

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes July 15, 2015
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Mark Sovine Roslynn Brain Zacharia Levine Mike Allred Orion Rogers John Groo Heila Ershadi Kara Dohrenwend Dee Taylor Amber Johnson Rebecca Davidson Marc Stilson Karinne Knutsen Eric Johanson Eli Tome Claire Core Jeff Adams Dave Erley Jaylyn Hawks Elizabeth Tubbs Kirsten Peterson	GWSSA USU Grand County DWQ Grand County Health Dept. Town of Castle Valley City of Moab Grand Conservation District Utah Cattle Grazers NRCS City of Moab DWRi BLM City of Moab FFSL USU Public Participant Town of Castle Valley Grand County Grand County City of Moab	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	Introductions were made.	May minutes were approved and today's agenda was accepted.
Grey Water Letter and Discussion:	Arne introduced a letter requesting the CLEHA Onsite Wastewater Partnership (COWP) to consider relaxing some of the grey water regulations. The Grand Conservation District has approved this letter and the Conservation District was hoping the MAWP would also sign the letter. Prior to reviewing the letter Arne asked Orion, Roslynn and Heila to enlighten the group on the issues associated with the regulations. Currently there are two sets of rules for grey water. One is the International Plumbing Code (IPC) and the other is the State's grey water regulations. The State has adopted the IPC except for when their regulations are more stringent. The biggest difference between the codes is that the State's grey water code requires that permits for grey water systems must be approved by a level 3 waste water planner and the IPC does not. We currently do not have a level 3 waste water planner in Grand County. Without one, we basically cannot approve a grey water system in Grand County. The	The MAWP emailed the letter to the COWP at the meeting.

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	<p>second major issue is a holding tank that is required by both the State’s regulations and the IPC. Several cities and States have adopted code that does not require the tank. Roslynn and Orion both agree the tank is not necessary and is cumbersome to grey water systems. Orion noted that because it is essentially impossible to obtain a permit, and the regulations are restrictive, there may be people installing grey water systems without a permit as was discovered in the State of Arizona. The group reviewed the letter made some small changes that included adding the group as a sponsor to the letter. The COWP was meeting concurrently at a different location and the group agreed to email it to a member of that Board immediately.</p>	
<p>Flood Plain Ordinance for the City of Moab:</p>	<p>Arne introduced the topic. He mentioned he was completely sure about the City’s process but as he understood it from the City Council’s meeting last night, the City of Moab is accepting comments for the two weeks. Arne told the group that as per their instructions he did some research and found a really good library of example flood plain ordinances from all over the country. He has taken parts from those ordinances that seemed appropriate for the City of Moab’s situation and put them together in a draft ordinance for the MAWP to consider. One of the first items discussed was what geographic area we were considering. After limiting the area to the current area in the City’s proposed ordinance (The FC1 Floodway as defined by FEMA) the meetings attendees improved the draft ordinance in several ways. First the group approved some introductory language that included wording on protecting the streams functionality and rights of property owners in the floodway. The group decided that if given clear guidance there were several actions that could take place in the floodway without a permit. They were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: Recreation areas on public and private parklands 2: Gardens, pastures, and outdoor horticulture 3: Public maintenance of existing streets, bridges, or other similar transportation facilities and/or public utility and storm drainage facilities. 4: Structures intended to divert water for beneficial use provided the water user has a valid water right and applicable State/National permits are acquired. 5: Fences that meet Standards in Guidelines that are established by the City and are applicable to where the fence is located. 6: Riparian area maintenance and improvements that are using appropriate best management practices 	<p>Arne will put together the MAWPs comments in letter form as soon as possible, get them to the meetings attendees for approval or changes, and then get them to the City.</p>

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	<p>The attendees agreed that the MAWP will provide information to the City about guide lines and appropriate fence structures through references and if they wanted pick or chose which ones were appropriate for the City.</p> <p>The attendees reviewed proposed uses that would require a permit. The list and wording are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: Structural stream crossing including recreational trails, and roads provided that any applicable State/National permits are acquired. 2: Storm water lines, public and private drinking water utilities and public utility transmission lines shall be permitted only if there is no practical alternative outside of the Zone and provided that any applicable State/National permits are acquired. 3: Sanitary sewer lines shall be permitted only if there is no practical alternative outside of the Zone and provided that ay applicable State/National permits are acquired. <p>Furthermore a permit cannot be issued unless the proposed sanitary sewer line will prevent infiltration of flood waters into the system(s) and prevent discharges from the system(s) into flood waters.</p> <p>We pretty much ran out of time to discuss any other portions of the code.</p> <p>We discussed the proposed comments to the city on the code while reviewing a document that was written in the form of a code. Several attendees suggested are comments take a different form, something more like a letter. Arne was tasked with putting that together. It needs to be submitted to the City in 13 days.</p>	
<p>Watershed Coordinator Update:</p>	<p>Arne asked the group if the new time still worked for everyone, and the group said it did.</p> <p>Arne informed the group that Jason Roper (the NRCS stream restoration engineer) will be looking at the Matheson Wetlands stream restoration project on August 10 and 11. We have not set a time for that yet.</p>	
<p>Items not on the Agenda</p>	<p>Section 2.8, 2.9, & 2.10</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 1:00 September 16 at the Grand Center</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>