

Meeting October 11th, 2012

Stakeholders Present:

Mark Sovine	GWSSA
George Carter	Water User
Kalen Jones	Grand County Planning Commission
Kirstin Peterson	Moab City
Donna Metzler	Moab City
Laurel Hagen	Canyonlands Watershed Council
John Weisheit	Living Rivers
Dave Erley	Town of Castle Valley
Jerry McNeely	San Juan County
Bryan Torgerson	SITLA

Others Present:

Tessa Groff                      Watershed Coordinator

Actions

1. *August minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.*
2. *The next meeting was set for November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 8:30 AM at GWSSA.*

Discussion Items

**Item One: Approval of Minutes.** Mark asked the partnership to review and approve the minutes for August 2012. There were no comments on the minutes.

*Conclusion/Action: Without objection, the minutes from August 2012 were approved as presented.*

**Item Two: Website Update (standing agenda item).** Tessa presented a chart showing a variety of online data storage options available to MAWP and compared the benefits of “Dropbox” and “Google Drive.” She informed the group that Neal Herbert suggested the group use one of these free versions because they work well and do not require additional time and/or funding. Tessa stated that she had already opened a Google Drive account in order to test out the program and suggested the group use it unless there was an objection. Laurel suggested that she could upload a draft section that she is working on to test the ease of using Google Drive. The group agreed to test out the program and requested that Tessa send a link as appropriate.

*Conclusion/Action: Laurel will send draft documents to Tessa for upload. Tessa will then distribute the link for the MAWP Google Drive account and MAWP will be asked to review the document and give feedback on the ease of using Google Drive.*

**Item Three: Watershed Planning and Needs of Group.** MAWP discussed the need to increase participation and follow through from certain partners as well as alternative ways to promote the completion of all sections of the watershed inventory. The group acknowledged that attendance is lower during the summer season and all present were optimistic that participation will increase in fall and winter months. Tessa asked the group if they felt meeting less frequently would increase participation, but there was concern this might allow partners to be less accountable, so it was decided that meeting on a monthly basis will continue. Partners agreed that it is a goal of the group to

have all sections of the *watershed inventory* completed by January and asked that a commitment be made to reach this goal by all who have volunteered to draft sections. Tessa stated she is willing to assist all partners with drafting the remainder sections to keep the process moving forward and requested that partners contact her and identify what they need help with.

The group then went on to discuss moving onto other parts of the watershed plan and how best to start identifying potential projects. Some project suggestions were discussed and Tessa asked the group if they would like to have a list of “Best Management Practices” that are associated with 319 funding and water quality improvement projects. The group agreed a list would be helpful and mentioned that a presentation on potential projects that could be funded in 2015 would also be useful.

*Conclusion/Action: All those who have volunteered to write sections of the watershed inventory need to complete them by January. If anyone would like help from Tessa, they must contact her and identify where they need assistance. Tessa will send out a list of Best Management Practices (BMP’s) for MAWP partners to look over. She will also work to find presentations on 319 projects that have been completed in Southeastern Utah.*

**Item Four: Watershed Plan Section Review.** This agenda item was skipped because there were no completed drafts for review.

*Conclusion/Action: Tessa will contact Bob Davidson, Jan Curtis-Tollestrup and Kara Dohrenwend to confirm the current status of their sections. Laurel will upload her draft to Google Drive. Dave Erley will contact DNR again to try and move forward with the “Wildlife” section of the plan.*

**Item Five: Review of Kiosk Map.** Laurel was asked to present a version of the watershed map she is working on for the information kiosk that MAWP was awarded funding for. Unfortunately, Laurel’s computer crashed and so the map did not have a lot of the details she was intending to present. The group emphasized the need to have it as a basic uncluttered graphic that does not overwhelm the viewer with too much information. Partners also made suggestions on what to include as far as resources, water sources and landmarks. Laurel will present this again next month.

*Conclusion/Action: Once Laurel is able to add more details to the map she will present it again.*

**Item Six: Items to Address at Next Meeting.** John Weisheit asked that a “Report Card” identifying tasks MAWP has accomplished so far and tasks still needing to be completed be presented to the group. The group agreed that this would be helpful in identifying actions for 2013.

*Conclusion/Action: Tessa will work to create a document showing the accomplishments and future needs of the group. Partners will continue to look at the MAWP plan. The next meeting will be held at GWSSA **November 8th 2012, at 8:30 AM.***