

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Meeting Minutes May 17, 2017
Grand Center, Moab

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Dave Erley Mark Jolissaint Art Wollenweber Orion Rogers Chris Baird Jeff Adams Zacharia Levine Mike Allred Jeremy Lynch Marc Stilson Barb Smith Kara Dohrenwend Ann Marie Aubry Taylor Hohensee	Town of Castle Valley Moab City GWSSA Southeastern Utah Health Dept. Grand County Canyonlands Watershed Council Grand County UDWQ Canyonlands Watershed Council Utah Division of Water Rights USFS Grand Conservation District BLM BLM	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review Agenda and Introductions	Introductions were made. There weren't any changes suggested for the March minutes or today's agenda.	March Minutes and today's agenda were approved.
Watershed Coordinators Report	There weren't any inquiries from the group on the Watershed Coordinators Report. The Grand Conservation District has requested a little more description on the bulleted items in the Watershed Coordinators reports. MAWP attendees were asked about their preferences for these reports. Attendees agreed that the bulleted items could occasionally use more description but were concerned that the report could become lengthy. The attendees suggested Arne add embellishments frugally to the reports and try to keep them to one page.	Arne will frugally add more descriptions to the monthly reports.
Wording and logo for Dog Waste Bag Grant	Attendees discussed what wording, logo, and colors for the Dog Waste Bags that the MAWP received a mini-grant for. The attendees agreed to put the following on the bags in one color Help keep our waterways clean Moab Area Watershed Partners Please dispose of properly http://moabwatersheds.org	Mike will order dog waste bags with that wording on it.
Moab City's Water Conservation and Drought Mitigation Advisory Board:	Arne informed the attendees he was appointed to the Advisory Board. He reiterated to the attendees that he plans on representing this partnership. He asked the partnership what they would like to see accomplished by the Board. The attendees had several concerns the Board could address. They spoke of increased "hardening" of water demand and difficulties of meeting that demand during a drought scenario. They also spoke about tiered approach to ceasing "soft" water demands during	Arne will bring these topics to the Water Conservation Board as appropriate.

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	<p>different drought scenarios. They commended the city for developing and updating the Moab Cities Water Conservation Plan. They also consider the Board a good place to recommend changes to the grey water code that would make it feasible for property owners to reuse grey water. There was a suggestion that the city codify what wasting water is and establish a mechanism to prevent it. Another topic they felt the Board should consider are means to slow precipitation runoff and allow flash floods to infiltrate the ground. The attendees would like the Board and the Moab Cities Water Conservation Plan to consider adding rain and storm water to the City's water portfolio. Attendees would like the City to encourage smart irrigation controls for City's and private irrigation systems.</p>	
<p>Grand Water Conservation District 2017 Change of Diversion Application:</p>	<p>Marc Stilson explained to the attendees the details of the application. Essentially, Grand Water Conservancy District is collecting excess water in Mill Creek during wet years in Kens Lake which provides a buffer for the dry years. The discussion also included management of the excess water when Ken's lake becomes full. Attendees suggested that the parties affected by the flows in Mill Creek meet separately to determine what management objectives could be met with adaptive management strategy for filling Ken's lake.</p>	<p>Art and the GWSSA will start a dialogue with the BLM and Moab Irrigation Company on possible strategies for managing stream flow in Mill Creek during wet years.</p>
<p>Grand County Resource Management Plan:</p>	<p>Arne provided an electronic copy of the current plan. Chris and Zacharia helped attendees decipher the layout of the draft. Chris suggested that comments on the actual wording of the plan would be of greater value to the County than generic comments on concepts or policy. It was suggested that the plan include a recommendation for coordination among entities that depend upon surface and groundwater.</p>	<p>Attendees requested Arne write a comment letter requesting the GCRMP include wording that encouraged coordination among entities that depend upon surface and groundwater.</p>
<p>Other Business UDWQ intensive efforts: MAWP's comment letter to UDWQ on the 2016 Integrated Report</p>	<p>Arne informed the group that UDWQ has changed their intensive strategy and instead of sampling the Southeastern Utah Intensive in 2017-2018 they will sample it 2018-2019. Therefore, they will not be looking for recommendations on sampling locations this year.</p> <p>Arne informed the group that UDWQ sent us a letter thanking us for our comment letter the requested the 2016 integrated report change the E Coli TMDL priority from low to high. UDWQ did not change the priority.</p>	
<p>Items not on the Agenda</p>	<p>Section 2.8, 2.9, & 2.10</p>	<p>Arne put these items out as not on the agenda, using it as a place holder for future meetings.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The next meeting will be at 1:00 July 19, 2017 at the Grand Center.</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>