

# UTAH DIVERSION MEASUREMENT AND TELEMETRY PROGRAM

## FAQ's

### Q: What is the Utah Diversion Measurement and Telemetry Program (the UDMT Program)?

A: The intent of this Program is to enhance water monitoring infrastructure across the Upper Colorado River system within the State of Utah by installing real-time measurement and telemetry devices on diversion structures. This is a federally-funded program administered by the Upper Colorado River Commission (UCRC) in coordination with the Colorado River Authority of Utah (Authority). Jones and DeMille Engineering (JDE) and Intermountain Environmental, INC. (IEI) are providing technical and administrative support.

### Q: Who can participate in the UDMT Program?

A: Eligible applicants may include canal companies, water conservancy districts, tribes, and individual water rights holders and must meet the following criteria:

- ◆ Located in the Utah portion of the Upper Colorado River system
- ◆ Have ownership in a valid water right associated with their project and appropriate permission to engage in the Program
- ◆ Be willing to agree to the implementation requirements of the Program

### Q: What types of projects are eligible?

A: Project types may include:

- ◆ Locations that are measuring a source diversion, return flow, or reservoir inflow-outflow
- ◆ The installation of new measurement and telemetry equipment or upgrades to existing, non-functional measurement and telemetry equipment

### Q: What are the requirements for the UDMT Program?

A: Projects:

- ◆ Must comply with federal funding terms and conditions, including Buy America requirements
- ◆ Are subject to NEPA compliance and other relevant state and federal permitting
- ◆ Will require real-time measurement and telemetry
- ◆ Will collect data that will be made publicly available through the Utah Division of Water Rights
- ◆ Will be inspected by a member of the Project Team
- ◆ Must be operated and maintained through Program duration (2029)
- ◆ Will be owned, operated, and maintained by the selected applicant after the Program has ended

### Q: What type of support and services will be provided to successful applicants?

A: Within available funding limits, participation in the program will cover the cost of measurement and telemetry equipment, engineering and installation support, and operations and maintenance support through 2029.



### Q: How do I apply for the UDMT Program?

A: Please visit the UCRC website for information on the Program and to submit an application. The first application period (Batch #1) will be open November 2025- January 2026.

<http://www.ucrccommission.com/utah-diversion-measurement-telemetry-program/>

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## Q: How will applicants be selected?

A: Project applications will be reviewed by the UCRC and the Authority for both eligibility and assessed according to a predetermined set of ranking criteria. Based on funding availability and final ranking, projects will be selected. The selection process will be described in the application, with a sample ranking criteria sheet included.

## Q: What is the UDMT Program budget and how much will be funded?

A: Approximately \$2 million of federal funding is available for installation of flow measurement and telemetry equipment in the Upper Colorado River system in Utah. Individual project funding limits will be informed by industry-standard cost estimates. Final funding amounts will be dependent on individual project details.

## Q: Does the UDMT program require a cost share?

A: The Program does not require a cost share but cost sharing may be considered on an individual project basis.

## Q: What is the schedule for the Program?

A: Please refer to the table to the right for the Program schedule. The Program is expected to kick off in Fall of 2025 with the first projects being installed in Spring of 2026. Subsequent batches of applications and installations will continue through 2027 or until funding is exhausted. The projects will be operated and maintained through at least September 2029.

Event	Dates
Batch #1 Application Period	Nov 2025-Jan 2026
Batch#1 Installations	Apr-Jul 2026
Subsequent Batches	2026-2027
Operations and Maintenance	2026-2029

## Q: Who will install, maintain, and own the equipment?

A:

**Installation:** The projects will be installed by JDE and IEI. In select cases, UCRC and JDE may work with qualified applicants who would like to self-install their project.



**Maintenance:** Operations and maintenance (O&M) requirements will be provided for each project. The O&M responsibilities will be dependent on ownership and the timing of the transfer of ownership. For many projects, support and training on operations and maintenance will be available from JDE and IEI through 2029.

**Ownership:** Project ownership will either be transferred immediately upon the completion of the project or no later than 2029. Details will be clarified in each individual project implementation agreement.

## Q: Who do I contact for questions about the Program?

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