

Meeting July 12th, 2012

Stakeholders Present:

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| Mike Allred      | UDWQ                               |
| Bryan Torgerson  | SITLA                              |
| George Carter    | Water User                         |
| Kara Dohrenwend  | Grand County Conservation District |
| Mary Hofhine     | Grand County                       |
| Kirstin Peterson | Moab City                          |
| Dee Taylor       | Cattle Grazing Representative      |
| Laurel Hagen     | Canyonlands Watershed Council      |
| Mike Johnson     | Utah State University Extension    |

Others Present:

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| Tessa Groff | Watershed Coordinator |
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Actions

1. Minutes from May and June MAWP meetings were approved by consensus.
2. The next meeting was set for August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 8:30 AM at the Grand Center.

Discussion Items

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

*Conclusion/Action: Without objection, the minutes from May 2012 and June 2012 were approved.*

**Item Two: Website Update (standing agenda item).** Tessa informed the group that she had set up an email account for MAWP in conjunction with the website. The new email address is [info@moabwatersheds.org](mailto:info@moabwatersheds.org). The group discussed the need to have documents and data pertinent to the plan uploaded on the website to allow partners to review them at any time. Tessa said she would contact Neal Herbert to see if he can add a password protected section to the website in order to keep these items private until fully reviewed and approved by MAWP.

*Conclusion/Action: Tessa will contact Neal Herbert and report back to the group at the meeting in August.*

**Item Three: Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Grant Proposal.** Laurel Hagen spoke to the group about a grant announcement from the Bureau of Reclamation for funding to start new watershed groups or expand current watershed groups. Laurel had put together a proposal, on behalf of MAWP, for an additional staff person to assist with writing the watershed plan. The deadline for the grant was July 9<sup>th</sup> 2012, but Laurel said she spoke to someone in the Denver Bureau of Rec office who approved a 30 day extension for MAWP due to the timing of the group's monthly meeting. It was being requested that MAWP endorse the submission of this grant and provide a letter of support as per required in the announcement.

Mike Allred suggested that the grant be redrafted as a request for supplemental salary for the watershed coordinator position in order to make it full time. He said that while UDWQ secured funding for the watershed coordinator at half time for the next 2 years, it would be nice to use this funding for 2013 to prolong the position.

Without objection, the group decided this would be a better direction to take the proposal rather than using it for an additional staff person. The discussion then turned to the need to finalize a budget that included benefits, salary, travel, administration fees and additional funds to pay for technical assistance in writing the watershed management plan. There was also discussion on which entity should apply since USU Extension is not eligible and is the entity that is currently housing and administering funds for the watershed coordinator position. The two entities that MAWP identified to best fit as the applicant were UDWQ and Grand County. Mike Johnson said he would contact the county and see if they would be willing to administer the funds if/when they are granted.

After further discussion, the group agreed to move forward with redrafting the proposal to clarify the tasks and budget of the staff person and clearly state that payments for any technical assistance would need the approval of MAWP. The group requested a draft be sent out via email for review once the requested changes are made and then a vote for endorsement can take place at the next MAWP meeting. A letter of support from MAWP will also need to be submitted as required in the announcement. Mike Allred offered to come down from Salt Lake City on Wednesday 7/18/12 and Thursday 7/19/12 in order to assist with developing the proposal. It was decided that a meeting should be arranged for Mike Allred, Mike Johnson, Tessa Groff and Laurel Hagen during those dates.

*Conclusion/Action: Tessa Groff will arrange a grant proposal development meeting next week for Mike Allred, Mike Johnson, Laurel Hagen and herself. Mike Johnson will follow up with Grand County to see if they are willing to be the applicant. After the development meeting, Tessa will send out an updated draft of the proposal to all MAWP partners by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 for review. All comments and changes will need to be expressed and/or requested via email prior to the meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>, so that a vote can take place on a completed final proposal. Tessa will also draft a letter of support on behalf of MAWP that will need to be voted on, signed and included with the proposal.*

**Item Four: MAWP Brochure.** Tessa presented the brochure she developed for MAWP. The group expressed positive feedback on the content and overall message of the brochure, but had a few minor changes they would like to see corrected before production begins. The group also requested that Tessa contact a few of the participants she had listed within the brochure to confirm their desire to be included.

*Conclusion/Action: Tessa will make the requested corrections and contact certain participants to confirm their inclusion in the brochure. She will then distribute the brochure via email for final review.*

**Item Five: Climate Section Review and Plan Timeline Review.** Tessa Groff presented a condensed version of John Weisheit's climate section of the watershed plan that she assisted with. The group expressed that the version presented at the meeting efficiently covered the topic in regards to what is needed for the plan and asked Tessa if she was willing to do this sort of editing for other sections. She stated she was very willing to assist in this manner. The group also asked Tessa to fact check the lowest elevation in Moab before inserting this section into the plan. MAWP also requested that all additional information for this section eventually be uploaded to the website. Tessa then asked the group if they wanted to reserve time at the next meeting to continue reviewing sections of the plan, or if they would like to start into the next chapter which focuses on assessing water quality. The group responded that they would like to move forward, but if sections are completed by the next meeting, time for review should still be made available.

*Conclusion/Action: Tessa will email those who have volunteered to write sections and provide deadlines for completing them. She will also check the lowest elevation in Moab and make changes to the Climate section if appropriate.*

**Item Six: Items to Address at Next Meeting.** Mike Allred said that he would like to present MAWP with a list of monitoring sites that will be included in UDWQ's intensive monitoring cycle beginning in October. He will also be accepting any requests for additional monitoring sites in the Mill Creek and Castle Creek watersheds that are pertinent to MAWP's watershed plan.

*Conclusion/Action: The group will continue to look at the MAWP plan and Mike Allred will provide information about monitoring sites. The next meeting will be held at the Grand Center on **August 9th 2012, at 8:30 AM.***