

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes March 7, 2013
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Mark Sovine, Chair	GWSSA	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator
Laurel Hagen, Vice Chair	Canyonlands Watershed Council	Tessa Groff, Watershed Coordinator
Dee Taylor	Cattle Grazers	Tina Marian, USFS
Kirstin Peterson	City of Moab	Alex Anderson, UDWQ
Dave Erley	Town of Castle Valley	Gerald Swasey, Self
Bob Davidson	USFS	
Jan Curtis-Tollestrup	USFS	
Ann Marie Aubry	BLM	
Bryan Torgerson	SITLA	
Mike Allred	UDWQ	
Mike Johnson	USU Extension	

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Introduction	Mark started the meeting with introductions. Arne Hultquist was introduced as the new watershed coordinator for USU Extension and the Moab Area Watershed Partnership (MAWP). The partnership members welcomed Arne and expressed sincere thanks to outgoing watershed coordinator, Tessa Groff, for her service to the MAWP and southeast watershed. She will be missed.	
Minutes from January meeting	Mark asked if there were and objections to approving the minutes from the January 10, 2013 meeting. There were no objections.	Approved.
Executive Committee Election	The current Chair, Mark Sovine nominated Jan Curtis-Tollestrup as Chairperson to serve and two year term. There were no objections and she accepted. Mark Sovine nominated Bob Davidson as Vice Chair to serve a one year term. There were no objections. Jan immediately performed in her new role by administering the rest of the meeting	Jan Curtis-Tollestrup is now the Chair and Bob Davidson is now the Vice Chair.
Non- Point Funding Project Presentations and Discussion	<p>Mike Allred informed the MAWP that the \$90,000 of 319 funds are no longer available for this watershed, but UDWQ has granted \$90,000 in Non-Point Source funds for the Southeastern Colorado River Watershed (Grand and San Juan County). These funds differ from the original funding because no match is required, projects can take place over the next three years rather than just this year and the funding is not available until July 1, 2013.</p> <p>Mark Sovine presented a project proposal for several real time flow measurement stations in Mill Creek watershed. One station would be located at the Shelley Diversion and three others on irrigation diversions from Mill Creek. The project would allow GWSSA to make real time adjustments to the</p>	Arne Hultquist requested all proposals suitable for recommendation by the MAWP be submitted to him on the 319 grant form by April 30. Arne will disseminate the proposals to MAWP partners about May 1. The partners will have one week to review the proposals and should be ready to rank them at the next meeting May 9.

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	<p>amount of water diverted to Ken's lake and help insure a 3 CFS flow in Right Hand Mill Creek. Mark stated they have already purchased the telemetry equipment and are asking for support purchasing weirs and installing the stations. The total cost of the project without the previously purchased telemetry equipment would be \$6,600. The GWSSA project would request 3,100 in grant money and match it with \$3,500 of in kind labor.</p> <p>Ann Marie Aubry discussed the BLM's project proposal for continued funding of the USGS gaging station on Right Hand Mill Creek. The station costs \$20,000 per year to operate and she is asking for \$12,000 in grant money that the BLM will match with \$8,000. The purpose of this project is to insure the 3 CFS flow requirement in Right Hand Mill Creek is met.</p> <p>Tina Marian presented the USFS project proposal for spring source protection. The four spring protection efforts in this project are part of a larger effort to protect springs throughout the USFS land in the La Sal mountains and nationwide. The four in this proposal are Webb Hollow spring, South Mesa Spring, Oowah Bench Spring, and Geyser Road spring. The projects consist of repairing or replacing each spring's protective enclosure, headworks, pipeline and trough. The total cost for the improvements on all four springs would be \$11,500 and the USFS is requesting about 6,000 in grant money and will match the rest with in kind labor and USFS funds.</p> <p>Mike Allred informed the MAWP that all proposals must be submitted to the Utah Division of Water Quality by May 15, 2013. Mike also informed the MAWP that a letter from the MAWP ranking the proposals must also be submitted by May 15, 2013.</p>	
Final Approval of Watershed Kiosk Wording and Graphic	The latest version of the Kiosk graphic and information center was reviewed by the partners. The MAWP requested some minor changes in the wording and graphic.	The Kiosk was approved and Laurel Hagen will expedite the Kiosk construction and erection near the Youth Garden Project
<p>Watershed Management Plan Layout and Section Review</p> <p>Watershed Concerns and Goals for Plan</p> <p>Upcoming Projects/Events</p>	These agenda items were tabled till the next meeting due to time constraints.	
Adjourn	There were no objections to the chair's request to adjourn	Adjournment