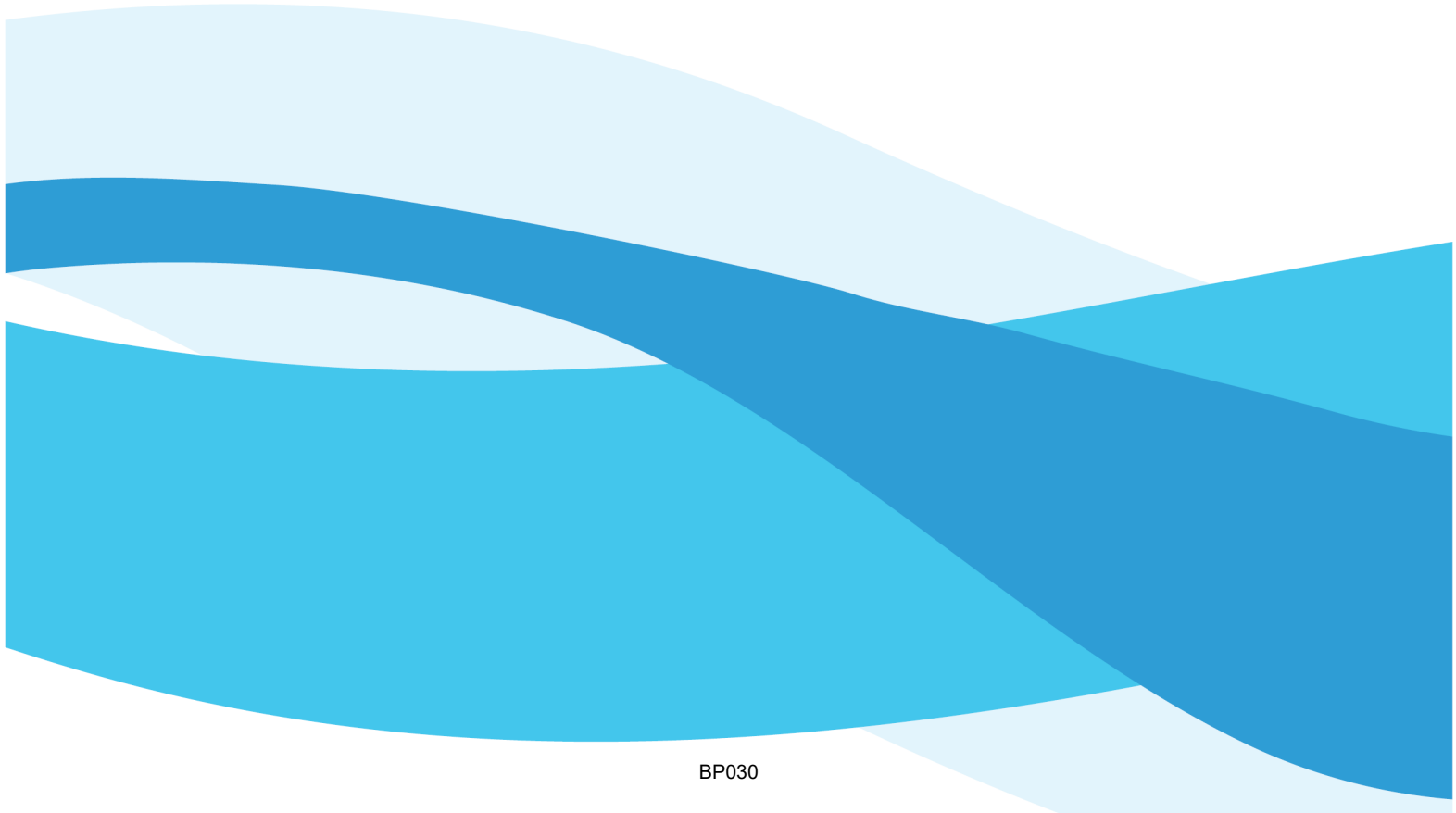


# Tab 2

Environmental Committee report





## Environmental Committee Reporting Items

### Background:

The Environmental Committee met on May 5, 2026, and discussed the following items:

**2026 Open House for Water Week:** Metro hosted an open house at the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Water-related entities were invited to set up booths. The event included tours, food, and information on Metro’s history, water conservation, and sustainability. Over 200 guests attended the open house.

**Utah Lake System 2025 report:** Metro, as a petitioner for Central Utah Project ULS water, submits an annual per-capita water-use report to the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. The report graphically shows water use for Salt Lake City, Sandy City, and Metro Water (both cities combined). The 2026 report was submitted on March 19.

**Provo River Watershed Council:** Staff outlined the origins of the Jordanelle Technical Advisory Committee and its transition to the Provo River Watershed Council. Metro Water holds a seat on the governing board, with Eric Sorensen as vice-chair. Metro contributes \$110,000 annually.

**Utah Water Ways and Slow the Flow:** Staff outlined the Governor’s Water Conservation Team’s formation and its evolution to Utah Water Ways. [HB 307 \(2023 GS\)](#) established Utah Water Ways as a public-private partnership. Metro does not serve on the board but sends staff to quarterly meetings and contributes \$36,400 annually. Eric Sorensen helps guide the Slow the Flow committee’s annual water conservation campaign.

**Power Use:** In 2017, Carollo Engineers developed a *Power Management and Energy Plan*. Since then, Metro has improved energy management at several facilities. The committee recommended hiring a consultant to update the plan. Recommendations from the new plan would inform decisions on the design of the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant. The committee will request increased contract services for FY27. A follow-up meeting is set for May 20 to continue discussions on power use and define the updated budget.

### Recommendation:

This is a reporting item only.

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