

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes May 15, 2019
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Jeff Adams Ammon Boswell Mary McGann Jorge Gonzalez Ann Marie Aubry Bob Obrien Dana Van Horn Mike Allred Chris Wilkowske Sarah Stock Dee Taylor Dale Weiss Levi Jones Gerrish Willis Duncan Fuchise Rosemarie Russo Kenny Gordan	Canyonlands Watershed Council NRCS Grand County Council BLM BLM Castle Valley and Moab Solutions GWSSA UDWQ USGS Living Rivers Grand Conservancy District GWSSA Moab City Grand County ??? Moab City Grand County	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator

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 prior to the meeting and after the email. However, the agenda item was not discussed as the requestor was unable to make the meeting.	March'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
2019 Projects and Grant Applications:	Mike announced that the official grant recipient list will be released tomorrow. However, he was able to tell us that the SEUHD Onsite Wastewater Data Base project was fully funded for \$8,000 and the BLM Mill Creek Phase IV project was partially funded for \$30,000. The BLM projects request was for \$40,000. Mike said they may still receive the other \$10,000 depending upon whether other recipients actually accept the contracts. Mike also took this time to announce a change in UDWQ liaison's for Grand and San Juan County and subsequently the MAWP. UDWQ is changing the lead in this area and Mike will be working in the San Pitch and Sevier River watersheds. He also announced our new liaison would be Lucy and she currently lives in Durango. Mike also spoke to the MIMs monitoring that was in the other business section of the agenda. Lisa will hopefully be at that monitoring event as well as two botanists who work for UDWQ in SLC.	Contracts will be sent to the grant sponsors for review and signature. The MIMs monitoring will be performed June 11 and 12 th .
Vulnerability, Consequences and	Seth Arens of Western Water Assessment lead the discussion on VCAPS planning. The attendees were informed that two half days	Arne will provide Seth with the updated participant list

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<p>Adaptive Planning Scenarios (VCAPS) organizational discussion:</p>	<p>would be required of participants and the half days would be one afternoon and the following morning. He anticipates there will be a discussion session after climate scenarios are presented in the first afternoon session and a similar schedule the following morning. Participants will be interviewed in the next two months prior to the planning session. It will take him some time to prepare the questions, interviews and climate data so the planning sessions will probably be in July. Those participating in the planning project discussed dates and July 18th and 19th were selected. The participants at the MAWP meeting asked if they could review the questions prior to being interviewed. Seth said he would provide them prior to the interviews. We discussed funding the project and noted we were still \$2,500 short of the cost or perhaps more if the “Boards” decided not to support it. Rosemarie suggested we consider getting funding for the project from the Travel Council for the entire project. Mary encouraged that possibility. They asked if they could obtain a letter from Arne to the Travel Council requesting funding from. Arne agreed and later requested the project lead to write that letter. We reviewed and updated the participant list. It was suggested that we consider encouraging the USFS Moab District to participate in the project. Arne was assigned to reach out to them.</p>	<p>so he can start setting up interviews. Seth will write a letter “selling” the project to the Travel Council and send it to Arne who will forward it to Rosemarie. Rosemarie and Mary will initiate discussions with the Travel Council to request funding from them.</p>
<p>Waste From Recreational Activities on Public Lands:</p>	<p>The MAWP member who requested this agenda item was unable to attend the meeting. Therefore this item was not discussed.</p>	<p>Arne will ask if they want this item on July’s agenda.</p>
<p>Section 4 and 5 of the Watershed Management Plan:</p>	<p>Arne briefly presented Section 4 of the Watershed Management Plan. He will be asking partners to review it for the next meeting. Arne presented a small portion of Section 5 of the Watershed Management Plan. That Section contains the specific actions/projects the MAWP supports to attain its objectives. The projects listed at this time are all projects that have been completed. Arne explained that if we have future projects in mind we should outline them in this section so we can receive funding for them. Arne mentioned they didn’t have to be limited to projects that UDWQ might fund, they could be any project that supports our mission statement. The attendees discussed project possibilities in length. Projects mentioned included storm water catchment facilities, spring development, wetland restoration, stream restoration specifically flood zone enhancements, and others. Arne requested these project be put in a proposal format and provided to him. He also noted any “shovel ready” projects should be listed here such that if short term funding possibilities became available we could apply for them. Arne also noted that the Utah Conservation Commission could also provide one million dollars in grants that can be used for water quality improvements and can be used as match for 319 or NPS funding.</p>	<p>Arne will send Section 4 with the draft minutes for attendees to review. Arne requested any project proposals that our “shovel ready” and fulfill the MAWP’s mission statement be sent to him for inclusion in our watershed management plan. Arne encouraged the participants to consider sponsoring other projects that fulfill our mission statement and develop a project proposal and send it to him.</p>
<p>Other Business MIM’s monitoring update.</p>	<p>MIMs monitoring was discussed earlier in the meeting.</p>	

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<p>Vision Committee update.</p> <p>Future meetings for the development of a Spanish Valley Groundwater Management Plan and other groundwater matters.</p> <p>Manti-La Sal National Forest Management Plan Revision Schedule</p> <p>RC&D Council Arne will update the group on the progress this group has been making.</p> <p>Other Business?</p>	<p>Arne told the group that a survey was being developed to determine what the community's vision is for the recreational uses associated with Mill Creek.</p> <p>Future meetings for the Groundwater Management Plan have not been scheduled. Adjudication is proceeding.</p> <p>There aren't any new updates on the Management Plan Schedule</p> <p>Arne reminded the group that the RC&D Council intention is to focus on loaning money for entrepreneurship as opposed to grants for conservation.</p> <p>Attendees asked about the Ken Kolm Phase II Water Balance Report that was presented to the Moab City Council last night. Arne responded he was at the meeting and the preliminary water budget model was developed for Mill Creek Glen Canyon aquifer that takes into account riparian evapotranspiration and shows a deficit of 875 AF +/- and a storage volume was estimated at 150K-300K AF, though this amount is not available for use without impacting creek and spring flows. The City Water Board has some unanswered questions about the report including concerns about the science used, and the City is likely going to have the report peer reviewed.</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The next meeting will be at 1:00 June 17, 2019 at the Grand Center.</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>