

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes March 19, 2014
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Mike Allred Dave Erley Dave Horsley Mark Sovine Chris Baird Dee Taylor Ann Marie Aubry Kirsten Peterson Bryan Torgerson Kara Dohrenwerd Rebecca Andrus Tina Marian	UDWQ Town of Castle Valley Utah Division of Water Rights GWSSA Canyonlands Watershed Council Cattlemen's Association BLM Moab City SITLA GCD Moab City USFS	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	Introductions were made and no changes were suggested for the agenda. There were no objections to the February minutes.	February minutes were approved.
Election of Chair and Co-Chair	After a brief discussion on the Partnership Structure in the By-Laws, the group decided to appoint Bob Davidson from co-chair to chair. Rebecca Andrus of Moab City was nominated for co-chair and appointed without objection. The By-Laws will be reviewed at the next meeting to consider changing Section 4, the partnership structure	Bob Davidson is now the MAWP Chair, and Rebecca Andrus Co-Chair. Arne will present a new version for the first paragraph of Sec. 4 of By-Laws for next meeting.
MAWP Website	Arne reported to the group that he updated the web site with minutes and agendas. He has also put the current version of the Draft Watershed Management Plan on the web site. The press release was also added as a news item. The current Sampling Analysis Plan for Castle and Spanish Valley will be added soon. Arne informed the group that there really wasn't a place on the web site for projects we support and letters we send. Arne suggested a page be added to the web site called Projects and Papers.	Arne will continue updating the Website. Arne will work with Neil on adding a page called Projects and Papers. Arne will notify the group when updates are made.
Press Release for project solicitation	Arne informed the group that he presented the press release to both papers. As of this meeting neither paper had published it. Andrew of the Sun Times requested an article on the MAWP for "The View" section. The MAWP discussed his request and the section is considered an opinion section by the MAWP. Our press release was not an opinion piece, and the MAWP is has no need for writing an opinion piece at this time. Several members suggested Arne inform the publishers of both papers that he is available for an interview and invited them to the MAWP public meetings.	Arne will contact the editors of both papers and offer an interview and invitation to our public meeting.

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<p>Mini-Grant opportunities in 2014.</p>	<p>Arne attended the Watershed Coordinators Council meeting in Escalante and succeeded in securing \$400 in funding for the kiosk signage and \$800 for dog waste stations and supplies. Although no one objected to Arne attending the meeting, there was a small discussion on how much it cost for Arne to attend compared to the amount of grant money procured. A brief discussion of funding for the Grand and San Juan County Watershed Coordinators position ensued. The position is funded with one time money that will run out about one year from now. It is anticipated the funding to continue the position will materialize. The kiosk project is ready to move forward as is. The dog waste station project will be sponsored by Grand Conservation District (GCD). Arne will purchase the stations and supplies with GCD funds and work with the BLM and Grand County on their installation.</p>	<p>Chris Baird will order the kiosk signage and install it. After the installation, Chris will send Arne an invoice and Arne will request the \$400 reimbursement from DWQ. After the dog waste stations are installed, Arne will request the \$800 reimbursement for GCD.</p>
<p>Section 2.3.1 Land Cover</p>	<p>Arne presented the latest version of section 2.3.1 to the group. The partners agreed the format and most of the document was acceptable. There was some discussion on the clarity of the last two paragraphs.</p>	<p>Kara will review/rewrite the last two paragraphs and it should be ready for our next meeting.</p>
<p>Water Resources Southeastern Utah Water Plan</p>	<p>Arne informed the group that a water resource planning document published by the State of Utah Division of Water Resources hasn't been updated since 2000. Arne asked the MAWP if they wanted to send a letter he had written requesting its update.</p>	<p>The MAWP approved letter will be sent.</p>
<p>Project Review</p>	<p>Sewering between Power Dam and Mill Creek Drive: Mark informed the group that the properties in question on Mill Creek Drive were already sewered. Rebecca informed the group that it wasn't really feasible to sewer the one property north of Mill Creek. Arne informed the group he didn't have any other ideas on how to solve the coliform problem at Mill Creek Drive.</p> <p>Moab City briefly presented the Wagner Street project. The project will restore the Pack Creek Flood plain at the end of Wagner Street. The stream alteration permit has been approved and the cultural review provided by that permit will suffice for DWQ's purposes. The group had no objections and was supportive of the project.</p> <p>Town of Castle Valley presented the Castle Creek Bank Stabilization and Porcupine Ranch Seeding Project. The Castle Creek project would involve cottonwood and willow pole plantings and willow wattles applied either horizontally or vertically depending on the application. The partners had no objections and were supportive of the project. The Porcupine Ranch project is a continuation of seeding efforts initiated after the area burned. MAWP members offered some suggestions on grazing treatments to complement the seeding efforts. The partners had no objections and were supportive of the project.</p>	<p>All entities submitting NPS grant applications in the MAWP area should provide a final application to Arne by April 6.</p>

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	<p>The BLM presented a project for the Mill Creek area. The project combines efforts for stream restoration in Mill Creek and includes Ravena grass removal, woody invasive removal/treatment, fencing for trespassing animals, closing social trails, and volunteer organization. There were no objections and the partners were supportive of the project. The USFS presented the revised 2014 spring development project. The USFS has added a couple of springs to the project, and deleted the Pinhook development from the grant request. The group mentioned they were hopeful the developments would be maintained or checked periodically such that water was available in the troughs. It was also suggested that the fencing associated with spring protection contain a segment of fallen Aspens that would allow bear access to the spring itself. The partners had no objections to the spring developments in the application and were supportive of the project.</p> <p>Kara of the Rim to Rim organization presented their request for re-vegetation funding for on-going projects along Mill and Pack Creek. The group had no objections and was supportive of the project.</p>	
Adjourn	The next meeting will be April 19 at the Grand Center	Adjournment