

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes March 20, 2018
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Jeff Adams Jonathan Dutrow Mike Duncan Ammon Boswell John Weisheit Dave Erley Mary McGann Orion Rogers Tina Marian Jorge Gonzalez Ann Marie Aubry Bob Obrien Dana Van Horn Terry Morse Mike Allred (via phone) Jodi Gardberg (via phone)	Canyonlands Watershed Council SEUHD City of Moab NRCS Canyonlands Watershed Council Town of Castle Valley Grand County Council SEUHD USFS BLM BLM Castle Valley and Moab Solutions GWSSA Grand County Council UDWQ UDWQ	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator Tatsy Guild Rebecca Weisinger Steph Hamborsky

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	Introductions were made. There were some date and name corrections suggested for the January minutes. (There was an addition made to the agenda during the meeting under other business for scheduling Multiple Indicator Monitoring at two previous project areas.)	January's minutes and today's agenda were approved.
Watershed Coordinators Report	There weren't any questions on the Watershed Coordinators report.	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 (WMP). He noted that there was one more change suggested by UDWRi from the version presented last month. The group reviewed the change and approved the section for the WMP. The attendees thanked Jeff for all his excellent work.	Section 2.8.2 was approved as final!
2019 Projects and Grant Applications:	There were two projects applying for NPS grants from UDWQ this year. Orion Rogers and Jonathan Dutrow present there project and grant application that would employ a Vista intern and purchase software and other computer equipment. The intern would compile all the hard copy records of onsite waste water systems (septic tanks) in Carbon, Emery and Grand County, Utah on a geographical database. This would "computerize" Southeastern Utah Health Department's onsite wastewater records and allow the records to accessed and used for planning and problem solving. Attendees asked several practical questions about project management that the duo answered aptly.	Arne asked the sponsors to make the small changes suggested by the attendees and resubmit them to him by April 1. He will send them with the ranking sheets to UDWQ.

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	<p>Ann Marie Aubry of the Moab BLM presented the second project, the Mill Creek Phase IV project. The Moab BLM has been performing restoration work on Mill Creek above their western boundary and in both the North and Main Fork of Mill Creek. This project is a continuation of those efforts moving further upstream. The project replaces invasive vegetation with native vegetation, maintains areas where replacement occurred and helps with physical management of the recreational area. This phase also includes efforts to curtail erosion where gully's are adjacent to the Creek are actively back cutting.</p>	
<p>Ranking of 2019 Projects:</p>	<p>After a short discussion on the limitations of any ranking system, the attendees ranked the two NPS grant applications. The SEUHD Geodata base project applications scored a 72 out of 100. The project didn't score as high as other projects because of the habitat component in the ranking sheet. The attendees started to rank the BLM Mill Creek Restoration Phase IV project but realized this project was a continuation of the Phase III and all the components were the same, we were just moving upstream. It was suggested we accept the Phase III ranking sheet for Phase IV of the project. There were no objections and the project scored 95 out of 100.</p>	<p>The SEUHD Onsite Geodata base scored 72 and the BLM Mill Creek Phase IV scored 95 out of 100. Arne will include the rankings with the grant applications when he submits them to UDWQ.</p>
<p>Update on Vulnerability, Consequences and Adaptation Planning Scenarios (VCAPS):</p>	<p>As per our January meeting, Seth Aren of Western Water Resources assembled a tentative budget for the VCAPS planning exercise. He informed Arne that the total cost would be about \$40,000 for the project. The majority of that funding would be met by leveraging current budgets that support these types of efforts. He said he would need \$7,500 from the participants to pay for his, the facilitator and other project staff travel and incidentals. Arne has been talking to participants about sponsoring the project. He informed the group that if he had 5 sponsors it would only cost \$1,500 each. The Utah Division of Water Rights has been contacted and said they would consider it. The City of Moab and Grand County have also said they would consider it. Canyonlands Watershed Council and Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency also said they would consider it. The sponsors would like to have a project outline prior to committing. Arne has already asked Seth for that and Seth will be sending it the first week of April. The group noted San Juan Spanish Valley Special Services District needs to be part of this process, but doubted they had any financial opportunity to help with its cost. However, the group believes they are an essential component of this project. Seth has informed Arne the actual participants need to be limited to about 12 and they should consist of officials from affected political institutions, affected public works officials and private interested parties.</p>	<p>Arne will send the draft proposal to the five financial partners for this project when he receives it from Seth. Arne will reach out to San Juan Spanish Valley Special Service District and invite them to participate.</p>
<p>Water Conservation Campaign:</p>	<p>Dana from GWSSA was in attendance and she was asked to update the group on the campaign. She told the group that GWSSA and Moab City were working together on a media campaign that was focused on outdoor watering. There will be</p>	

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	almost weekly suggestions/advice on how to conserve water in the paper and other media.	
Request to change USGS names for Right Hand and Left Hand of Mill Creek:	Changing the names of the North Fork of Mill Creek and Mill Creek above the North Fork was suggested at the Mill Creek Visionary meetings. The justification was that everyone in our community knows them as Right and Left Hand respectively and the confusion between names was at times detrimental to search and rescue efforts. After some discussion amongst attendees a consensus on asking the State Historic Preservation officer to rename the creeks could not be reached. The MAWP will not support this request.	
Other Business: Mill Creek Vision Planning meeting:	Arne and Mary spoke to the continued progress of the Vision committee. They have a sign sub-committee and will have signs in place shortly as well as an MOU between the Sherriff and Moab City police for traffic enforcement. The physical boundaries of this planning effort are being discussed at this point in time. As for the boundaries of issues, this committee is limiting its issues to recreational related activities and impacts.	
Future meetings Groundwater Management Plan	Future meetings for the Groundwater Management Plan have not been scheduled. Adjudication is proceeding.	
Manti-La Sal National Forest Management Plan Revision Schedule	Tina informed the attendees that the furlough and personnel changes have slowed the planning effort. There should be some new documents and schedule in a couple of months.	
RC&D Council	Arne informed the group that the RC&D Council accepted by-laws and other necessary documents at their last meeting. Their intention is to focus on loaning money for entrepreneurship as opposed to grants for conservation.	
MAWP data on Natural Resource Website	Arne informed the group that the Utah Department of Water Resources was starting up a "drop box" like website that could "house" water resource quality data. Arne asked the attendees if they objected to data collected associated with the MAWP dropped there. There were no objections	Arne will drop data that is currently approved to be on the MAWP website to the UDWRe website.
MIMS	Arne reminded the group we needed to perform Multiple Indicator Monitoring for the Mill Creek Phase 1 and Castle Valley revegetation project this spring. Several suggestions were made for a botanist and dates. It will probably be performed in June.	Arne will arrange the MIM's monitoring.
Adjourn	The next meeting will be at 1:00 May 16, 2019 at the Grand Center.	Adjournment