

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes May 16, 2018
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Dana Van Horn Jeff Adams Ann Marie Aubry Kara Dohrenwend Bob O'brien Mike Duncan Mike Allred Makeda Hanson Orion Rogers Don Andrews Mary McGann John Weisheit Gerrish Willis Sara Melnicoff	GWSSA Canyonlands Watershed Council Moab BLM Rim to Rim and GCD Moab Solutions/Castle Valley Moab City UDWQ UDWR SEUHD NRCS Grand County Living Rivers Grand County Moab Solutions	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	Introductions were made. There weren't any changes suggested for the March minutes. Dana mentioned she had an agenda item under other business she would like to discuss if there was time.	March Minutes and today's agenda were approved with Dana's addition.
Watershed Coordinators Report	There weren't any questions on the Watershed Coordinators report. Arne informed the group that he was expecting the grant application results before this meeting, but they haven't been received yet. Mike informed the group that there were grant applications for 3 million dollars and there is only 1.5 million available.	Arne will continue submitting WC reports
Election of Chair	Orion was able to attend today. He hopes he has permanently changed his conflicting meeting. That would allow him to commit to being Chair.	
Potato Salad Hill and access to Mill Creek from the north	The attendees were informed that law enforcement personnel have started instructing visitors to use the Potato Salad Hill access when the Power Dam parking lot is full. This policy is creating issues with overcrowding in Mill Creek, new social trails and the issues in the parking lot itself. There was quite a bit of discussion on possible solutions to overcrowding in Mill Creek at the Power House (PH) parking lot. According to Mary and Mike D the County and City have had several brainstorming sessions with the Moab BLM Recreation personnel. None of the solutions discussed seemed like an "easy fix". It was pointed out that the issue at hand was what to do with visitors to Mill Creek if the PH lot was full. The attendees agreed that sending them to park at Potato Salad Hill was not a good solution because there isn't any infrastructure (developed parking, designated and maintained trails and bathrooms) there. The attendees agreed the MAWP would write a letter to agencies who have an interest in access to	Arne will write the letter requesting responsible officials not instruct Mill Creek visitors to use the Potato Salad Hill access when the PH parking lot is full. Jeff and Orion will review and comment. The letter will then be sent as soon as possible. Note, the letter was sent on May 18.

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	<p>Mill Creek requesting law enforcement and other agencies not instruct visitors to use the Potato Salad Hill access and instead, tell them to come back at another time. It was also requested the letter be sent as soon as possible because of the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday.</p>	
UDWQ Assessment Unit Changes	<p>Mike A informed the group what assessment units are to UDWQ. Currently Mill Ck and Pack Ck from the USFS boundary to headwaters are one unit. If there was a problem in Pack Creek, Mill Creek would be tagged with having the same problem. Mike will have the two creeks split into different assessment units. Mike also discussed several other areas with similar situations in Grand and San Juan Counties that he will also have split. None of the attendees disagreed with the changes.</p>	<p>Mike will have the Mill and Pack Ck from USFS boundary to headwaters assessment unit split into an assessment unit for each creek.</p>
Implications of Target Basing in 2021	<p>Arne told the group that one of the implications of being the target basin in 2021 is the intensive sampling effort that will take place between this October and runs through September 2019. Actual sampling locations will be discussed at the July meeting. Another implication is the revision of the Watershed Management Plan. Arne had noted this at the last meeting and specific sections of the plan will be discussed later.</p>	<p>Mike A will provide a list of stations for discussion at the July MAWP meeting.</p>
MAWP Watershed Management Plan	<p>Arne presented the slightly revised version of Section 2.8.1: A Brief Explanation of Utah Water Rights Law. The law has changed slightly since it this section was written 5 years ago. Arne incorporated the changes and ran them by Marc before bringing them to the group. The attendees agreed the Section was complete.</p> <p>Arne presented Section 2.9.1 Historic Land Use in Spanish and Castle Valley. This section was also almost complete 5 years ago. The information that was missing has been located and incorporated into the sections. The group agreed on the format and content of a Table and agreed the section was complete.</p> <p>Arne reminded everyone of the Sections that we are hoping to have completed by the July Meeting. The Sections and the responsible parties are listed below:</p> <p>Section 2.8.2: Current Water Use: Jeff Adams</p> <p>Section 2.9.2.1 Current Land Use and Trends in Castle Valley: Bob O'Brien</p> <p>Section 2.9.2.2 Current Land Use and Trends in the City of Moab: Mike Duncan</p> <p>Section 2.9.2.3 Current Land Use and Trends in the Grand County portion of Spanish Valley: Zacheria Levine and Ann Marie Audrey</p> <p>Section 2.9.2.4 Current Land Use and Trends in the San Juan County portion of Spanish Valley: Arne is working on a writer!</p> <p>It was suggested that perhaps some of the other Sections might not need much revision. The Section on Vegetation and Soils were considered static sections. The attendees agreed the section on Soils could be considered complete. Kara volunteered to review the vegetation section and update if necessary.</p>	<p>Arne will put sections 2.8.1, 2.9.1 and 2.5 Geology, Geomorphology and Soils in the new Watershed Management Plan which will be Version 2.0</p> <p>Kara will review Section 2.3: Vegetative Cover in the Mill and Castle Creek Watersheds and bring any changes to the group in July.</p> <p>Jeff Adams, Mike Duncan, Zacheria Levine and Ann Marie Aubry, and someone else will be responsible for writing Sections 2.9.2.1, 2.9.2.2, 2.9.2.3. and 2.9.2.4 respectively.</p>
Other Business E Coli update:	<p>Orion reported that E Coli counts in Mill Creek by the Youth Garden Project were down. Arne reported he hadn't calculated</p>	

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<p>Future meetings for the development of a Spanish Valley Groundwater Management Plan</p> <p>Water Conservation Board discussion</p> <p>Manti-La Sal National Forest Management Plan Revision Schedule</p> <p>Dana Van Horn's item</p>	<p>the numbers from last week's sampling yet, but they weren't as good as expected. It was suggested that the MAWP write an article for the local paper(s) about our success in lowering E Coli counts in Mill Creek. Arne requested we wait until at least July when we have more results.</p> <p>The next meeting date has not been scheduled.</p> <p>There wasn't anything discussed about the Water Conservation Board</p> <p>No one in attendance new about future meetings for the Plan Revision</p> <p>Dana asked the group if anyone knew of grant opportunities for the new water supply station to be built on the Potash Road. Mike and Arne suggested the Bureau of Reclamations Request for Proposals that usually comes out in November and is due in January. Dana informed the group that the NEPA and Engineering had been finalized and the only thing stopping the project at this time was funding.</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The next meeting will be at 1:00 July 18, 2018 at the Grand Center.</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>