

Meeting May 10th, 2012

Stakeholders Present:

Mark Sovine	Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency
Donna Metzler	Moab City
Laurel Hagen	Canyonlands Watershed Council
Kara Dohrenwend	Grand County Conservation District
John Weisheit	Canyonlands Watershed Council
Kalen Jones	Grand County Planning Commission
Krissie Braun	Grand County
Mike Allred	Utah Division of Water Quality
Mike Johnson	Utah State University Extension
Dave Erley	Town of Castle Valley
Bryan Torgerson	SITLA

Others Present:

Tessa Groff Watershed Coordinator

Actions

1. *Minutes for April 2012 and were approved by consensus.*
2. *By consensus, MAWP decided they are not interested at this time in hosting Kenneth Kolm, of Integral Consulting Inc. to give a presentation on his proposal to perform a watershed GIS groundwater evaluation.*
3. *The next meeting was set for June 14th, 2012 at 8:30 AM and will temporarily be held at GWSSA.*

Discussion Items

Item One: Approval of Agenda and Minutes. Kara asked that we move agenda item # 7 up under subcommittee review because these topics were so closely related. Mark Sovine asked the group to review and approve the minutes for April 2012.

Conclusion/Action: The agenda order was changed and without objection the group approved the minutes for April 2012.

Item Two: Subcommittee Review. Tessa provided a list of all MAWP subcommittees that have been created and asked the group if they felt there were any that needed to be dissolved. The group agreed that all current subcommittees are relevant and necessary at this time. Mark suggested that each subcommittee nominate a chair who would be responsible for scheduling committee meetings and reporting back to the larger group. The group agreed this was a reasonable request and Tessa asked if they wanted to form those positions at this time but there was consensus that it would be better to assign chair positions at the individual subcommittee meetings.

Conclusion/Action: Tessa will send out email reminders to all those currently on subcommittees and try to arrange meeting with each group. Each subcommittee will then be responsible to assign an individual to be chair. The chair will be responsible for scheduling future subcommittee meetings as well as reporting back to the partnership about subcommittee actions.

Item Three: Watershed Management Plan Discussion. There was a long discussion on the amount of information that MAWP's watershed plan needs to include, how it should be formatted and how best the group should move forward with the planning process. Members in the group spoke to the fact that while extensive research into the history of the area might be interesting and even pertinent to certain projects, it may hinder the group from meeting the deadline set by UDWQ for 319 funding. Mike Allred mentioned that UDWQ is looking for a concise plan that addresses water quality, identifies sources of pollutants and identifies Best Management Practices that can be installed to reduce loading. The group recognized that all stakeholders are not going to have the same vision for the plan, but that if we work on completing the first phase it will help us identify where the gaps in data are and how we can best accommodate the different needs of each entity. This discussion then led to the review of the timeline and plan outline. It was requested that Tessa re-send the plan outline so that everyone has the opportunity to comment on what they feel should be shortened/removed or expanded upon. There was also consensus that we need to devote a large portion of each meeting to discuss the sections of the watershed inventory that are currently being drafted.

Conclusion/Action: Tessa will re-send the plan outline to all the partners, set deadlines for draft sections of Phase I. of the plan, and work with other stakeholders to develop plan priorities. The next agenda will devote 1 hour to discussing the plan and reviewing the three sections that have already been completed which include: Hydrology, Demographics and Climate.

Item Four: USFS requested wording changes to MAWP's by-laws and partnership agreement. Completed drafts of the Partnership Agreement and By-laws with the USFS changes were not provided in time for the meeting and USFS representatives were not present, so it was decided that a vote would be postponed until these documents were complete and could be presented by the agency.

Conclusion/Action: This item will remain off the agenda until MAWP receives completed DRAFTS of these documents.

Item Five: Update on Integral Consulting Inc. Presentation. The group discussed and agreed that at this time MAWP needs to focus on the plan and will not solicit a presentation from this consulting firm.

Conclusion/Action: Laurel will contact Kenneth Kolm and let him know that the group is not interested at this time.

Item Six: Upcoming Projects. No partners had projects they felt were relevant to what MAWP is working on at this time.

Conclusion/Action: This agenda item was skipped.

Item Seven: Next Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14th, 2012. The next meeting will focus on reviewing sections of Phase I. of the plan and identifying data gaps. Tessa will also provide a summary of where the group is currently in the planning process.

*Conclusion/Action: The next meeting will be held at GWSSA on **June 14th 2012, at 8:30 AM.***