

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes November 14, 2013
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Mark Sovine, Mike Allred (attended by phone) Bob Davidson Jan Curtis-Tollestrup Ali Fuller attended for Dave Erley Chris Baird Kirstin Peterson Mike Johnson Geoff Freethey George Carter Pat Holyoak Ann Marie Aubry Marc Stilson	GWSSA UDWQ USFS USFS Town of Castle Valley Canyonlands Watershed Council Moab City USU Ext Trail Mix Moab Irrigation Grand County BLM Utah Division of Water Rights	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	Introductions were held, and September minutes approved. One item was added to the agenda and that was to move the meeting to the third Wednesday of the month.	September minutes were approved.
Meeting Date	A couple of people are having trouble attending this meeting on the second Thursday of the month due to scheduling conflicts. All attendees agreed on moving the meeting to the third Wednesday of the month starting in January.	Starting January, 2014 the monthly MAWP meeting will be held on the third Wednesday at 8:30 am
WC's 10 minute update.	The Watershed Coordinator, Arne updated the group on his activities since the last meeting. The MAWP needed an address to send the water futures letter and Arne procured one. The water futures letter was sent and a reply was received. The reply stated they are forming a water future group and SE Utah would be represented. Mark Sovine informed us he has been asked to represent Grand and San Juan County. A check from USU for the Kiosk is forthcoming. Laurel has misplaced a small amount of verbiage for kiosk signage. But it is about ready to go to print. Arne also signed up for an email list of all environmental notifications from the Manti-La Sal District. Ann-Marie Volunteered to update Arne on any BLM actions, but the ENBB is where Arne will have to go occasionally to look for BLM projects in Grand and San Juan County. Arne informed the group that he was helping set up a volunteer monitoring program with Utah Water Watch in Castle Valley with Dave Erley and a couple of volunteers. The group considered pursuing a program for Spanish Valley also.	The MAWP Address is P.O. Box 46, Moab, UT 84532. Letters can be addressed to Arne or the MAWP. Arne and Chris will get together next week on the Kiosk. Arne will check the ENBB occasionally and update the group on any actions being taken by the USFS or BLM in the MAWP Watersheds. Arne will talk to Brian Green about Utah Water Watch and the possibilities for Spanish Valley.
Scoping comments on the Manti La Sal 2014	The Manti-La Sal District has requested scoping comments on their 2014 Spring Development Projects. Arne suggested the MAWP	Arne will write a supportive letter and

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Spring Development Project.	write a supportive letter as we are asking the State of Utah to support the projects. The MAWP members agreed.	email it to members for review.
Update on Water Tights Future needs for the Moab Area.	The partnership welcomed Marc Stilson of The Utah Division of Water Rights (UDWRi) to the partnership. Marc informed the group that one of three people in his office would be attending these meetings. Marc explained the current UDWRi initiative to develop a groundwater management plan for Grand County. The group discussed the need for a determination of actual water yield in Spanish Valley and ways that could be accomplished. Marc explained he was aware that several studies have been published about Spanish Valley groundwater, and one of the Ground Water Management Plans objectives is to determine where data gaps are present. He informed the group the management plan could be developed without knowing the actual yield. Marc also informed the group they were working on water rights verification and actual use as well as diligence claims.	
Section 2 updates	<p>Section 2.1.1 through 2.1.3 Jan is workin on it</p> <p>Section 2.2 on Hydrology was previously approved.</p> <p>Section 2.3 Land Cover. Dave and Kara are having difficulty agreeing on this sections content. The group agreed this section shouldn't be an assessment of land cover conditions; it should be more about what is actually on the ground.</p> <p>Section 2.4 on Climate was previously approved</p> <p>Section 2.5 Geology, soils and Geomorphology. Bob's section was well received by the group. After some discussion about faults and cracks, the group agreed a little discussion on them in this Section would be helpful.</p> <p>Section 2.6 on Wildlife was previously approved.</p> <p>Section 2.7 on Demographics was approved.</p> <p>Section 2.8 Historical and Current Land Use, Chris provided Arne with the first draft yesterday. Arne wasn't able to look at it prior to this meeting.</p> <p>Section 2.9 Water Rights and owners. Chris also provided Arne with the first draft yesterday. Arne wasn't able to look at prior to this meeting.</p> <p>Section 3, Water quality. There was some verbiage in Section 3 the group was not in agreement on. There is apparently some historical data missing from Section 3.4.2.1 Bacteriological monitoring that the BLM collected. They also quickly perused the data summaries in that section.</p>	<p>Arne will work with Dave and Kara on the content of Section 2.3</p> <p>Mike Allred will add some verbiage to Section 2.5 and have it for the group at next meeting.</p> <p>Section 2.7 was approved</p> <p>Arne will review Section 2.8 and 2.9 and send them to the group prior to next meeting.</p> <p>Arne will rewrite some of the verbiage in Section 3.</p> <p>Arne will acquire the historical bacteria data and include them in the Section 3.4.2.1</p>
Upcoming Projects	This item was not discussed at the meeting due to time constraints.	
Adjourn	The next meeting will be December 12 at the grand center and the agenda will include only include the watershed management plan.	Adjournment