

MOAB TAILINGS PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE

Quarterly Meeting

Anchor Location: County Commission Chambers 125 East Center Street, Moab, UT 84532

Held virtually on Zoom

MTPSC MINUTES

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 3:00PM (MST)

A. CALL TO ORDER

The October 25, 2022 quarterly meeting of the Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee was called to order at 3:04pm. The following committee members were in attendance:

Mary McGann (Grand County Commission), Kelly Thorton (Department of Workforce Service), Rani Derasary (City of Moab), August Granath (Grand County Community and Economic Development), Bill Jackson (Grand County Roads Department), Amy Tendick (National Park Service), Tony Mancuso (Department of Natural Resources), and Phil Goble (Utah department of Environmental Quality)

The following non-committee members were in attendance:

Ken Kisiel (North Wind Portage, Remedial Action Contract), Liz Moran (Pro2Serve, Technical Assistance Contract), Stephanie Lein (Pro2Serve, Technical Assistance Contract), Matt Udovitsch (Acting Federal Cleanup Director – DOE), Christopher Pulskamp (DOE), Steve Rima (North Wind Portage, Remedial Action Contract), Barbara Michel (DOE), Tom Batchell (Pro2Serve, Technical Assistance Contract), Katrina Lund (North Wind Portage, Remedial Action Contract), Jim Ritchey (North Wind Portage, Remedial Action Contract), Russ von Koch (Site Futures Committee), Stephen Stocks (Grand County Attorney), and Jessica Thacker (Grand County UMTRA Liaison/Technical Inspector).

Per Resolution 3198 at least seven committee members were present to constitute a quorum.

B. INTRODUCTIONS

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Elissa Martin motioned to approve the minutes for the October 25, 2022. Bill Jackson seconded. All in favor – motion passes.

D. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Michel Atkinson inquired if any information developed through the groundwater compliance plan (GCAP) brainstorming session regarding the National Lab Network and DOE had been released to the public. Matt Udovitsch stated that Katrina Lund would be providing a brief update on the progress of that meeting later during the meeting under Agenda Item E. Michel Atkinson inquired if that information would need to be obtained through a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request. Matt Udovitsch stated that some of the information would be communicated through future MTPSC meetings and that the rest of the information release would need further determination. Michel Atkinson inquired whether the public could attend the MTPSC meetings in person or only remotely and Mary McGann stated that the public was welcome to attend the meetings.

E. MOAB UMTRA PROJECT UPDATE

Matthew Udovitsch stated that the 13 million milestone had been reached in October and was celebrated in December in which Mr. Udovitsch expressed appreciation for Mary McGann and Rani Derasary for organizing the event. Priority of reaching 14 million tons for the upcoming year but stated that unfavorable weather conditions had slowed operations slightly. He provided a brief explanation of the method that had been taken to approach the removal of the

legacy Atlas Mill structure as well as the removal of the autoclave removal with a significant planning effort. He stated the removal was a learning process. Mary McGann inquired on the dimensions of the autoclaves and Matt Udovitsch provided those measurements. Matt Udovitsch provided an update on the ET cover plan stating that it is currently at the 90% design phase. He stated they are also focused on the GCAP development and are working with the National Lab Network. Liz Moran stated that the 30% GCAP design was submitted to UDEQ for review and that the Project team is currently working on a 60% design while waiting on the final report from National Lab Network. This will include recommendations to designs, resources, schedules, and how to address data gaps. Liz Moran stated this will be used to create a path forward and that the Project team will continue with the development of the 60% design. She stated the project team had determined the goal to have a final GCAP by FY2025. Liz Moran stated the hydroxy apatite pilot study was tentatively scheduled in February and she provided a brief explanation of the process (known as a proof of principle study). Phil Goble requested further explanation of the scientific process such as the potential installation of a barrier wall as a long-term solution and Liz Moran stated it was a potential solution but not a permanent solution. Phil Goble offered his expertise and connection to the NRC as a resource as the GCAP moves forward. A detailed conversation between the Steering Committee members, Project team members, and a member of the public ensued. The public citizen stated they had contacted members related to the Project as well as members of a trenching company interested in pumping the groundwater from the Project. They inquired if non-approved DOE entities could solicit proposals and Matt Udovitsch stated he would get in contact with this individual in regards to their request.

F. AIR MONITORING AND LIAISON ACTIVITIES STATUS UPDATES

Jessica Thacker provided a detailed presentation regarding activities observed at the Project along with a summary of air monitoring data for both sites (Moab and Crescent Junction). She stated that the “Resources” slide had been updated to reflect the new Project website and contained more direct links to Project documents. The full status update can be found on the Grand County Moab UMTRA website or by email at jthacker@grandcountyutah.net

G. STAKEHOLDERS UPDATE

Russ von Koch stated that progress had been made with the Site Futures Committee survey and the comment period would be open until the following week. Elissa Martin stated that public participation had been fantastic and provided the survey access information on the Grand County website. Russ von Koch expressed his appreciation to the Grand County Planning Department for their assistance in expanding the reach of this survey. He provided a brief summary of how the survey had been constructed. Elissa Martin stated that the Site Futures Committee would also explore the community’s preference for scenarios between the 5-year gaps and how they have evolved. Russ von Koch stated the sub-committee had considered providing an update during the regularly scheduled April MTPSC meeting. Barbara Michel expressed her appreciation for the efforts being made by Russ von Koch and the Site Futures Committee. The Project team expressed the desire to receive a summarized report of the survey upon its conclusion.

Mary McGann stated that she and 3 other individuals would be traveling to Washington D.C. in March to lobby for funding and land transfer for the Project.

H. FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

No future considerations were provided.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mary McGann adjourned the meeting at 4:03PM.