

Meeting March 8th, 2012

Stakeholders Present:

Mark Sovine	Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency
Kirstin Peterson	Moab City
Bob Davidson	Manti-La Sal National Forest Service
Bryan Torgerson	SITLA
Jerry McNeely	San Juan County
Dave Erley	Town of Castle Valley
Laurel Hagen	Canyonlands Watershed Council
Geoff Freethey	Trail Mix
Mike Allred	UDWQ
Mike Diem	USFS
Slate Stewart	Southeast Utah Grazing Improvement Program Coordinator

Others Present:

Tessa Groff Watershed Coordinator

Actions

1. Minutes for November 2011 and January 2012 were approved by consensus.

Discussion Items

Item One: Approval of Minutes. Mark Sovine asked that the group to review and approve the minutes for Nov. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

Conclusion/Action: Without objection, the group approved the minutes for those dates.

Item Two: Update from the Website Committee. Tessa Groff displayed the live website and asked the group for feedback on the layout and content. There was discussion about who will be responsible for approving content before it is uploaded and how that process will be managed. It was suggested that news, upcoming events and documents not previously approved by the group should be addressed at a meeting before being uploaded. The group agreed that a standing agenda item to review content for the website was the best way to manage this process. Tessa also mentioned that any member of the group can email her content or links they would like added to the site and she will distribute the information to the group for review via email.

Conclusion/Action: Tessa will add a standing agenda item to review website content.

Item Three: Discussion on Watershed Inventory Sections. Mike Allred began this discussion by informing the group of the shape files and GIS data available to them through UDWQ. He mentioned that any member of MAWP can request copies of this data by contacting Mark Stagner in the State DEQ office, the local watershed coordinator or himself. Maps pertinent for sections of the plan can also be requested, but those making the request need to be specific about which GIS layers they would like included and how they would like them displayed. Mike then went on to talk about the benefits of having the watershed inventory contain sections that are concise summaries of the current watershed conditions. Laurel Hagen stated that she would like to put together a power point presentation about the water rights section she is writing. The group agreed that a presentation of this sort would be a beneficial

forum for discussing how we will edit these sections and identify what critical information needs to go into the plan vs. what information can go into an Appendix. In addition to these topics, the group also took an initial look at the hydrology section of the plan put together by Geoff Freethey and offered some positive feedback. Due to time constraints, the group was not able to review all draft sections that have been completed thus far and so this task will be revisited at the next meeting.

Conclusion/Action: The next agenda will include a block of time for a power point presentation by Laurel Hagen on the water rights section of the plan. If time allows, the group will also review the hydrology, demographic and climate sections of the plan.

Item Four: Timeline for writing the plan/Monitoring needs in conjunction with the plan. There was discussion on the timeline of the plan and how it fits with the funding and monitoring cycle of the UDWQ. Mike Allred and Tessa Groff discussed the monitoring plan that UDWQ is requesting from local coordinators as well as the contents of a Sampling Analysis Plan (SAP). These documents are intended to assist with the upcoming intensive monitoring cycle for Southeastern Utah.

Conclusion/Action: Tessa will send out an electronic request for input on these monitoring plans.

Item Five: Update on the Partnership Agreement. Mike Diem from the USFS informed the group that the person who manages the USFS Grants & Agreements department for this region has not been in the office, which has contributed to the delay in approving MAWP's Partnership Agreement. He also asked that there be some additional clarification within the by-laws or partnership agreement on how the Mill/Pack Creek watershed differs from the Castle Creek watershed. He believes this distinction is important in order to assess how management decisions and/or project identification may vary as a result of these differences and feels that the USFS cannot become a signatory until this is resolved. There was desire from the group to have the USFS put together a brief paragraph with the wording they would like to see added and present it to the group.

Conclusion/Action: Tessa will arrange a meeting with Mike Diem, Robert Davidson and Jan Curtis-Tollestrup to identify the language that USFS is looking for. This wording will be presented to MAWP at their next meeting.

Item Six: Mini-grant for UWCC. Tessa Groff talked very briefly about the mini-grant she applied for. Due to the deadline for this grant, she had to submit it without prior approval from the group. She stated she would email out a final draft of the proposal to the entire group. If partners have concerns or do not wish to endorse this project they will need to contact her prior to the March 21st, 2012 UWCC meeting so she can retract her proposal.

Conclusion/Action: Tessa will send out the final project proposal she submitted to the UWCC.

Item Seven: Next Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for the second Thursday of the month which will be April 12th, 2012. Updates from those drafting watershed inventory sections will be the focus of the meeting. The group skipped the agenda item that focused on reviewing the GOAL's document for MAWP and it will be added to a future agenda.

Conclusion/Action: The next meeting will be held at the Grand Center on April 12th 2012, at 8:30 AM.