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Discussion: Water Data

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 • 10:00-11:30 AM MDT

[Zoom Meeting Registration Page](#)

1. Welcome/Opening Remarks (5 min) - Michelle Bushman, Deputy Director and General Council

Materials: <https://westernstateswater.org/topical-resources/data/>

Consolidated Policy Position on Data:

<https://westernstateswater.org/resolutions/2026/consolidated-position-on-water-support-for-critical-federal-water-data-forecasting-and-applied-research-programs-2026-01/>

2. State Topics/Issues/Questions for Discussion (30 min) - Michelle

- a. What successes or challenges have you had in modernizing your data?
- b. Utah water data study (UT)
- c. Water diversion data (ID)
- d. Well construction logs (ID)
- e. Federal water data (streamgages, SNOTEL, Agrimet, HydroMet, Mesonet, River Forecast Centers, Drought Monitor, HAB monitoring, Safe Drinking Water Information System, invasive species monitoring, Landsat, NISAR, etc)
 - i. High impact stories to build support for legislative advocacy?
 - ii. Budgetary impacts (staffing shortages, reduced maintenance, closures of data collection instruments or offices, states absorbing cost-share increases)?
 - iii. State-federal data/information sharing partnerships that are working well that can serve as a model? Other partnerships?

3. Group Open Discussion (40 min)

4. Next Steps (15 min) - Michelle

- a. FY27 WSWC Task Group (advocacy, reports, webinars, further discussion opportunities)
- b. Staff newsletter topics to track