

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes March 18, 2015
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Dave Erley Mike Allred Mark Sovine John Groo Roslynn Brain Bryan Torgerson Amber Johnson Eric Johanson	Town of Castle Valley DWQ GWSSA Town of Castle Valley USU Sustainability SITLA NRCS City of Moab	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator Nora Nelson, University of Utah

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	Introductions were made and Mark Sovine asked to move the discussion on projects to the top of the agenda. The group decided to go through the agenda in reverse order. There were no changes made to the February minutes.	February minutes were approved. Agenda was changed to reflect order of discussion
2015 Project Discussion: Water Conservation (Roslynn Brain) Lower Mill Creek Restoration (Kara and Arne) Three informational signs (Arne) Wagner Street Project (Eric) Mill Creek Flow study	<p>Mill Creek Flow Study: Partners reiterated their concerns for this project and the need for a detailed discussion with the contractor about deliverables. Arne told the group that the contractor from USU Water Sciences Department will be in Moab sometime this spring and will meet with concerned members about the study.</p> <p>USU Water Conservation Project: Roslynn from the USU Sustainability Office gave a short presentation about the relatively large rainwater harvesting project they are proposing. Partners expressed concern for water rights issues and conveyance of storm water from one property parcel to another. Roslynn will work with Mark Sovine on those issues. Partners expressed support for the project.</p> <p>Lower Mill Creek Restoration: Arne informed the group that the NRCS original estimate is \$500,000. The group thought that was a lot compared to similar projects. Amber said the engineer that did the work is an Emergency Watershed Program Planner and perhaps a stream restoration planner could provide a different estimate and type of plan. Arne also informed the group that when this has been done at other locations in the State, the UACD and local conservation district were involved. Arne will visit with the Grand Conservation District on the project.</p> <p>Wagner Street Project: Eric and Mike currently think that a new application is not necessary to acquire the \$5,000 not provided in last year's funding.</p> <p>Monitoring Informational Signs: Arne showed the group what the proposed sign would look like and the verbiage that would</p>	<p>Sarah Null from USU will contact Mark Sovine and Ann Marie about the Flow Study when she is down here in April.</p> <p>Roslynn will work with Mark Sovine on water rights and water conveyance. She will update her proposal for ranking at next month's meeting.</p> <p>Arne will visit with the Grand Conservation District on the Lower Mill Creek Restoration project.</p> <p>Arne will work with Brain at USU on the verbiage and design. We should have an updated application for the next meeting.</p>

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	be on it. The partners wordsmithed the verbiage a little and support the project.	
MIMS Training preparation:	We currently have about 11 people attending from the Moab area. We could have as many as 20. 16 would be perfect. The group discussed potential attendees. At this time participants are on their own for food and lodging.	Arne will check with potential attendees and email partners the announcement flyer.
Castle and Spanish Valley Volunteer monitoring:	Arne expressed the concerns for his budget and the monitoring that was taking place. Spanish Valley monitoring is getting done with the help of the BLM staff and their volunteers. We are taking measured flows at several sites and that requires Arne's expertise. Castle Valley doesn't have any volunteer monitors at this time and is considering hiring a monitor. The discussion centered on Castle Valley hiring Arne to do the monitoring. Castle Valley and the DWQ representative decided to split the cost of Arne's time and expenses in Castle Valley.	Arne will put together a document establishing a \$500 per year to his budget from Castle Valley for monitoring. DWQ's budget will pick up the rest. Arne will work with UACD for the paperwork.
MAWP Project Rating Worksheet:	The partners discussed the current ranking worksheet and the ranking system intent. The group decided to remove points given for projects on 303d listed streams and add a section with negative points for sponsors how have not performed up to par.	Arne will make approved changes to the ranking sheet.
Watershed Coordinator Update:	Arne reported he made the changes requested in the November meeting to the web site. He also finished the letter to DWQ on reclassifying Mill Creek's recreational use designation from 2B to 2A and will send it tomorrow. Arne presented the mercury results from last year's sampling. The results are twice as high as previous sampling and Mill Creek will probably be put on a "Don't Eat Fish" list. After reviewing previous data from above Sheley Diversion, the members agreed that the reach above power dam should be the priority for sampling and the reach above the Sheley Diversion be the second priority. Arne informed the group about the Riparian Workshop in Moab on Thursday, March 19. Arne reminded the group that we will need to schedule MIM's sampling for projects not sampled during the training will need to be scheduled at the training. GWSSA has requested temperature loggers for Kens Lake again this year. The Oowah Spring development project will occur June 22 through 24.	Arne will send the reclassification letter tomorrow. Arne will write a letter requesting sampling for mercury in fish above the Power Dam 1 st and above Sheley Diversion 2 nd . Arne will help with cooking, etc. during the Oowah Spring development project.
Items not on the Agenda	Section 2.8, 9, & 10	Arne put these items out as not on the agenda, using it as a place holder for future meetings.
Adjourn	The next meeting will be March 18 at the Grand Center	Adjournment