

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes September 21, 2016
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Dave Erley Phillip Bowman Art Wollenweber Ann Marie Aubry Marc Stilson Orion Rogers Elizabeth Tubbs Kara Dohrenwend Bob O'Brien Dana Vanhorn Bryon Torgerson	Town of Castle Valley Moab City GWSSA BLM Utah Division of Water Rights Southeastern Utah Health Dept. Grand County Grand Conservation District Moab Solutions GWSSA SITLA	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	Introductions were made. The recently hired GWSSA manager, Art Wollenweber, was welcomed by the attendees. The agenda was changed to include reports on ongoing projects with multiple partners and the Revision to the SE Utah Riparian Partnership Riparian Plan for our watersheds.	July Minutes and today's agenda were approved.
Watershed Coordinators Report	There weren't any inquiries from the group on the Watershed Coordinators Report.	Arne will continue to submit monthly reports with the agenda prior to meetings.
Bling	Arne provided three sample gloves for the group to consider. After some discussion on the merits of different glove types the group choose the Ruf-flex hi-vis rubber palm coated string knit gloves. It was suggested that Arne purchase two sizes if possible, large and extra-large.	Arne will purchase the gloves.
Project Reports	<p>Completed Projects:</p> <p>Arne reported for USU on USU Rainwater Harvesting project. He presented the final report and the update provided by Roslynn Brain. The project was successfully completed and with the exception of the fruit trees, is sufficiently watered with the rain catchment system. They have also given a couple of public workshops since the project's completion.</p> <p>Arne reported that the Mill Creek Signage Project was complete and presented the Final Report. The signs were installed to inform people that monitoring was taking place at popular swimming areas. Ann Marie asked the attendees for suggestions on signage to inform people whom to call in case of a spill in Mill Creek. The attendees suggested it should say "Call 911 in case of emergency or to report a spill.</p> <p>Arne reported for David Erley that Placer Creek Reseeding Project was completed and presented the Final Report. Arne also</p>	

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reviewed the monitoring results with attendees. Dave informed the group that they will perform more monitoring next year. Dave reported that the town and the contractor intend to complete the project before the end of the calendar year. This year the pre-project monitoring was completed and numerous areas have been revegetated.

Kara reported that selection of revegetation areas for the Mill and Pack Creek Revegetation project has been completed. She also informed the group that all the pre-project monitoring has been completed and they will start revegetating the selected areas in November.

Ann Marie reported she has started billing Moab Solutions invoices to this project. Previously they were billing a WRI grant whose time period was running out. The project team is planning on doing some intensive Ravenna grass treatments later this week and the Canyon County Youth Core is also planning on removing invasive species in the next few months. There was a discussion on match for this project because we can't use BLM expenses to match federal dollars. It was suggested that all the WRI invoices and work done by the county could be used as match.

Phillip reported that he has almost finished the specifications for the Moab City Wagner St project. When that is completed he can request bids from several contractors in town. The project doesn't have to go through the more formal request for proposals process because it is under the City's monetary limit for that proposal process. He informed the group that the project shouldn't take long and he is planning on reseeding the hillside with a spray seed mixture.

Arne reported that the Holyoak Animal Husbandry Operation project took another step forward with installation of the Concrete Pad and the feeders. He still has to get the Water Troughs installed before he can install the fence to keep the animals out of the creek. Marc determined from the UDWRi site that the sponsor currently does not have a water right for ambient water. He asked Arne to call the sponsor and let him know that he could help him with that.

Tina was unable to attend today's meeting but did send an email update to Arne. The USFS has finished 4 of the 7 spring enclosures and would like to complete one more this fall. She will have to wait till October 1 to purchase the rest of the materials in the new budget year. The entire seven spring project will not be completed before the grants termination date because the construction was delayed by environmental assessment issues. The USFS will have to ask for a grant extension prior to the grants expiration.

Kara informed the group of an ongoing multi-partner plan for the Mill, Pack, and Castle Creek portion of the SE Utah Riparian Partnership Riparian Plan. The original plan was sponsored by the Tamarisk Coalition which has since become the SE Utah Riparian

Arne will call the sponsor and inform him that if needed Marc Stilson can help with water rights.

Arne will write a grant extension letter for the USFS and send it to Tina for their review and signature.

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	Partnership. The partnership is hoping to update and improve the riparian area plan with the help of the Cities, County and MAWP. The document will serve as a guidance document for the riparian corridors in our watershed area.	
Call for Service work on one La Sal Mountain Spring Project	Dave asked the group if anyone was interested in volunteering for a day in the La Sal's to install one of the exclosures at a USFS spring project site. He said the work is manual labor but won't require heavy lifting, just many hands. Several MAWP attendees voiced their willingness to participate.	Dave will select a date based upon the USFS availability and send an email invitation to interested parties.
Project Ranking Sheet	The attendees decided they didn't want to tackle the Project Ranking Sheet at this meeting	Maybe we will get to it at the next meeting.
Other Business:	The MAWP discussed participation in the Manti-La Sal Forest Plan Revision process. The County recently signed a memorandum of agreement with the USFS to become a cooperating agency for plan development. Chris Baird will be the point person for the County. Grand Conservation District (GCD) has also signed a memorandum of agreement to become a cooperating agency. Kara will be the lead person for the GCD. The attendees suggested that the UDWQ should also request cooperating agency status and that UDWQ could be represented in this area by Arne.	Arne will inform Mike Allred of UDWQ on the opportunity to become a cooperating agency on the Manti-La Sal National Forest Plan revision. He will also supply him with details on how to apply.
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 16 at the Grand Center and will focus on this water year's monitoring results.	Adjournment