

# Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes May 18, 2016  
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Jeff Adams Dave Erley Mike Allred Von Black Phillip Bowman Mark Sovine Gerrish Willis Ann Marie Aubry Heila Ershadi Marc Stilson Roslynn Brain Orion Rogers	Terrasophia LLC Town of Castle Valley UDWQ USFS – Manti La Sal Moab City GWSSA Canyonlands Watershed Council BLM Moab City Utah Division of Water Rights USU Sustainability Office Southeastern Utah Health Dept.	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	Introductions were made. Von Black from the USFS was welcomed by the group.	March Minutes and today's agenda were approved.
Watershed Coordinators Report	<p>Dave Erley asked for an update on report entries for the San Juan Gold King Mine and the NRCS Matheson Wetlands tour. Arne informed the group he had accepted a request from UDWQ to sample the San Juan River for contaminants associated with the Gold King Mine Spill. His efforts will save UDWQ a lot of money. The sampling plan is weekly through spring runoff, and frequency after that has yet to be determined.</p> <p>Arne informed the group that the Wetlands tour went very well. The NRCS State office appears supportive of the Lower Mill Creek Restoration Project. The Nature Conservancy will have to relinquish a current monitoring contract to the Utah Division of Wildlife prior to contracting for the restoration project.</p>	Arne will continue to submit monthly reports with the agenda prior to meetings.
Project ranking sheet development	<p>The meetings attendees had a difficult time with several aspects of the current project ranking sheet. After numerous considerations and suggestions a category for project sponsor's previous history was added. A total of 10 points could be taken away from a ranking based upon a previous projects completion in a timely manner and the projects ability to meet its goals. The group did agree to change the amount of points a project gets for reducing loads for pollutants it is listed for. The modified ranking now gives 10 points for reducing loading from one pollutant and 1 extra point for each additional pollutant. The group could not agree on other ranking categories, especially the habitat ranking category. It was mutually decided to drop the conversation at this meeting and pick it up again at the next after attendees had some more time to consider it.</p>	Modifications to the project ranking sheet will continue at the July MAWP meeting.

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Letter of Support for Projects Outside Spanish and Castle Valley:	The MAWP briefly considered the implications of writing a letters of recommendation for projects outside the Spanish and Castle Valley Watershed. The attendees agreed that the parameters defining which projects and where they are were too nebulous for the MAWP to support a policy of writing letters of recommendations outside our area.	The MAWP decided not to write any letters of recommendations for projects outside our area.
Call for MIM's Monitoring Assistance	Dave Erley expressed a need for monitoring to occur this June on the Castle Valley Revegetation Project. His crew is ready to get started but can't start until the monitoring is completed.	Arne and Mike agreed to help Dave and the crew he gathers on June 21. Ann Marie expressed an interest if she was available on that date.
Letter of Support to the Grand County Community Development Team for Green Infrastructure	Heila and Jeff brought a hard copy of a letter they would like the MAWP to send to the Grand County Development Review Team supporting green infrastructure. Jeff gave a short presentation on what green infrastructure is. The MAWP wordsmithed the letter and agreed to support it.	Heila will make changes to the letter, send it electronically to Arne. Arne will put it on MAWP letterhead, sign it and send it to the Chair for his signature also. Heila will present it to the team at their June 16 meeting.
Letter of Support for Watershed Coordinators position	Mike informed the group that the NPS grant that supports the Watershed Coordinators has \$10,000 left and that won't get us through another year. We received the current grant in 2014. The group concurred the position needs to be kept and funded. Several MAWP partners agreed to write a letter.	Several MAWP members will write a letter of support for a grant to continue the Watershed Coordinators Position.
Other Business:	Arne reminded the group that there is a Groundwater Management Plan meeting on May 31 at 1:30 in the Moab City Council Chambers. Arne also informed the group of the Gold King Mine Update on May 20 at 9:00 in the San Juan County Chambers. Arne outlined this summer's revised E. Coli monitoring plan to the attendees.	
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