

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes September 19, 2018
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Dana Van Horn Jeff Adams Orion Rogers Kyle Baily Jonathon Dutrow Kenny Gordon Chris Wilkowske Makeda Hanson TJ Cook Marc Stilson Bob O'Brien Alizabeth Putucck	GWSSA Canyonlands Watershed Council SEUHD Moab City Water Board SEUHD Grand County CED USGS UDWR UDWR UDWRi Moab Solutions & Castle Valley Rim to Rim	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	Introductions were made. There weren't any changes suggested for the July minutes or today's agenda.	July Minutes and today's agenda were approved.
Watershed Coordinators Report	There weren't any questions on the Watershed Coordinators report. Arne presented Dana from GWSSA with about 400 custom dog waste bags with the MAWP logo on them.	Arne will continue submitting WC reports
MAWP Watershed Management Plan:	<p>The attendees reviewed 2.9.2.2 Current Land Use Trends in the San Juan County Portion of Spanish Valley that was contributed by Nick Sandburg of San Juan County. There were some questions on actual densities in the zoning currently approved. However, the group considered densities too detailed for this plan and they were not included in the other land use plans.</p> <p>Jeff Adams updated the group on progress with section 2.8.2 Current Water Uses. He has some new us numbers from the City and should have the section completed soon.</p> <p>Arne informed the group he hadn't heard back from Bryan on updating section 2.7: Regional Demographic Trends</p> <p>The group reviewed of Section 4: Watershed Concerns and Resource Issues. The resource concerns listed in the document are still concerns. However, listening to the projects being considered there are other concerns we will have to add. The paragraph saying a groundwater study determining safe yield is necessary will have to change because the study is almost complete.</p> <p>The attendees didn't really review section 5: Recommendations and Management Implementation Strategies (Watershed Action Plan) as it is a list of projects the MAWP was requesting funding for. We received funding and completed those projects and more! Arne took this opportunity to encourage attendees to consider projects that can be included in the revised section 5. There were questions on the sideboards for the projects.</p>	<p>The attendees approved the Section 2.9.2.2 Current Land Use Trends in the San Juan County Portion of Spanish Valley as is.</p> <p>Jeff will continue working on Section 2.8.2: Current Water Uses Arne will check with Bryan on Section 2.7</p> <p>Arne requested attendees bring forth ideas for projects to be included in our Watershed Management Plan</p>

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	<p>Arne informed the group that UDWQ funding could only be used for projects that contained a water quality improvement aspect. However, this section should not be limited to projects that could be funded through UDWQ grants. Other funding opportunities would consider a projects inclusion in a management plan a benefit. Several ideas were discussed including monitoring, Pinyon/Juniper removal and other invasive treatments. There was some discussion on using chemicals with invasive plant treatments.</p>	
<p>Project Reports and Review of Final Report for the Spanish Valley Project Implementation Plan:</p>	<p>Project reports are usually the main subject at our September meeting. However, this year we also are submitting the Final Report for the large grants we received in 2014 and 2015. The project reports are contained within that document. Arne went through the 34 page report with the attendees. There was some concern associated with the load reductions reported in the report. Arne informed the group that most the reductions were determined by STEPL (spreadsheet tool for estimating pollutant loadings) that the EPA provided and requested we use to determine load reductions. Arne agreed that the numbers seem high but the EPA is the one requesting the report and it is the tool they want us to use. The other tool, UAFRI (Utah Animal Feedlot Risk Index) was used for one project and the load reductions from it appear reasonable. Arne went through the report rather quickly but he did expound on the attributes of each project and any obstacles the projects faced. He added three projects to the project implementation plan as justification for the decreased concentrations of TDS in Pack Creek.</p>	<p>The group did not have any objections to submitting the Spanish Valley Project Implementation Plan as shown today!</p>
<p>Report on Colorado River District Symposium:</p>	<p>Arne informed the group the he attended the Colorado River District Symposium in Grand Junction last Friday at the request of the Water Board. He briefly explained that there were serious concerns on the West Slope of Colorado that we are at a 35% risk of Lake Powell drying up by 2026 and Lake Mead hitting levels that would require “a call” on the Upper Basin States according to the Colorado River Compact. The West Slope is also concerned that water users on the East Slope will not want to share in the water use reductions required by “a call”. They have instigated a process called drought mitigation planning where they are currently “banking” water in other storage reservoirs in case the drought persists and “a call” becomes a reality. All the upper basin states are part of this plan. However, Utah’s immediate plan would be to fall back on first in time, first in right if “a call” was made.</p>	<p>Arne will also bring this information to the Water Conservation Board Meeting in October.</p>
<p>Other Business November’s meeting Future meetings for the development of a Spanish Valley Groundwater Management Plan</p>	<p>As the November meeting is falling on the day before Thanksgiving the attendees agreed to move it to the week after on November 28. The next meeting date has not been scheduled.</p>	

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Water Conservation Board discussion	There wasn't anything discussed about the Water Conservation Board	
Manti-La Sal National Forest Management Plan Revision Schedule	There was a cooperators meeting yesterday which was attended by the Moab City, the Town of Castle Valley and Grand County. The three political bodies presented their "desired conditions" to the USFS Planning Team.	
RC&D	There wasn't any other business presented for the RC&D committee	
Adjourn	The next meeting will be at 1:00 November 28, 2018 at the Grand Center.	Adjournment