

Who's Who

In Water Conservation



Utah Water Users Association is a nonprofit organization protecting member water rights and promoting the conservation and efficient use of water. Members include irrigators, water conservancy districts, municipal water systems, industrial systems; federal, state, county and local representatives; engineering and law firms, contractors, suppliers, insurance companies, etc. The organization is governed by a 33-member board supported by an executive director. Funding is derived from dues. The association produces a quarterly newsletter and annual Water Summit and Water Users Workshop.

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Utah Division of Water Resources is a state agency. It manages \$23 million annually in revolving loan funds for city and district culinary water and municipal irrigation projects, and conducts water planning statewide and in 11 basin areas. The agency is advised by an eight-member Water Resources Board and staffed by a director and 50 employees. The Water Conservation and Education Use Section encourages the wise use and conservation of water through education and public outreach.

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Utah Department of Agriculture & Food provides staff support to the Utah Conservation Commission, a 16-member commission which oversees the \$27 million Agriculture Resource Development Loan Program (ARDL). The program assists farmers and ranchers conserve soil and water, improve water quality, conserve and improve wildlife habitat, prevent flooding, develop on-farm energy and mitigate damage from natural disasters. Loans are marketed by Utah's soil conservation districts with staff support from the Utah Association of Conservation Districts.

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Utah Association of Conservation Districts represents **Conservation Districts**, political subdivisions of the state. Utah's 38 districts protect and improve soil, water quality and related natural resources. The districts use a voluntary, incentive-based approach to assist private landowners and other public and private entities obtain technical, financial and educational assistance. They conduct surveys and investigations to assess resource conditions, prepare conservation plans and implement projects to use and manage water resources. Districts are governed by five locally elected citizens supported by a zone coordinator, technical staff and Utah's conservation partners.

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USDI Bureau of Reclamation's Water Conservation Field Services Program's mission is to manage, develop and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner. Technical assistance and grants are available for water management planning, conservation education, demonstrating innovative technologies and implementing conservation measures.

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USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service is the federal conservation agency working in partnership with local conservation districts and the Utah Soil Conservation Commission. The agency administers voluntary programs for soil conservation, wildlife habitat, water quality, wetlands restoration and natural resource conservation planning. The agency's interdisciplinary professional staff maintains technical standards and specifications for the design, construction, application and maintenance of conservation practices.

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Utah State University Extension has expertise in engineering related to agricultural irrigation systems and efficiencies. Also extension includes the **Center for Water Efficient Landscaping**, which coordinates statewide efforts to reduce the waste of culinary water on parks, gardens and urban landscapes. The center trains water purveyors, sprinkler companies, master gardeners and county Extension agents – who train the public; prepares students for careers in landscape water management; and is a clearing house for best landscape water conservation practices for the Intermountain Region. The center is funded by the state and grants.

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Utah Irrigation Association is a chapter of the Utah Nursery and Landscape Association (UNLA). The association improves professionalism in the landscape industry by defining standards for irrigation, training and certification. Members are contractors, distributors, designers, public agencies and water districts. It is governed by a seven-member volunteer board supported by the executive director of the UNLA. Funding is provided by dues. The association sponsors an annual meeting.

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Utah Partners for Conservation and Development (UPCD) serves as a clearing house to coordinate and share participants' conservation concerns and priorities, discuss and implement solutions, and promote an atmosphere of collaboration among landowners, private organizations, and state and federal agencies.

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Watershed Restoration Initiative is a partnership-driven effort to conserve, restore and manage ecosystems in priority areas across the state to enhance Utah's: native wildlife and biological diversity, water quality and yield for municipal, agricultural and wildlife uses, sustainable agriculture on farms and ranches, quality of life through outdoor recreation activities.

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Rural Water Association of Utah (RWAU) is a nonprofit trade association serving member rural water and wastewater utilities. The association offers training and support services in management, compliance and reporting related to Utah Drinking Water Regulations, Groundwater Protection Programs and municipal wastewater systems. Members include municipal systems with populations under 10,000, water improvement districts and private and government water systems. RWAU is governed by a 12-member board supported by an executive director and 10 circuit riders. It is funded by dues, grants and contracts. The association produces a quarterly newsletter, summer meeting and an annual meeting.

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Utah Association of Special Districts is a government nonprofit organization promoting the proper and efficient operation of special service districts. The association represents members at the state Legislature and provides training. Members include, but are not limited to, water conservancy metropolitan water, cemetery, county service, drainage, irrigation, solid waste fire, improvement and mosquito districts. It is governed by an executive director and holds an annual meeting. Funding is provided by dues.

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Utah Water Research Laboratory at the Utah State University College of Engineering conducts research, develops water management systems and is a resource for education, teaching and training at USU. Funding is provided by the state and grants. The Water Research Laboratory distributes information through articles in technical journals and newsletters.

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Utah League of Cities and Towns, with the Utah Division of Water Quality conducts an annual Utah Water Planning Conference. The conference provides a forum for water professionals and community planners on water quantity and quality issues and solutions to incorporate into the planning process.



Utah Water Finance Agency was created to lower the costs associated with incurring debt to finance any facility related to the treatment, development and distribution (wholesale and retail) of water in all of its various forms. Current members of the agency include Weber Box Elder Water Conservancy District, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Heber City, Cedar City, Uintah Water Conservancy District, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Roy Water Conservancy District, Timpanogos Special Service District, Washington County Water Conservancy District and Salt Lake Sewerage District No. 1.



Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District is a wholesaler and retailer of water to cities, improvement districts and residents. The district has implemented a water conservation plan, which includes a public information campaign, model landscaping ordinances, an irrigation system financing program, residential water audits and a water conservation demonstration garden. Contributors include the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, corporate sponsors, cities and public water utilities. The district is governed by an 8-member board appointed by the governor.

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