2. Adjudication Update — Chase McDonald
3. Utah Dam Safety Update — Matt Call
4. Water Rights Data Services Update — Jeff Horsburgh, Adel Abdallah & Anna Doyle
5. Application & Records Update — Eric Jones
6. Regional Focus on Water Rights — Mike Drake
7. Great Salt Lake Inflow Measurement Gap Analysis — Bethany Neilson, Eileen Lukens & Blake Bingham
8. Great Salt Lake Management Plan — Blake Bingham
9. Update to Utah Lake and Great Salt Lake Management Plan — Ben Stireman
10. Water Right Legal Update — Mark Stratford

##### LEGAL & LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

11. From Superfund to Super-Flow: Reclaiming Water in the Wake of Bankruptcy — Mike Begley
12. Colorado River Authority of Utah — Gene Shawcroft & Amy Hass

##### WATER RESOURCES

14. Division of Water Resources Update — Joel Williams
15. Unified Water Infrastructure Program — Eric Dixon
17. Echo Dam Spillway Rehabilitation — Jason Luttinger
18. Great Salt Lake Commission Update — Brian Steed
19. Water Efficiency Incentives — Madison Martini
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 Integrated Plan — Laura Vernon & Jason Brown
25. Water Reuse: The Next Chapter of Washington County's Water Story — Morgan Drake
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 in the Upper Colorado River Basin — Christine Rumsey

##### TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

30. USU's Water Research Lab Update — Bethany Neilson
31. Cyber Security Update — Tom McOmie
32. Secondary Water Metering — 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. Sevier River Basin Gap Analysis — Hyrum Tennant
38. Lessons Learned From Three Wells in Northern Utah — Neil Burke
39. Endangered Species Update — Kevin Bunnell
16. Cloud Seeding Update — Jonathan Jennings
41. GSL Water Transactions & Wetlands — Marcelle Shoop & Adam Wickline
42. Improve Data, Identify Water Loss, Find Leaks & Recover Revenue — Adam Sheffield
43. Functional Flows Framework — Belize Lane

##### WATER QUALITY

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

##### AGRICULTURE

52. USU Extension: Meet With Water Managers — Burdette Barker & Matt Yost
53. Ag Water Optimization Status — Tony 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 — Hannah Freeze
58. Conveyance Loss & Protection — Chas Weatherford
59. Family Farm Alliance — Samantha Barncastle
60. Securing Deep Water Aquifers for Ag Purposes — Jeff Samson
61. Ag Water Optimization Success Stories — Tanner Mills & Brett Bunker
62. Utah's Production Agriculture Creates Water Efficiency and Conservation — ValJay Rigby and Spencer Gibbons

##### GUEST PROGRAM

63. Guest Program

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.

The Board of Water Resources Briefing and Action Meeting will take place at 1:30 pm at the Holiday Inn St. George Convention Center, 1808 Crosby Way.

# UTAH WATER USERS WORKSHOP MEETING SCHEDULE

## Monday, March 16, 2026

8:00 am **Golf Tournament - (To Be Determined, contact Nathan Moulten — nmoulton@epiceng.net)**  
 4:00 pm **Mountain Bike Ride (To Be Determined)**  
 2:00-7:00 pm **Registration for Workshop** 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 Morning Coffee and Pastries  
 8:30-8:35 am **Welcome – Utah Water Users Association – Paul Monroe**, Garden Room  
 8:35-9:35 am **General Session A – NWRA Congressional Update**, Garden Room  
 9:35-10:00 am **Break** — Refreshments in Vendor Exhibit Hall

	<b>Ballroom A</b>	<b>Ballroom C</b>	<b>Ballroom E</b>	<b>Ballroom F</b>	<b>Sunbrook A/B</b>	<b>Entrada B/C</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>Garden Room</b>
10:00-10:45 am	17	29	11	47	54	21	63	1
11:00-11:45 am	2	45	23	16	30	41	63	12
12:00-1:00 pm	<b>Lunch Buffet in the Exhibitors Hall</b>							
1:00 -1:45 pm	5	22	28	15	44	56	35	
2:00-2:45 pm	3	8	24	32	39	48	57	14
3:00-3:30 pm	<b>Break</b> -Refreshments in Vendor Exhibit Hall							
3:30-4:15 pm	4	19	43	50	42	58	59	18
4:30-6:00 pm	<b>52 USU Extension</b> — Meet with Water Managers							
4:30-5:00 pm	<b>UTAH WATER USERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING</b> — <i>Financial report &amp; Election of Officers — Sunbrook A/B</i>							

## Wednesday, March 18, 2026

7:30-9:00 am Morning Coffee, Pastries & Workshop Registration  
 9:00-10:00 am **General Session B – Awards and Water Outlook** — Garden Room  
 10:00-10:30 am **Break** — Refreshments in Vendor Exhibit Hall

	<b>Ballroom A</b>	<b>Ballroom C</b>	<b>Ballroom E</b>	<b>Ballroom F</b>	<b>Sunbrook A/B</b>	<b>Entrada B/C</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>Garden Room</b>
10:30-11:15 am	6	9	25	38	62	31	10	53
11:30-12:15 pm	7	26	37	49	60	36	33	55
12:30-1:15 pm	27	34			61	51		

## 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.

#### 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

## REGISTRATION FEES

### EARLY REGISTRATION by February 11

UTAH WATER USERS ASSN.	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
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(TO JOIN SEE BELOW)

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|--|-------|-------|
| <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)

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| <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)

### ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

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SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW:



### 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 details on the bike ride event on our website at [www.utahwaterusers.com](http://www.utahwaterusers.com)

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

Utah Water Users Association  
 6856 S. Bateman Dell Way  
 West Jordan, Utah 84084

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



<b>2026 WATER USERS WORKSHOP LODGING INFORMATION</b>	<i>Hotel</i>	<i>Workshop Rate (not including tax)</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
<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.)	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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