

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes March 23, 2016
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Jeff Adams Dave Erley Mike Allred Don Andrews Jason Johnson Bob O'Brien Tina Marion Elizabeth Tubbs Phillip Bowman Mark Sovine Zacharia Levine Gerrish Willis Mark Grover Hillary Mead John Groo Amber Johnson Ken Kolm Heila Ershadi	Terrasophia LLC Town of Castle Valley UDWQ NRCS UFFSL Moab Solutions USFS – Manti La Sal Grand County Moab City GWSSA Grand County Canyonlands Watershed Council BLM Moab Solutions Town of Castle Valley NRCS HAS, LLC Moab City	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	Introductions were made. Arne added "other business" as an agenda item.	January minutes were approved and the revised agenda was accepted.
Celebrating 50 MAWP Meetings!	Arne informed the attendees that this was the 50 th MAWP meeting. A small discussion was held on accomplishments which included about \$300,000 in support. There was a short discussion on the life cycle of watershed partnerships. At this time the MAWP the attendees consider the MAWP a valuable partnership and as long as we are bringing good projects to the table that improve water quality, the MAWP partnership will continue.	
Watershed Coordinators Report:	None of the attendees had any questions on the Watershed Coordinators Report.	Arne will continue to deliver the reports with the agenda prior to meetings.
Project ranking:	Prior to ranking the projects with the MAWP ranking sheet, Arne reminded the group that we have had issues with the ranking sheet historically but never changed it. There was some discussion on what the problems were with the ranking sheet, especially with item 4. The attendees requested the ranking sheet be put on next meeting's agenda for revision. Irrigation Improvement Project in Castle Valley: Amber Johnson gave a short presentation on an irrigation improvement project in Castle Valley that she is proposing. The project had been approved and received some of the necessary	Arne will put the current ranking sheet on next meeting's agenda. Arne will clean up the MAWP ranking sheets and send them to DWQ with the grant applications by May 10. Project sponsors will provide Arne with a completed application by April 30.

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	<p>funding from the NRCS. NRCS would be partner on this project. The MAWP ranked the project with a total score of 81.</p> <p>Sheely Diversion Flume Project: Mark Sovine gave a short presentation on a project that would install a parshell flume associated with the sheely tunnel and would measure the flow being released to Mill Creek. It wouldn't replace the USGS gauges but could be used by GWSSA employees to quickly and accurately determine the amount of water being released to Mill Creek and make adjustments in their withdrawal so they can better meet the 3.0 cfs instream stipulations. The MAWP ranked the project with a total score of 78.</p> <p>Spanish Valley Storm Water Catchment Project: Jeff Adams gave a short presentation on storm water catchment opportunities along Kane Creek Blvd and 200 South. The two projects are rolled into one proposal. The catchment would allow storm water to infiltrate into the ground instead of running into the creek during storm events. Storm water catchment basins also contribute to curbing pollutants from entering streams during storm events. The MAWP ranked the project with a total score of 78.</p>	<p>The Irrigation Improvement Project in Castle Valley was ranked with 81 points. The Sheely Diversion Flume Project was ranked with 78 points. The Spanish Valley Storm Water Catchment Project was ranked with 78 points.</p>
<p>Letter of Support for Projects Outside Spanish and Castle Valley:</p>	<p>The MAWP briefly discussed writing a letter of recommendation for projects outside the Spanish and Castle Valley Watershed and then asked to hear about the projects.</p> <p>Fencing of Spring Near Cottonwood Creek Mark Glover of the BLM spoke about a fencing project on a spring near Cottonwood Creek in Indian Canyon. They had originally considered a project there but have decided that the spring is in good shape and fencing is not needed.</p> <p>Professor Creek Restoration Amber Johnson provided a brief explanation of the Professor Creek Restoration project. The stream was damaged in a flash flood in 2011 and its ability to handle large flows has continued to deteriorate. The riparian area has also continued to deteriorate. The NRCS proposal is for gabions and other structures to be placed instream to slow the water down.</p> <p>After the project presentation the attendees considered the implications of supporting or not supporting projects outside the MAWP area. It was mentioned that is was a "slippery slope" we would be entering. It was also mentioned that the projects outside the MAWP area are directly competing with projects from the MAWP area. It was also determined that the MAWP could wait till the next meeting to determine their position on projects outside the MAWP area and decided to mull on the concept till the next meeting</p>	<p>Arne will put "letters of recommendation supporting projects outside the MAWP area" on the next meeting agenda.</p>
<p>Other Business:</p>	<p>Arne reminded the group that the NRCS engineers from the State Office will be here on March 31 and April 1 to tour and contemplate the appropriate engineering applications for the Lower Mill Creek Restoration Project and the Professor Creek Restoration Project. David Erley informed the group that the</p>	

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	Castle Valley Groundwater Study would be presented to the public at the Castle Valley Library on May 17 at 7pm.	
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 May 18 at the Grand Center	Adjournment