



# Current Events

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## Office closures for January

WaterPro's office will be closed on the following dates and times in January:

- All day Monday, January 2 in observance of New Year's Day.
- All day Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- From 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19 for a company meeting.

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## Utah's Aging Water Infrastructure Is Vulnerable to Earthquakes

There are four aqueducts along the Wasatch Front that provide water to some two million people in the Salt Lake Valley – and three of them cross the Wasatch Fault. The fourth is also in an area at risk for landslides and ground movement.

If a major earthquake strikes and damages this critical infrastructure, customers could be without water for months as custom parts are made and shipped and repairs continue, according to Ari Bruening, chief executive officer of Envision Utah.

Other earthquake-prone areas of the West, such as southern

California, face similar vulnerabilities.

The [Utah Seismic Safety Commission](#) worked with Envision Utah to review the situation and make recommendations. They unanimously agreed that water was at the top of the list of priorities after an earthquake, since water is essential to existence.

An analysis shows it would take approximately \$192 million to fix the shortcomings in the aqueducts.

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Information in this article was downloaded from [Aging aqueducts and earthquakes: Why millions in Utah could end up without water](#). By Amy Joi O'Donoghue, Deseret News.





## Annual Meeting Update: Nominations Now Open for Board of Directors

Our annual stockholders' meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7 p.m. at Draper City Hall, 1020 East Pioneer Road.

Two seats on our Board of Directors will be up for election. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for a seat on our board, please visit our website at [www.waterpro.net](http://www.waterpro.net) for instructions. Any nominee must either be a Class A stockholder or represent an organization such as a golf course that is a Class A stockholder. If you have questions, please contact our office at 801-571-2232.

Please plan to attend this meeting and bring your ballot to vote on the Board of Directors. If you cannot attend in person, please fill out and return your ballot before the meeting.

## Snowpack "Off to a good start, but we still need more"

Snowpack across the state is roughly 152% above normal for this time of year (with regional variations), the best performance since 2011, according to a Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> article on [kslnnewsradio.com](http://kslnnewsradio.com) (*Utah snowpack: Where does it stand and what do we need?* By Adam Small, Reporter, Utah Morning News).

Glenn Merrill, hydrologist for the National Weather Service in Salt Lake City, says that it's a good start but we still need more. Over the past two years, a 12-inch snow-water deficit has built up, according to Merrill. As of now, only two inches of that deficit have been made up.

A good start is no guarantee of a good year, Merrill reminds us. The snowfall and weather conditions from now through April will affect the overall state of our water supply. For example, from late December 2021 through January 2022 the numbers were similar to today's, but the situation "flatlined," leading to disappointing results by the end of the winter. Even if snowstorms continue, it will take many more good years to make up for the ongoing water deficits.

So fingers crossed – and let it snow!

