

RESOLUTION 2026-04-03

RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT ACKNOWLEDGING UTAH'S ONGOING DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND REQUESTING ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION IN WATER STEWARDSHIP

WHEREAS, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (“District”) is responsible for the prudent development, management, and stewardship of limited water resources for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Utah is experiencing the most significant and persistent drought in its recorded history, marked by record low snowpack, unprecedented warm temperatures, reduced runoff, and unprecedented pressure on rivers, reservoirs, and water supplies across the state, resulting in conditions that are expected to extend beyond a single season; and

WHEREAS, water supplies throughout Utah and the Colorado River Basin remain subject to hydrologic variability, long-term drought risk, and increasing demands; and

WHEREAS, the effects of drought compound over time, making early and sustained conservation essential to preserving water availability, maintaining public health and safety, supporting agriculture and industry, protecting environmental resources, and ensuring Utah’s long-term economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that access to a clean, steady water supply is an essential foundation for life and that the sustainability of communities, economies, and governments, and the history of civilizations, both recent and ancient, has shown that unreliable water access leads to far-reaching upheaval and even collapse; and

WHEREAS, every drop of water conserved today strengthens resilience tomorrow, safeguarding communities, agriculture, and the economy for us and for our future generations, reducing risk to critical systems, preserving stored supplies for future years, and reinforcing the shared responsibility of water providers and water users alike to steward this limited resource wisely; and

WHEREAS, efficient water use and conservation are among the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible means of extending existing water supplies and enhancing system reliability, especially in this unprecedented drought; and

WHEREAS, the District has adopted a Water Conservation Plan that establishes goals, strategies, and programs to promote responsible water use throughout its service area; and

WHEREAS, achieving meaningful conservation outcomes requires the collective participation of all partners: water districts, wholesale customers, retail providers, and end users.

WHEREAS, the District was envisioned and built for difficult moments exactly like this—to capture water during seasons of surplus, store it for times of scarcity, ensuring Utah can endure and adapt through multi-year drought cycles, through foresight, stewardship, and shared responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the District’s infrastructure, planning, and partnerships have long been grounded in the recognition that drought is not an exception in Utah, but a defining characteristic of the state’s climate—requiring foresight, discipline, and cooperation to manage through scarcity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT that the District formally acknowledges the seriousness of the current drought conditions and affirms the need for water conservation as an immediate and ongoing priority in this time of water scarcity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District encourages and requests assistance from its partners in the water community —and all wonderful Utahns—to conserve water in every reasonable, practicable, and efficient way, recognizing that individual and collective actions taken today will have lasting benefits for future years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that District staff are directed to continue their effective water management and conservation efforts through partnerships, planning, technical assistance, public outreach, and coordination, consistent with adopted District policies and plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District reaffirms its commitment to responsibly managing the water entrusted to it, and supporting its customer agencies in drought response, and to fulfilling its mission to help Utah endure prolonged periods of water scarcity, thus supporting Utah’s families, economy, heritage, culture, and communities.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of April 2026.

CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT




SHELLEY BRENNAN, Chair

ATTEST:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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