

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes October 15, 2014
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Dave Erley Mike Allred Karinne Knutsen Lisa Bryant Bob O'Brien Amber Johnson Jason Johnson Garrish Willis Eric Johnson John Weisheit Marc Stilson	Town of Castle Valley Division of Water Quality Moab BLM Moab BLM Moab Solutions NRCS State Forestry, Fire & Sovereign CWC City of Moab CWC Division of Water Rights	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 September minutes.	September minutes were approved.
WC Update	Arne reported the monthly monitoring has occurred and the website was updated within the last month with agendas, minutes and the current version of the Watershed Management Plan (WMP). Arne reported it has been suggested he go to the restoring watersheds conference in Logan next week. The attending members agreed it would be a good idea. There was a small discussion on whether to hold a January meeting and whom would run the meeting. The discussion centered on whether the meeting was necessary to begin discussions on grants for projects that will be due in April 2015. The group decided not to decide on a January meeting at this time. If a meeting is held in January, Mike Allred agreed to run the meeting. There hasn't been any progress on the mini-grants. The NPS grant group at the DWQ has changed the funding for MAWP projects. The City of Moab Wagner St project has been moved from 319 funding to NPS funding. The Pack Creek AFO project on 400 East that was started before the MAWP existed was moved to 319 funding. Because the NPS funding is available now, the Wagner St project can begin anytime Moab City would like to start.	Arne will attend the Conference in Logan next week. The City of Moab can start on the Wagner Street project whenever they are ready. Arne will make appropriate changes to the Project Implementation Plan.
Grant Opportunities	Arne stated that as a group we focus on DWQ funding when there are also other funding opportunities. Arne informed the group about the USBR water conservation grants that are due every year in January. There are also USFWS grants available. There was some discussion on a new grant source called Healthy Watersheds. The current request for proposals is for someone to manage the program. There should be sub-awards	The MAWP members should be developing and soliciting projects for this year's round of DWQ funding and other funding opportunities. The deadline for this

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	<p>in the future. There is also the NRCS RCPP funding programs which have identified the Colorado River as a priority. The NRCS is limited to funding private property owners, but could help with a private property/government partnership. Marc Stilson noted that UDWRI had funding to de-commission private wells that had been abandoned.</p>	<p>year's funding to the MAWP will be April 15.</p>
<p>Section 5: Watershed Implementation Plan: wordsmithing and final approval.</p>	<p>Arne took the notes and suggestions from the last meeting and wrote Section 5. The attendees were generally pleased with his work. Several small changes were made to the wording in the section. Most of the discussion centered on Section 5.3 Land Use Stipulations supported by the MAWP and 5.4: Proposed Projects. After some discussion, Section 5.3 remained relatively unchanged. Marc Stilson provided alternative language for the Ground Water Plan water study in Section 5.4. The group approved the new language.</p>	<p>Arne will insert the language provided by Marc into Section 5.4. With that language, and other small changes, Section 5 was approved.</p>
<p>Moab Area Watershed Management Plan Version 1 approval.</p>	<p>Almost all the sections in the WMP have been approved. There was some discussion on the Sections of the WMP that haven't been finished and how to finish them. The WMP contained an Executive summary that was supposed to be written after the plan was completed. Arne wrote it, and presented it to the group. It was well received and a few minor wording changes were made to what he had written. The last paragraph of the Executive Summary had not been written and the attendees provided Arne with ideas and notes to finish it.</p> <p>With that, the WMP was approved by the attendees.</p>	<p>The BLM will work on providing their assessments for areas within the MAWP for Section 2.3.2.2 and Arne will invite Kara to offer any assessments she has for Section 2.3.2.3 John Weisheit agreed to provide Arne with the current Drafts of Section 2.8 and 2.9 for him to compile. Arne will write the last paragraph of the Executive Summary, insert it into the WMP and publish the WMP. The WMP was approved.</p>
<p>Items not on the Agenda</p>	<p>Ranking Criteria, Bylaws We need to discuss these at the next meeting. Section 2.8, 9, & 10 Groundwater Management Plan</p>	<p>Arne put these items out as not on the agenda, using it as a place holder for future meetings.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The next meeting will be November 19 at the Grand Center</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>