The District participated in an effort to inform Utah and Salt Lake County state legislators, as well as local public officials in those counties, on water infrastructure resilience along the Wasatch Front. Two tours were planned and on September 27th, a tour was held at the Don A. Christiansen Regional Water Treatment Plant near the mouth of Provo Canyon. The second tour was held September 29th at the District’s Point of the Mountain Water Treatment Plant in Draper. Representatives from Envision Utah, Utah Geological Survey, Central Utah, Jordan Valley, and the District participated in the presentations and tours. Each water district described the pipeline at high risk in their service area. District staff described the Salt Lake Aqueduct and the four segments identified as highest risk. During the tour at the Point of the Mountain, a representative from the Utah Geological Survey described the fault line and landslide features in the area as well as the liquefaction hazards.

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Staff identified a fairly large sinkhole in front of a garage at LCWTP. It was determined the sinkhole was caused by a leak from a three inch long gap in a joint in the Little Cottonwood Conduit (LCC). The LCC was offline at the time of the discovery allowing staff to enter the pipe and grout the joint below the sinkhole. While making this repair, staff also grouted eight other joints that had experienced damage or cracking. Salt Lake City opened a blow-off on Creek Road allowing the District to flush out water that had been stagnant in the pipe. Once this process was completed, all water samples came back clean.

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