

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS REGIONS

Utah Lake/Jordan River

1594 W. North Temple, Ste. 220
Salt Lake City, UT 84114
801-538-7240

Weber River/Western Utah

(Weber & Ogden rivers, Tooele area and Great Salt Lake Desert)
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Northern Region

(Bear, Logan & Blacksmith Fork rivers, and western Box Elder County)
1780 N. Research Parkway, Ste. 104
North Logan, UT 84341
435-752-8755

Eastern Region

(Uinta Basin rivers, tributaries to the Green River on the Uinta Mountains North Slope)
City County Building
152 E. 100 North
Vernal, UT 84078
435-247-1514

Sevier River Region

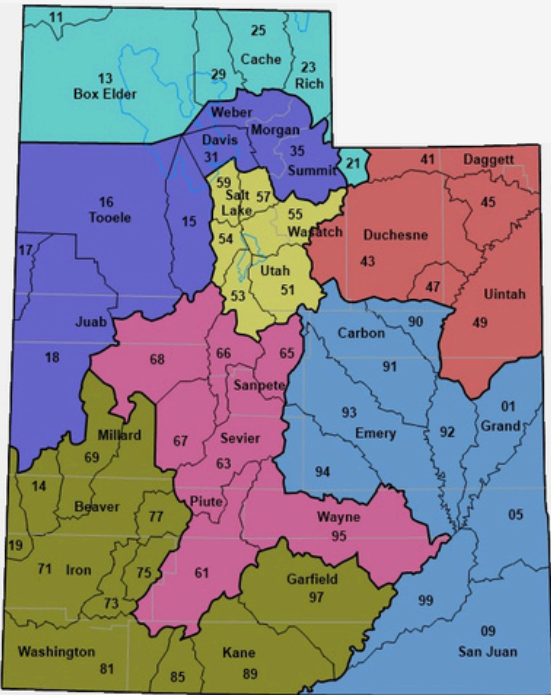
(Sevier, Fremont & Dirty Devil rivers)
130 N. Main St.
Richfield, UT 84701
435-896-2557

Southwestern Region

(Virgin, Colorado, Paria, Escalante, Beaver & Santa Clara rivers)
646 N. Main St.
Cedar City, UT 84721
435-586-4231

Southeastern Region

(Price, Green, Colorado, San Rafael, Muddy & San Juan rivers)
319 N. Carbonville Road, Ste. B
Price, UT 84501
435-613-3750



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- Administrative Rules
- Applications
- Biennial Reports
- Bulletins
- Commissioner Reports
- Data Searches
- Dam Safety Plans, Phases I and II
- Data Reports
- Hydrological Data
- Proposed Determination of Rights
- Stream Alteration Fact Sheets
- Scanned Files
- Technical Publications (Tech Pubs)
- Topographic, Aerial and GIS Maps
- USGS/UGS Special Studies
- Utah Water Companies
- Water Circulars
- Water Use Reports
- Well Logs



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Utah Division of Water Rights

About the division and how it ensures order and certainty managing the waters of the state





About the division

The Utah Division of Water Rights is a state agency within the Department of Natural Resources.

The division is led by the State Engineer, who is appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate.

The State Engineer serves a four-year term and plays a central role in administering the state's waters in conformance with Utah water law.

Who owns Utah's water

In Utah, water is the property of the public. The beneficial use of the state's water is governed by water rights law under Utah Code Title 73.

The State Engineer is responsible for the general administrative supervision of the state's water—including its measurement, appropriation, apportionment and distribution.

DIVISION RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

Applications & Records

The applications and records section is responsible for the central review and processing of various water rights applications throughout the state.

Adjudication

Adjudication defines existing rights, quantifies unknown rights, and removes unused and abandoned rights through judicial decree.

Dam Safety

The dam safety section annually inspects dams and regulates the construction of non-federal dams within the state in order to protect public safety.

Data Services

Data services gathers, curates and disseminates critical water data that is necessary to manage the state's water resources.

Enforcement

To ensure fairness, alleged statute violations are investigated, and compliance is ensured through orders, fines and litigation.

Stream Channel Alterations

The division regulates the alterations to natural streams under state law and in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Water Resource Studies

Division scientists conduct studies on basins throughout the state in conjunction with the Utah Geological Survey, the U.S. Geological Survey and state universities.

Water Well Drilling & Geothermal Development

The division regulates the drilling and maintenance of all water wells and geothermal development within the state to ensure the orderly management of underground water and to prevent aquifer pollution.

Water Distribution

Because many users rely on water from the same source, the division ensures priority distribution of the state's water through appointed river commissioners who actively manage diversions within their respective systems.

Office of the Utah State Engineer significant dates

- 1897** - Office of the State Engineer is created.
- 1903** - Utah surface water law is established.
- 1919** - Adjudication of water rights and dam safety governance is established by legislation.
- 1935** - Groundwater is included in water law.
- 1963** - Office of the State Engineer becomes the Division of Water Rights.

