

# Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes January 16, 2018  
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Jeff Adams	Canyonlands Watershed Council	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator
Jonathan Dutrow	SEUHD	
Kenny Gordon	Grand County CED	
Kara Dowerhend	Rim to Rim	
Mike Duncan	City of Moab	
Don Andrews	NRCS	
Rosemarie Russo	City of Moab	
Tatsy Guild	Citizen	
Rebecca Weisinger	Citizen today!	
George Carter	Citizen	
Seth Arens	University of Utah	
Ammon Boswell	NRCS	
Alizabeth Potucek	Rim to Rim	
John Weisheit	Canyonlands Watershed Council	
Dave Erley	Town of Castle Valley	
Mary McGann	Grand County Council	
Orion Rogers	SEUHD	
Scott Hacking	UDEQ	
Rosemarie Russo	City of Moab	
Wayne Urie	NRCS	
Laura Haskell	UDWRe	
Faye Rutishauser	UDWRe	
Bego Gerhart	Citizen	

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	Introductions were made. There were some requests for changes and additions to the agenda prior to the meeting. Arne presented those changes and they were accepted by the attendees. There weren't any changes suggested for the November minutes.	November's minutes and today's agenda were approved.
Watershed Coordinators Report	There weren't any questions on the Watershed Coordinators report. Arne informed the group he would be out of the Country from about February 4 through March 7.	Arne will continue submitting WC reports
MAWP Watershed Management Plan:	Arne briefly presented of Section 2.8.2 Current Water Uses of the Watershed Management Plan. He noted that there were several changes suggested by UDWRi from the version presented last month. Arne informed the group that he will send the new draft out with the changes to attendees of this meeting and UDWRi for comments and hopefully we will approve it at the next meeting.	Arne will send the newest draft with the draft minutes to attendees of this meeting, UDWRi and Dana of GWSSA.
2019 Projects and Grant Applications:	Arne informed the group that this year's application is not available yet. Attendees were informed that the due date for this year's applications is in April. Therefore any applications for projects outside of the MAWP watershed area are due to Arne by April 1 and applications inside the MAWP watershed are due at	Arne will send the people who have requested NPS applications when they are available. Arne will include links and or paperwork associated with NRCS

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	<p>the next (March) MAWP meeting so they can be ranked by the Partnership.</p> <p>Arne showed and briefly discussed the announcement for USBR Watersmart grant applications to the attendees.</p> <p>Wayne Urie of the NRCS presented information on the NRCS PL566 Watershed and Flood Prevention Program grants.</p>	<p>PL566 grant program and the USBR Watersmart grant program with the draft minutes of this meeting.</p>
<p>Mill Creek Vision Planning meeting</p>	<p>Kara presented information on the Mill Creek Vision planning meeting scheduled for tomorrow, January 17 from 9 to 12 at the City of Moab Fire Station. She informed the group that Rim to Rim received a grant for a facilitator for this planning process but the facilitator would not be able to attend this meeting because of the shutdown. We will have the meeting anyways and Kara will facilitate. She presented information on previous meetings that led up to this current work plan. She also provided information on the work plan and which stakeholders have committed to the planning process. After reviewing the stakeholders she asked the group if she had missed anyone and asked the group to inform other entities that might be interested in participating to engage her.</p>	<p>Arne and several other MAWP members will attend the meeting.</p>
<p>Drought Planning:</p> <p>Utah Division of Water Resources:</p> <p>Western Water Assessment:</p> <p>Other climate and consequences research</p>	<p>Arne introduced the four speakers invited to today's meeting. Three of them are here to talk about drought programs, possible modeling/risk associated with Climate Change and an adaptation planning process. The fourth speaker is here to speak on the State of Utah's water conservation programs.</p> <p>Laura Haskell, The State of Utah's Division of Water Resource's Drought Coordinator updated us on the State's current drought status. One way the State plans to address drought is through efficiency measures. Another is through the relatively new Drought Review and Response Committee. Inside that committee Utah is looking at collaboration to develop and promote Utah's resiliency to drought. She also informed the group that Utah is currently under represented at the national drought monitoring network level.</p> <p>Seth Arens of Western Water Assessment presented background information on his agency and its efforts to provide information for water resource planning in Utah and Colorado. Recently his agency has focused on water resource planning for drought and climate change. A pilot program that is of considerable interest to the MAWP is their Vulnerability, Consequences, and Adaptability Planning Scenarios (VCAPS). He explained that the VCAPS process is a science based with a community involvement approach to determining a municipality's vulnerability to drought and climate change. The product can be used as a starting point for drought and climate change planning. The attendees were very interested in this process.</p> <p>Rebecca Wiessinger has also been investigating climate change vulnerability for the land areas her group monitors on some</p>	<p>Seth Arens will discuss the opportunity to perform the VCAPS planning process in Moab. He will then put together a proposal for Spanish Valley.</p>

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<p>being performed locally:</p>	<p>Federal lands. She has used the <a href="http://climateanalyzer.org">climateanalyzer.org</a> web site to download climate data and has done some modeling in R.</p> <p>After Rebecca's report the attendees discussed drought and climate change planning opportunities. The attendees were fairly adamant that this community needs to plan for climate change and drought. They requested that Seth put together a proposal to perform VCAPS in our area with the intent of starting the process as soon as possible.</p>	
<p>Local Water Conservation Campaign and State of Utah Water Conservation Campaigns:</p> <p>Statewide initiatives for Water Conservation</p>	<p>Arne informed the group that the City of Moab and GWSSA with help from other partners are promoting a water conservation campaign in Spanish Valley (which includes Moab). The campaign will focus on outdoor watering. The details of the campaign are still being determined by a work group that hasn't met yet. However, the efforts will use several mediums to disseminate education and information on how to conserve water. The education and information presented will focus on appropriate watering techniques and quantity based upon seasonality and weather</p> <p>Faye Rutishauser, the conservation coordinator for UDWR gave a presentation on Utah's conservation programs. She discussed the H2OATH pledge, the Water Conservation Certification Program, the EPA's water sense program, the Utah Water Savers rebate program, the Know When to Water web site, the Slow the Flow campaign, The Hall of Fame or Shame, the Localscapes website and a website that contains certified water conservation landscapers. There was also information on a USU application that uses satellite technology to identify inordinately large water users. Of particular interest to the local conservation campaign was the Utah Water Savers program. That program provides incentives for purchasing smart watering systems. The Smart Watering Irrigations systems are replacing the Know When to Water web site because they are sensitive to local weather events.</p>	
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>Other Business was not discussed because the meeting was past it's adjournment time</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The next meeting will be at 1:00 March 20, 2019 at the Grand Center.</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>