

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes March 21, 2018
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Dana Van Horn Jeff Adams Ann Marie Aubry Scott Hacking Kara Dohrenwend Bob O'brien Eric Johanson Tatsy Guild Jaylyn Hawks Mike Duncan Philip Kopell Marc Stilson Jake Deslauriers	GWSSA Canyonlands Watershed Council Moab BLM UDEQ Rim to Rim and GCD Moab Solutions/Castle Valley Moab City Private Citizen Grand County Moab City Grand Conservation District UDWRi USU Extension	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	Introductions were made. There weren't any changes suggested for the January minutes. The order of items on the agenda was changed to accommodate conflicting schedules for some members.	January Minutes and today's agenda were approved.
Election of new Officers	We had a brief discussion on previous entities service as Chair and Vice Chair. Moab City, Grand County and the SEU Health Department have yet to have an opportunity to serve. Arne explained to everyone that there was very little time commitment with this position as he carries most of the administrative load associated with the MAWP. Dana nominated Orion of the SEU Health Department for Chair and Arne nominated Jeff Adams of the Canyonlands Watershed Council for Vice-Chair. There were no objections.	Orion Rogers was elected Chair and Jeff Adams was elected to Vice Chair.
Watershed Coordinators Report	There weren't any inquiries from the group on the Watershed Coordinators Report. Arne asked the group about their disposition towards the Facebook page he created for the MAWP. The attendees did not have issues with the page and are supportive of his outreach efforts. The attendees did not offer any guidance to Arne on the page. The attendees also supported Arne's and Mike's outreach effort at the Water Conservation Fair. Dana felt the fair was a big success and suggested banners above stations so people could find the information they were looking for. Arne presented the Mercury in Fish Tissue results from fish collected above Powerdam in Mill Creek. Unfortunately, the results significantly exceed the EPA advisory levels. No one has any idea why fish in lower Mill Creek have high levels of Mercury in their tissue.	Arne will continue submitting WC reports
Support of USGS recommendations for	Arne described the agreement that had been worked out for the surface water measurement gauge on Lower Mill Creek. The	

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<p>more and better monitoring of the groundwater resource in Spanish Valley:</p>	<p>Nature Conservancy and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources are going to pay for the gauge installation and Moab City, UDWRi and the USGS are going to split the \$15,000 annual cost. There hasn't been much discussion on the Pack Creek gauge. Dana suggested the USGS provide a presentation to the GWSSA board on its merits. School Institutional and Trust Lands was also identified as a potential partner. Grand and San Juan County were also suggested as partners. Marc informed the group that the USGS will be monitoring for depth to groundwater annually at 18 wells. That data will be available on the USGS website. There was some discussion about where all the data that is being collected to support groundwater management will be stored. Several ideas were discussed but no action was determined.</p>	
<p>2018 Project Ranking!</p>	<p>We had two non-point source grant applications to rank today. Ann Marie Aubry provided a short presentation of her Mill Creek Phase 3 restoration project. This project is a continuation of the invasive removal and revegetation project in Mill Creek Canyon on BLM property. Phase 3 is removal work upstream of the Cedar Hills entrance and in the Left Hand of Mill Creek. The project includes maintenance on Phase 1 and 2. This phase of the project will also include stabilization of several gullies and placement of Beaver Dam Analogues into Mill Creek.</p> <p>Kara Dohrenwend provided a short presentation on the Rim to Rim project. This project is also a continuing phase of a long term invasive removal and revegetation project on Pack and Mill Creek generally within Moab City Limits. This project includes plans for watering and developing a long term maintenance plan with Moab City.</p> <p>The attendees ranked the projects with the MAWP ranking sheet.</p>	<p>Kara and Ann Marie will consider suggestions for the projects and revise their applications. They will provide them to Arne in the next few weeks. Arne will submit them to UDWQ with the ranking sheets the first week of April.</p>
<p>Implications of Target Basing in 2021</p>	<p>Arne forgot to mention the UDWQ intensive sampling program that starts this October and runs through September 2019. Arne did let the attendees know that we are the target basin in 2020. There will be about \$500,000 in grant money focused on Southeastern Utah. Arne asked the attendees if they could have enough projects to use the \$500,000 by then. They assured him they could.</p> <p>Arne also explained that we need to update the Watershed Management Plan prior to Spring of 2020 to accommodate the funding cycle. Arne is hoping to put a schedule together for the sections so we don't end up doing them all in one meeting and the workload is spread out over two years. Sections 2.8 and 2.9 were discussed at this meeting. 2.8.1 is ready for review and 2.9.1 is almost ready for review. Arne will send them out prior to the next meeting so we can finalize them. Jeff Adams agreed to write 2.8.2, Current Water Use and Trends. Arne is asking each of the body politics to write their sections on "Current Land Use and Trends". Hopefully they will be able to just cut and paste from their planning documents. They should be ready to finalize at the July meeting.</p>	<p>Arne will check with the body politics and find out who is going to write their sections. Arne will finish 2.8.1 and 2.9.1 and have them ready for the next meeting.</p>

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Other Business New Storm Water Plan for Moab City	Arne explained to the group that the new city storm water plan would route almost all the water from downtown into Mill Creek at 500 West. Arne will ask the City how much it would cost to continue to run it down 400 north to the Matheson Wetlands.	
Public meeting for reclassification of Mill Ck	Arne informed the group of the public meeting associated with reclassifying Mill Ck from a 2A stream to 2B on April 16. They are considering changing the classification only to the confluence of Left and Right hand.	
Colorado and Green River Management Plan meetings	State of Utah Sovereign Lands is having Kick Off meetings for the new River Management Plan. There will be a meeting at the High School April 18 from 6 to 8 pm.	
Adjourn	The next meeting will be at 1:00 May 16, 2018 at the Grand Center.	Adjournment