

Meeting October 13th, 2011

Stakeholders Present:

Mark Sovine	Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency
Laurel Hagen	Canyonlands Watershed Council
Mike Allred	UDWQ
Kirstin Peterson	Moab City
Ann Marie Aubry	BLM
Dave Erley	Town of Castle Valley
Bryan Torgerson	SITLA
Jerry McNeely	San Juan County
Barb Smith	USFS Manti-La Sal
Krissie Killoy	Grand County
George Carter	Water Rights Owner
Mike Johnson	USU Extension

Others Present:

Tessa Groff                      Watershed Coordinator

Actions

1. Minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. MAWP opened nominations for the funding and technical committees. All nominations will be accepted until November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and should be submitted by email to the watershed coordinator.
3. Changes were made to the Partnership Agreement in order to address some of the USFS suggested changes. Please review updated document for these additions.
4. The group scheduled the next meeting for November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 8:00 AM at the GWSSA office.

Discussion Items

**Item One: Approval of Minutes.** Mark Sovine asked if there were any objections to passing the minutes from the previous meeting, there were none and the minutes were approved.

*Conclusion/Action: Minutes were approved.*

**Item Two: Update from the Website Committee.** Tessa Groff informed the group that she had signed the contract with Neal Herbert, of Eye Dandy, for the website design. She has been staying in contact over email and Neal informed her that he will have mock-up versions of the website available by the end of the month. These will then be presented at the next meeting.

*Conclusion/Action: MAWP will review mock-ups of the website at the November meeting.*

**Item Three: Review of Project List.** The group reviewed the project list that Tessa Groff had compiled using the individual agency/organization lists she had received via email. Individuals who had submitted project ideas and/or represented agencies/organizations that submitted ideas were given the opportunity to expand on each project. First, Mark Sovine talked about the Sheley Diversion Project that GWSSA is planning. Next, Dave Erley went over the list of projects the Town of Castle Valley is interested in and pointed out that the “Beaver deceiver Program” was a

separate project and not part of the Castle Valley project list. Ann Marie Aubry reviewed the projects that the BLM had listed and Krissie Killoy expanded on her list for the county. Lastly, Kirsten Peterson discussed a few of the projects that Moab City had listed in more detail. There are still agencies that have not submitted project ideas and so this list will remain a living document that can be added to as we move forward in the planning process. This document will continue to be updated as new project ideas are presented.

*Conclusion/Action: Tessa will make changes to this list in order to clarify which individuals have submitted project ideas and an updated version will be available at the November meeting. Any additional projects to be included in this document should be presented at the next meeting or submitted to Tessa Groff via email.*

**Item Four: Forming Committees.** The group discussed the need to form technical committees and a funding committee. Forming these committees has been a reoccurring agenda item that MAWP has not been able to address due to limited time, so it was decided by the group that individuals could volunteer and/or nominate individuals for these committees via email in order to move this process forward before the next meeting. The group decided that MAWP will open nominations for these committees until November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. All nominations should be emailed to Tessa Groff. This does not limit the committees strictly to members submitted by the date above, as we will need to adjust the committees moving into the planning process. Both Ann Marie Aubry and John Weisheit have already volunteered to be on the funding committee along with Tessa.

*Conclusion/Action: MAWP opens nominations for technical committees and the funding committee until November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. These should be submitted to Tessa Groff by email.*

**Item Five: Review of USFS Changes to Partnership Agreement.** Barb Smith, a wildlife biologist for the USFS, sat in for Bob Davidson in order to collect feedback and questions to relay to the Forest Service regarding MAWP's Partnership Agreement. As a group, partners went through the suggested changes Bob had submitted at the September meeting and discussed how they might affect all signatories of the agreement. Some changes that addressed wording and format were accepted, including the addition of a section stating mutual benefit and interest. Other suggested changes were neither denied or accepted but are awaiting additional direction and comments from the USFS. An updated version of this document will be sent out before the next meeting. Please review this for changes.

*Conclusion/Action: Clarification from the USFS is needed before the partnership can choose to include or reject the rest of the suggested changes. Questions were identified and directed to Barb Smith. MAWP will re-address this document at the next meeting.*

**Item Six: Next Agenda.** The Partnership Agreement will be revisited in order to make sure all changes made at this meeting will meet the USFS required additions. The Watershed Plan outline will be re-visited and nominations for the technical committees and funding committee will be reviewed. The next meeting was set for November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

*Conclusion/Action: The next meeting will be held at the GWSSA office on November 10<sup>th</sup> 2011, at 8:00 AM.*