

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes September 12, 2013
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Mark Sovine, Mike Allred Slate Stewart Bob Davidson Jan Curtis-Tollestrup Dave Erley Chris Baird Bryan Torgerson Donna Metzler Mike Johnson Geoff Freethey George Carter	GWSSA UDWQ UDAF-GID USFS USFS Town of Castle Valley Canyonlands Watershed Council SITLA Moab City USU Ext Trail Mix Moab Irrigation	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	The agenda item for payment to the Grand Center for space rental was removed because CWC agreed to continue paying it prior to meeting	
Update on Kiosk:	Arne informed the group that a final report had been sent to Nancy Mesner at USU and Chris Baird was going to send an invoice to her for grant payment. Arne has also sent a mini-grant proposal to Nancy for the signage to be added to the Kiosk. We will get the Kiosk done.	Chris will send and invoice to USU
Utah's Water Future	Most of the group had already read the letter from GWSSA requesting a meeting in Southeastern Utah. The group was also shown the minutes of the break section from the meeting in Price. The themes from the meeting in Price were similar to the themes we have discussed earlier. Namely the rural areas and especially Southeastern Utah don't get the attention of State Government when it comes to pursuing water projects, and that was evidenced by the lack of meetings in this area. The group requested a letter be written suggesting a meeting be held in Moab.	Arne will write a letter for the MAWP's approval to be sent to the Governor's office
Water Resources Study	Chris Baird brought some information on the original proposal to complete the study of Water Resources in Spanish Valley. The group spent some time discussing what had previously been done and how to promote the study. Essentially the Nature Conservancy proposed a study to complete the determination of the extent of Surface and Groundwater resources. It was approved by the United States Congress in 2007 but never funded. The group agreed we need to know the amount of water available and where it comes from. We also need to bring the State Division of Water Rights into the discussion.	Chris will put together all the information he can find on the proposal and Arne will distribute it to the partners.
USU Watershed Information Website	Arne summarized USU's request for information on the Mill Creek and Castle Creek watershed for a fact sheet they could develop for their web site. The group agreed to send them a copy of the brochure we developed, the kiosk information, and a link to our website.	Arne will send USU the information agreed upon by the group.
Section 2 updates	Section 2.1.1 through 2.1.3 Jan will have something for us to review by	Arne will send Jan a

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	<p>the next meeting. Arne suggested she use the new map in her section and She requested it be sent to her.</p> <p>Section 2.2 on Hydrology was approved.</p> <p>Section 2.3 David hasn't had a chance to review it with Kara and others. The Map he requested was delivered by Mike Allred.</p> <p>Section 2.4 on Climate was previously approved</p> <p>Section 2.5 Bob will have something to review soon. He requested a soils map from Mike Allred.</p> <p>Section 2.6 Was ready for approval but since it was written the Utah Division of Wildlife resources has released Rocky Mountain Goats in the La Sal Mountains. A paragraph stating such was inserted into the section.</p> <p>Section 2.7 Bryan has determined it is ready to be sent to the group for final review.</p> <p>Section 2.8 and 2.10. Land use and development trends and Historic land use. There was a suggestion made to combine Section 2.8 and 2.10 into Section 2.8.1 Historical land use, and 2.8.2 Current Land use and development trends. The group agreed to this change. Chris asked the group how much and what kind of information should be in the section. The group suggested Chris keep it relatively short.</p> <p>Section 2.9 Water Rights and owners. Chris also asked the group how much and what kind of information should be in this sections. The group suggested again that he should keep it short.</p>	<p>map as soon as it becomes available.</p> <p>Section 2.2 was approved.</p> <p>David will submit his final for section 2.3 to Arne for distribution to the group in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Mike will send a soils map of the two watersheds to Bob for Section 2.5</p> <p>Section 2.6 was approved.</p> <p>Arne will send out section 2.7 for final review.</p> <p>Section 2.8 and 2.10 were combined to 2.8.1 and 2.8.2</p>
Upcoming Projects	David reported that the USFS Spring Development Project was underway. There was a small discussion on what needs to happen so they get their grant money when the projects are completed.	
Adjourn	The next meeting will be October 10 at the grand center and the agenda will include only include the watershed management plan.	Adjournment