

Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Draft Meeting Minutes July 15, 2020 from 1:00 - 3:00

In person meeting at Old Spanish Trail Arena

Virtual meeting using Google Meets

Meeting # 75

Stakeholders Present	Affiliation	Others
Dave Erley	Moab Solutions	Arne Hultquist, Watershed Coordinator
Kara Dohrenwend	Grand Conservation District	
Dana Van Horn	GWSSA	
Jeff Adams	CWC	
Mila Dunbar Irwin	UDNR/UGS	
Ryan Jones	UDAF	
Marc Stilson	UDWRi	
Lucy Parham	UDWQ	
Chris Wilkowske	USGS	
Bob O'Brien	Town of Castle Valley	
Ann Marie Aubry	BLM	
Gabriel Woytek	Grand County	
John Weisheit	Living Rivers	
Jessica Pierson	UDWRe	
Levi Jones	Moab City	
Russell Seeley	UDEQ	
Rebecca Weissinger	Herself	
Nathan Bracken	SMITH HARTVIGSEN PLLC	
Mike Duncan	City of Moab	
Laurel Hagen	Herself	
Ammon Boswell	NRCS	
John Gould	Himself	
Sue Bellagamba	TNC	
Dale Weiss	GWSSA	

ACTIVITY	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Introductions, Review Agenda and accept March Minutes	Introductions were made and that also allowed everyone to turn on and off their microphone. The Agenda and March minutes were accepted.	May's minutes and today's agenda were approved.
Watershed Coordinators Report	There weren't any questions on the Watershed Coordinators report. Arne informed the group that most of our grant applications received full funding and a couple received partial funding.	Arne will continue submitting WC reports
Water Banking Presentation	Nathan Bracken of SMITH HARTVIGSEN PLLC gave a great presentation on the fundamentals and opportunities of Utah's Water Banking Statute. The Watershed Coordinator has a hard copy of the presentation if anyone would like a copy. He also had a relatively short questions and answer period.	Arne will provide pdf of the presentation to anyone who requests it.
Watershed Management Plan Revisions Section 5, Recommendations and	Arne presented the current draft of Section 5. Arne had incorporated all the comments he received on the Section from the reviewers. There were several good questions posed by reviewers. Arne kept those questions as comments in the draft	Arne will add/change Section 5 as per the attendees comments and

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Management Implementation Strategies (Watershed Action Plan):	we reviewed today and answered them to the best of his ability. There were some small changes requested by the attendees. Arne will make those changes and the attendees considered the Section finalized with the understanding that the document is a living document and can be changed at any time.	send it out with the minutes.
Watershed Management Plan Revisions Section 3: Recommendations and Management Implementation Strategies (Watershed Action Plan):	Arne informed the group that he didn't want to finalize this section at this meeting, his intention was a quick review for completeness and the formatting of the Section. The attendees reviewed the overall completeness and had the following comments: Arne received a few comments on this Section and will submit it to reviewers. Next month we will consider finalizing it.	Arne will make the suggested changes and send it to the six stakeholder agencies/institutions for critical review. Arne will meld their suggestions into a draft that will be considered by all partners at the July meeting.
Legal Requirements of a Groundwater Management Plan:	Marc Stilson gave a summary of a legal requirements of a groundwater management plan. There were several questions about the consideration of ecological factors and the determination of safe yield. Marc answered those questions and yes, ecological factors would be considered when determining safe yield and Safe Yield is described in the Statute.	
Climate Change Information:	Dave Erley briefly discussed a paper that indicated we were in the middle of a long term drought. Although, most of us are aware of that issue, there was some other information in the paper indicating the decade from 1980 to 1989 was the wettest decade ever recorded.	
Other Business MIMs help for Pack Ck Restoration Project Vision Committee update. Future meetings for the development of a Spanish Valley Groundwater Management Plan and other groundwater matters. Manti-La Sal National Forest Management Plan Revision Schedule Other Business?	Arne requested help with MIM's monitoring prior to starting the project. Several people emailed an intent to participate. Arne informed the group the Collaborative has a new public survey with several alternatives for Mill Creek. They are determining the best way to get it out to the people at this time. There aren't any meetings scheduled at this time. However, Marc Stilson of UDWRi will be presenting the third of three presentations on groundwater monitoring directly after this meeting on the same venue. There wasn't an update on this item at this meeting.	Arne will get together a MIM's work party
Adjourn	The next meeting will be at 1:00pm September 16, 2020 location to be determined but the meeting will most likely be virtual. The focus of the meeting will be project reports.	Adjournment