

HURRICANE CITY

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Clark Fawcett

City Manager
Kaden DeMille

Water Board

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Mac J Hall, Chair

John Slack

Leah Thompson

Bevin Johnson

Casey Lofthouse

Amy Werrett - councilwoman

Gary Cupp

Mike Vercimak

Water Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

7:00 PM

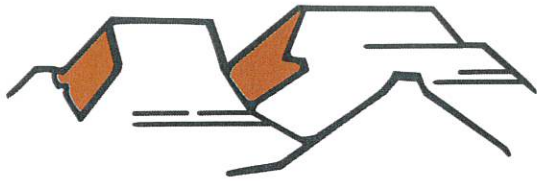
Water Department Meeting Room – 646 W 600 N

Notice is hereby given that the Water Board will hold a Regular Meeting in the Water Department Meeting room located at 646 W 600 N, Hurricane, UT. A silent roll call will be taken, along with prayer by invitation.

AGENDA

1. Call to order, prayer.
2. Approval of Minutes from March 31, 2026
3. Report on Irrigation Expansion & Ponds project – Dixie Springs Well, Sky Ranch Tank and Well, and Goulds Wash Well
4. Discussion on river use
5. Discussion on funding
6. Sand Hollow aquifer study
7. Discussion on hydrant use and pool rate
8. New Business
9. Adjourn

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Hurricane City Water Board Meeting Minutes May 26, 2026

Present: Kory Wright, Angie Tripp, Mac Hall, Dayton Hall, Mike Vercimak, Casey Lofthouse, Leah Thompson, Gary Cupp, Bevin Johnson, John Slack, Kaden Demille, and Amy Werrett councilwoman (teams meeting)

Guest: Bruce Zimmerman, Colleen Liechty (Harrisburg Secretary HOA)

Item #1 Call to order, prayer

Mac Hall called the meeting to order 7 pm. Kaden Demille gave the prayer.

Item #2 Approval of minutes from

Mac Hall asked for motion to approve the minutes from March 31, 2026. Leah Thompson motion to approve the minutes. John Slack second the motion to approve. Motion passed.

Item #3 Report on Irrigation Expansion and Ponds projects

Kory Wright explained that with the Irrigation Expansion project we are pretty much on a complete hold. Interstate Rock will be pouring roof on booster building waiting on a slide gate for the north pond. Once completed we will be able to start putting water into the ponds. Kory said he did hear back that BABA (Build America Buy America) has approved to move forward on our funding so it will go to GAD (Grant Agreement Division) for the next approval. This has held us up on our meters since all the components are not made in America a hundred percent. The Goulds Wash well has been drilled down 420 ft and has been broken down the last few weeks waiting on parts. Sky Ranch well has reached 500 ft started drilling again and had some issues with the rig so waiting on repairs to start again. The walls are done at the Sky Ranch tank and within two weeks they should have the top poured. Dixie Springs well is up and close to closing on that project. We aren't getting as much volume as we need so might be changing some things and adding an extra pump.

Item #4 Discussion on river use

Mac Hall gave a brief discussion on what the canal is doing and looking for some ideas. Mac explained that the river is about where it usually is at the end of August when we don't have any rain. It has been going down very fast, especially if we don't get no rainfall. If it keeps going down as fast as it, we will have to cut back on the irrigation watering. The water shares will end at the first of October this year, usually it's the 15th of November. The Canal Company is asking what they do with the city's shares? I have made some calculations, and the amount of water will be down 20 percent less than what the contract calls for. Councilwoman Amy Werrett asked what that meant? Mac explained that meant there is not much water in the rivers. The city would just have 20 percent water less than the contract allows.

Kory Wright explained that the state has asked for a State of Emergency which is to use 20 percent less water than normal. Kory met with Kaden Demille city manager, Dayton Hall city attorney and Mike Vercimak public works director on coming up with a plan on what we can do to enforce the savings on the water usage in our city. There is three stages and currently we are at stage one. We need to show our savings to avoid a fine that could happen. Kory said as a city we need to show that we are enforcing the saving also. Councilwoman Amy Werrett asked Kory if he has reached out to other cities? Kory explained no he wanted to bring it to water board and get some ideas.

Mac Hall gave a brief explanation on an agreement the Hurricane Canal Company has with the district. The canal company is worried that if the river gets so low they won't have enough water to meet everyone's share of water.

John Slack asked if we go to stage two, is it irrigation and culinary both. Kory explained its 20 percent overall both irrigation and culinary. Kory said he will investigate and get the exact details. He explained that we need to become more efficient and enforce more on saving water since we are in a drought area. The hard part is to tell residents that they can't water in which they are paying for it since it's gone through the meter and being billed.

The board members had a long brief discussion on how we can save water and where we can cut water back. Mac Hall suggested that we need to have an education class and let residents know what's going on and how they can conserve water. Some of the suggestions to cutting watering back is to send out some education information to the residents with some suggestions. Kory explained that as a city we need to be an example to the residents. Casey Lofthouse suggested that our parks department needs to cut the watering of the parks in half, which could save a lot of water.

Mike Vercimak said he will talk to Darren Barney with the Parks Department and see if we can cut clocks back and the time of day they are watering. Some suggestions on talking to the school district and the churches.

Item #5 Discussion on funding

Casey Lofthouse says he gets a lot of questions on grants and funding and was wondering how that works and how to apply. He was wondering if individuals would contact NRCS to get assistance on upgrading their pressurized irrigation system. Kory Wright explained each phase is different when going through the grants and funding process. Once each phase is approved you can apply for the grant. Each project has a certain amount of money it is allotted. Kory explained each year it has been changing.

Casey asked how an individual gets funding. Mac Hall explained it stated at one point once the phase is completed and water is at the meter. Mac explained NRCS did have a timeframe on when you could apply. The funding changes frequently depending on what you can do.

Item #6 Sand Hollow aquifer study

Leah Thompson said they haven't updated anything lately. Kory Wright said we joined in on agreement and will be part of the study now.

Item #7 Discussion on hydrant use and pool rate

Kory Wright discussed having the hydrant meter deposit changed from \$1100.00 to \$2000.00 this would cover the cost of repairing or replacing the meter if damaged when returned. He also would like the water boards thoughts on changing the rate for individuals or contractors using the fire hydrants to fill pools or for recreational use. By using the fire hydrant this stops residents from going over the allotted amount of water they can use without paying the surcharge fee. Kory asked if we as a city would like to change the rate on using a fire hydrant for filling pools and other recreational activities? The current rate is \$3.38 per thousand gallons.

The water board had a brief discussion on hydrant meter deposit and water rates. Kory Wright and Dayton Hall explained it does say in our ordinance that we can refuse to give out hydrant meters and where they can be used. Mike Vercimak explained he is worried about those using the fire hydrants in collapsible soil areas especially if the individual doesn't know how to properly turn the fire hydrant off and on. Mac Hall suggested having a person once a month check the hydrant meters out and make sure they are all working manner. Kory said that is something we are looking into. We do a form that we give out to everyone that comes in and rents out a hydrant meter. We have also talked about charging a fee for our guys to come and hook up the hydrant meter.

Kory Wright would like a motion for a recommendation from the water board to take to city council changing the hydrant deposit fee. Also, change the rate per thousand gallons for recreational usage. John Slack made a motion to recommend to change the hydrant deposit to \$2,000 and changing the rate for recreational usage from \$3.38 per thousand to \$5.50 per thousand. Bevin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mike Vercimak opposed would like it to be \$10 per thousand for recreational usage. The recreational use is for those using the hydrant meter for pools, etc.

Item #8 New Business

Dayton Hall explained what Ultra Water Efficiency Plan is. The water district being the retail provider would lower the impact fee by calling it the ultra-water efficiency standard with no pools, no grass, no outside watering. The water district started this and is now asking cities if they would like to participate in this plan. Dayton gave a discussion on how this would affect the city if they adopted the ultra-water efficiency standards.

Kory Wright explained the service areas in the city and where we can provide water.

After a long brief discussion, it was recommended to move the ultra-water efficiency standards to next month's agenda.

Item #9 Adjourn

Mac Hall adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm

MAY 2025

ULTRA WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS



1. Purpose

The purpose of the Ultra Water Efficiency Standards is to conserve the public's resources by creating more stringent conservation standards for new development.

These standards have been designed to produce single-family homes with a projected water resource demand of 0.39 acre-feet on an annual basis.

2. Applicability

These standards shall apply to:

- A. All development activity that connects as a retail customer of the district and receives service from the regional water system after the adoption date of these standards, and
- B. Development activity in areas where a municipal customer of the district has made the standards applicable by legislative action.

In a jurisdiction where the district is not the retail water provider, these standards are a voluntary option that may be pursued by a developer subject to the policy and process of the governing jurisdiction. Except as otherwise specified, the Water Efficiency Standards of the Washington County Water Conservancy District (district) shall apply.



3. Enforcement

The following requirements shall serve as development standards and be promulgated and enforced through a community association established by the developer. The requirements of this program shall be within the bylaws and/or CC&R's of the association.

The district and the association shall enter into a perpetual agreement wherein the association agrees to sustain and enforce the standards within the community. In the event an association member violates the standards and the condition is unabated, the district may assess a penalty to the association as prescribed by the agreement.

The developer shall grant the district a conservation easement for each parcel within the development. The easement shall prescribe a remedy for easement violations.

Following issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, Excess Water Use Surcharges will be applied to any water use in excess of 8,000 gallons per month.

The district reserves the right to use any and all enforcement mechanisms available.

4. Indoor Requirements

A. Plumbing

- i) All plumbed structures must be connected to community water and sewer systems. Private wells and septic systems are prohibited unless expressly approved by the district and water/sewer authorities.
- ii.) Salt-based water treatment systems that discharge to the community sewer are prohibited. This measure makes new development "reuse ready."
- iii.) All connections must be equipped with advance metering Infrastructure by the water purveyor or equipped with a smart water metering and leak detection system owned by the property owner.





April 8, 2026

Washington County Water Conservancy District
Attn: Board of Trustees / Staff

Subject: Municipal Acknowledgment and Implementation of Ultra Water Efficiency Standards (UWES)

Washington City formally acknowledges its approval of the Ultra Water Efficiency Standards (UWES) program as adopted by the Washington County Water Conservancy District.

In accordance with the program requirements, Washington City confirms its intent to implement and support the UWES framework within its jurisdiction. Specifically:

1. Municipal Approval and Implementation

The City acknowledges the UWES program as a voluntary, perpetual water conservation initiative and supports its application to qualifying developments within Washington City.

2. Billing and Surcharge Administration

The City agrees to administer and collect applicable water rates for UWES properties, including the Excess Water Use Surcharge for monthly water use exceeding 8,000 gallons, in accordance with District requirements.

3. Permitting and Development Compliance

Through its development review, permitting, and inspection processes, the City will make reasonable and good-faith efforts to ensure compliance with UWES requirements. This includes reviewing proposed improvements and, where applicable and legally permissible, restricting or denying non-compliant features.

In particular, the City will make reasonable efforts to prevent the installation of prohibited or restricted features on UWES-designated properties, including:

- Traditional turf lawns, which are prohibited under the program, and
- Private swimming pools, which are not permitted (with limited allowance for small spas as defined by the program).

4. Coordination with District Requirements

The City will coordinate with the District and developers to ensure appropriate plat notes, conservation easements, and related documentation are incorporated into applicable projects, and that compliance is verified through normal inspection and code enforcement processes.

Washington City recognizes the importance of long-term water conservation and sustainable growth in the region and is committed to supporting the successful implementation of the Ultra Water Efficiency Standards.

Please contact the City should you require additional documentation or coordination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kress Staheli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kress" and last name "Staheli" clearly distinguishable.

Kress Staheli, Mayor
Washington City
