

# Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes September 15, 2015  
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Kara Dohrenwend Dee Taylor Karinne Knutsen Eli Tome Jeff Adams Dave Erley Garrish Willis Don Andrews Jim Bowcut Bob O'Brien Bob Davidson Jan Curtis-Tollestrup	Grand Conservation District Utah Cattle Grazers BLM FFSL Terrasophia LLC Town of Castle Valley Canyonlands Watershed Council NRCS UT DWQ Moab Solutions USFS – Manti La Sal USFS – Manti La Sal	Kalen Jones, Candidate Town Council

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	Introductions were made.	July minutes were approved and today's agenda was accepted.
319 Projects and round table discussion on how the process works: Required Paperwork and where does it go	<p>Don of the NRCS reviewed the 319 process for the NRCS. Projects overseen by the NRCS go through a nine step process and have to address the projects effects on Soil, Water, Air, Plants, Animals, and Humans. The acronym is SWAPA+H. The process includes evaluation and selection of alternatives. There are several key pieces of paper required by the NRCS which include a Conservation Plan, Schedule of Operations, Location Map, and Cultural Resources Inventory Map. Compliance with NRCS Standards and Specifications is required. If Structural Designs are required, a professionally engineered design and installation are required.</p> <p>Jim of DWQ reviewed DWQ's 319 process. DWQ has a little more flexibility that the NRCS but still requires several of the key pieces of paperwork that the NRCS does and exactly what paperwork is required can depend upon the project and whom the contract is with. For contracts that go through the UACD, project does not have to go through the nine step process but a Conservation Plan, Schedule of Operations, Location Map, Cultural Resources Inventory Map and Conservation Agreement are required. Compliance with NRCS Standards and Specifications is required. If Structural Designs are required, a professionally engineered design and installation certification are also required.</p> <p>Conservation planners with the State can certify the proper instillation of structural projects If the 319 contract is made</p>	<p>Arne and project sponsors will continue to monitor project progress, gather data for the final and annual reports and write reports.</p> <p>Arne will work with DWQ, their Archeological permitting partners and the project sponsors to obtain permits for the projects that still need them.</p>

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	<p>with an entity other than the UACD, not all the aforementioned paperwork is required. A Conservation Agreement and Cultural Resources inventory are the minimum requirements. . The State also requires pre and post monitoring efforts for any project they sponsor. A stream alteration permit maybe required by the State for any project that involves a stream. The State also requires a final report on any project and they also require annual reports for 319 projects. Arne is responsible for the reports. Jim also mentioned one of the advantages to lumping individual projects into a larger UACD contract is that there is more opportunity for matching funds from sources including the watershed coordinator efforts. Jim reminded everyone that an Archeological Clearance will be required for all projects and DWQ a partner can perform the survey with no cost to the project.</p>	
<p>Project Reports</p>	<p>Moab City Wagner St project: The City was unable to attend today.</p> <p>USFS 2013 spring development project: It was reported that this project is done and the final report is only missing a few numbers. There was a discussion on the possibility of a field trip to the completed projects.</p> <p>Holyoak 319 Project is having difficulty getting an engineer or planner to sign off on the concrete pour. NRCS may not have the authority to sign off and the UACD local planner position has not been filled.</p> <p>Rim to Rim project is working with Moab City this winter to get the permits required by the new Flood Zone Ordinance. Next summer/fall they will move forward with the work.</p> <p>BLM/Moab Solutions Phase 1 Mill Creek project needs a conservation plan and schedule of operations prior to invoicing. They should be keeping track of # acres of invasive renewal.</p> <p>Castle Valley Castle Creek project is directly contracting with DWQ and will need an Archeological Survey/permit.</p> <p>The Pinhook reseeding project is completed except for some post monitoring.</p> <p>The USFS 2014 spring development project is on hold because of an objection to the USFS EA by Grand Canyon Trust. The EA added the development of several pipelines and troughs to the spring development project.</p> <p>The USU rainwater harvesting project is scheduled to be installed around October 22.</p> <p>The Lower Mill Creek Project was toured by the NRCS Stream Engineers in August. We are attempting to reconnect the stream with the flood plain. Grand Conservation District has sent a formal request to the NRCS for assistance with this project.</p>	<p>Arne and Kara will talk to Moab City about their project.</p> <p>Arne will insert the numbers into the 2013 USFS Spring Development final report and submit it.</p> <p>Jim will look into finding a planner/ engineer for the Holyoak project that can sign off on the project.</p> <p>Arne and Kara will help with the paperwork for the BLM Phase 1 project.</p> <p>The Town of Castle Valley will be posting an RFP for their project.</p> <p>Dave and Tina will perform the post transect monitoring for the Pinhook project and get the data to Arne for the final report.</p> <p>Arne will use photo points to document the installation of the USU project.</p> <p>Next Summer the NRCS team will revisit the lower Mill Creek and develop some plans and estimate</p>

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Other Business:	On November 17 the USGS will present preliminary findings of the Moab Ground Water Study at the City Council Chambers. That afternoon consultants for the Castle Valley Groundwater Study, the USGS, and most likely the State Engineer will meet to discuss consistency with Groundwater Plans.	
Items not on the Agenda	Section 2.8, 2.9, & 2.10	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 at 1:00 November 18 at the Grand Center	Adjournment