



PANEL DISCUSSION: COVID-19 INFRASTRUCTURE OWNER-OPERATOR

WEDNESDAY: SESSION 2, TRACK 3

SESSION CHAIRS

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PANELISTS

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- Jeff King, Security and Emergency Response Coordinator, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
- Ben Hart, Deputy Director, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development

SESSION ABSTRACT

Over the last few years, Owner-Operator panels have focused on infrastructure systems' coordination and preparedness, and how those efforts enhance resilience and enable a more robust response to events such as Hurricane Harvey, Colorado wildfires and floods, and Hurricane Sandy. This year's Owner-Operator panel will showcase members of Utah's Salt Lake Valley Lifeline Infrastructures Resilience Council (LIRC), a resilience planning group comprised of significant lifeline sector partners in Utah, including Dominion Energy, Rocky Mountain Power, Chevron, Marathon, Holly Energy, CenturyLink, Verizon, Sprint, the Utah Trucking Association, Utah Department of Transportation, Union Pacific, numerous local water and wastewater utilities, and several dozen other members. Topics this year will include operational impacts of COVID-19 and how those impacts were addressed, workforce disruptions and adjustments, including telework, and changes to business as usual. The panel will also discuss supply chain challenges and unmet needs during the pandemic, as well as the added challenge of the Magna earthquake, which struck the region on March 18, in the early days of the pandemic.