

GWSSA and District History

The short version

Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency Forming Districts

Grand County Water Conservancy District GCWCD

Formed: 1971 §17A-2-1401

Independent District Authorized to Tax

Boundaries: All of Grand County and portions of San Juan and Emery Counties

Board: 5 members (formerly 7) appointed by the Governor

Purpose: Conserve, develop & stabilize supplies of water for domestic, irrigation, power, manufacturing and other uses.

Owns and/or Operates: 40.5% of Mill Creek Project which includes Sheley Diversion, Sheley Tunnel, Ken's Lake & Dam, irrigation Pipeline, George White Wells 4 & 5; 1 million gallon tank, pipeline from tank to Spanish Valley Drive, Betty Shumaker Wells 1 & 3, Deloy Lance Well, Will Petty Well, Beeman Well, and 50% of the Office

Water Rights Assigned to: Chapman and Spanish Valley Wells, Colorado River, Shumaker Wells, 24% of Moab Irrigation Company Shares

Bonds Outstanding:

\$1.5 Million GO Bond to DWR 1981-2018 \$221,000 Revenue Bond to DWR 2010-2027

Revenues from: Taxes, irrigation water fees, wholesale drinking water fees.

Grand County Special Service Water District GCSSWD

Formed: 1977 §17A-2-1301

Dependent District Authorized to Tax

Boundaries: Grand County with the exception of Thompson & Elgin. Portions of San Juan and Emery Counties

Board: 5 members. 3 appointed by County Council, 1 by Moab City, 1 by SVWSID

Purpose: Water works collection, retention and wholesale delivery system.

Owns and/or Operates: 59.5% of Mill Creek Project which includes Sheley Diversion, Sheley Tunnel, Ken's Lake & Dam, irrigation Pipeline, George White Wells 4 & 5

Bonds Outstanding:

\$0.3 Million Revenue Bond to DWR 1983~2017

Revenues from: Taxes

Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District SVWSID

Formed: 1974 §17A-2-1301

Independent District Authorized to Tax

Boundaries: Spanish Valley, some overlapping boundary with Moab City, San Juan County, Mill Creek to west escarpment.

Board: Elected board of 5 members.

Purpose: Drinking water supply, treatment and distribution; collection, treatment and disposal of sewage.

Owns and/or Operates: Sewage collection system, drinking water distribution system, Chapman Well, Spanish Valley Well, 3 million gallon tank, 50% of office.

Bonds Outstanding:

Water \$400,000 Revenue bond to RD 2001-2038 \$2.4 Million Revenue bond to DDW 2001-2021 \$268,000 Revenue bond to DDW 2003-2022

Sewer \$584,000 Revenue bond to RD 1997-2036 \$225,000 Revenue bond to CIB 1997-2022 \$835,000 Revenue bond to DWQ 1998-2017

Revenues from: Taxes, water distribution fees, sewage collection fees.

Agreement with Moab
Interlocal Agreement forming the Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency §11-13-5.5

Irrigation Company

Sewage Treatment Agreement with Moab City



Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency

- Formed 1999 through interlocal agreement between districts
- A "body politic and corporate and political subdivision of the State of Utah"
- Board: Full board includes all district trustees (possible 15). Operating Committee consists of seven (3 from SV and GCWCD and 1 from SSD)
- Purpose: "undertaking and financing the services to be provided by and the ongoing operation and maintenance of all water and sewer systems, buildings, facilities, equipment, grounds, and all other resources and assets which are the properties of the districts and agency."



Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency

The Districts have:

"hereby jointly and severally confer upon and delegate to the Agency all rights, duties, powers, privileges and authority which, under the laws of the State of Utah are exercised or may be capable of being exercised by each of the respective Districts, and which may be delegated to the Agency pursuant to the Act."



The quorum

- The Agency may have meetings as a Full Board or the Operating Committee
- Full Board meetings require a simple majority (seven) Full Board meetings are required for large purchases, approving the budget, hiring/firing a manager, and electing officers.
- The Operating Committee consists of seven members of the full board, representing all districts.
- Operating Committee meetings require a simple majority of the committee (four) – the committee does all work not requiring a full board.

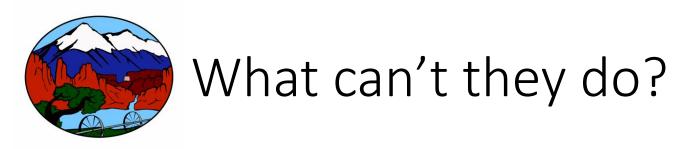


- The GWSSA board discusses all issues in an open forum where all members are encouraged to participate.
- All members are encouraged to attend and vote at all Operating Committee meetings
- GWSSA performs business on behalf of all districts with few exceptions i.e. taxing and funding issues
- Different committees are comprised of members of all districts to prevent quorums on any committee.



What can the agency do?

- Conduct and control business and affairs of the agency
- Establish and enforce overall policies and procedures of the agency
- Direct the Manager to implement the policies and procedures
- Prepare and adopt the annual budget; Invest agency funds
- Enter into contracts
- Set rates and impact fees
- Receive grants and loans; acquire assets
- Purchase water rights



- The agency has no taxing authority
- The agency has no policing authority
- The agency will not enter into contracts that exceed the expiration date of the interlocal agreement (2048)