

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes July 19, 2017
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Dave Erley	Town of Castle Valley	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator
Mark Jolissaint	Moab City	
Dana Van Horn	GWSSA	
Orion Rogers	Southeastern Utah Health Dept.	
Mary McGann	Grand County	
Jeff Adams	Canyonlands Watershed Council	
Mike Allred	UDWQ	
Jeremy Lynch	Canyonlands Watershed Council	
Marc Stilson	Utah Division of Water Rights	
Tina Marion	USFS	
Kara Dohrenwend	Grand Conservation District	
Kalen Jones	Moab City	
Don Andrews	NRCS	
Jason Johnson	SFFSL	
Anthony Mancuso	SFFSL	
Roslynn Brain McCann	USU	
John Weisheit	Canyonlands Watershed Council	
Bob O'Brien	Mill Creek Solutions	
Sam Cunningham	Grand Conservation District	

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	Introductions were made. There weren't any changes suggested for the May minutes or today's agenda.	May Minutes and today's agenda were approved.
Watershed Coordinators Report	There weren't any inquiries from the group on the Watershed Coordinators Report. Arne reported that the MAWP area received two NPS grants this year. One was for the Southeastern Utah Health Department Green Infrastructure project. Orion noted he had not seen the contract yet. The other was for the Matheson Wetland/Mill Creek Restoration project. The group noted that the NRCS did not fund a grant that will be necessary for the latter project.	Arne will check with UDWQ on the status of the Health Departments contract.
Mill Creek E Coli:	The group spent very little time discussing the newspaper article. Orion informed the group that several of us were still planning on discussing the situation on Thursday. Orion and others would like to have Scott Hacking and Mike Allred included whenever press inquiries are made.	Orion, Arne, Mike, and Dana are planning a meeting Thursday to discuss opportunities to determine E Coli sources.
Support Letter Castle Valley's WRI Grant Request for Cemetery Well Development	Dave Erley presented the project and the WRI Grant application to the attendees. The project will develop a large well that can be used for firefighting, watering the cemetery and road maintenance. Attendees asked if there were other possible uses of the water. Marc Stilson explained that Cities generally have some latitude with their water resources and rights and although they would consider changes in use independently, he didn't think uses that Castle Valley might consider would be denied. The	Arne will write a letter of support and send it with the minutes of this meeting to the attendees for review.

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	attendees suggested Arne write a letter of support for the project for review by the attendees.	
Abandon Well Project:	Marc Stilson updated the attendees on the status of the Spanish Valley abandoned well closure project. He has identified several wells with owners who are willing to have the well on their property properly closed. Moab City and Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency are both willing to co-sponsor the project with the Division of Water Rights. However, the City and GWSSA don't have the personnel or budget to facilitate administration of the project. It was suggested that the Utah Geological Survey could administer the project and provide some matching funds.	Arne and Marc will put together some funding sources and discuss using UGS as the administrator of the project.
Resurrection of RC&D	Sam Cunningham reported on the resurrection of the Resource Conservation and Development Committee. Although several years have passed since the committee has disbanded, there is funding available for the committee to use. She explained what the committee does and is looking for partners to join a restructured committee that will fund or administer projects beneficial to our community.	Attendees should solicit their respective agencies for membership to the new RC&D committee.
Comment Letter for Manti-La Sal National Forest Management Plan Revision Assessment Report:	Arne provided a draft comment letter to the attendees as a starting point. The letter provided covered the topics listed in the first comment letter. The attendees made some minor grammatical changes to the original letter. It was suggested that some of the wording in one paragraph be toned down and made a "little sweeter". The attendees also added a paragraph supporting no surface occupancy stipulations on oil and gas leasing on lands that recharge the sole source protected aquifer that Castle and Spanish Valley rely on. The attendees also discussed other agencies letters. It was noted that the due date for this comment letter did not lend itself to review by attendees prior to sending.	Arne will add the requested wording and send the letter without further review. He will attach it to the draft meeting minutes email.
Other Business Options for the Dog waste mini-grant	Mike Allred informed the group on several available options for the dog waste mini-grant. The attendees discussed the virtues of and opportunities for bio-degradable bags. The attendees also discussed carrying cases for bags with the MAWP logo on them. The attendees agreed to only purchase bio-degradable bags.	Mike will order the bio-degradable bags with the MAWP logo and previously agreed upon wording.
Items not on the Agenda		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 September 20, 2017 at the Grand Center.	Adjournment