

MOAB TAILINGS PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE

Quarterly Meeting

Anchor Location: Grand County Commission Chambers 125 E Center St, Moab, UT 84532

Held virtually on Zoom and Livestreamed on YouTube

MTPSC MINUTES

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 3:00PM (MST)

A. CALL TO ORDER

The January 28, 2025 quarterly meeting of the Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee was called to order at 3:03pm. The following committee members were in attendance:

Mary McGann (Grand County Commission), Bill Jackson (Grand Co. Roads Department), Ben Musselman (Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency), Joette Langianese (Grand County Resident Representative), Amy Tendick (National Park Service), Cora Phillips (Grand County Emergency Services Management), Colin Topper (City of Moab Representative), Joel Brown (Representative from the Utah Senate District 26 State Senator's Office),

The following non-committee members were in attendance:

Matt Udovitsch (DOE), Barbara Michel (DOE), Liz Moran (Pro2Serve, Technical Assistance Contract), Thomas Bachtell (Pro2Serve, Technical Assistance Contract), Kris Bangard (Pro2Serve, Technical Assistance Contract), Carla Johnson (Pro2Serve, Technical Assistance Contract), Christopher Pulskamp (DOE), Russ von Koch (Site Futures Committee), Bill Winfield (Grand County Commissioner), 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 OCTOBER 22, 2024 MINUTES

MOTION: Joette Langianese motioned to approve the minutes for the October 22, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Cora Phillips. All in favor – motion passes.

D. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No comments were received.

E. MOAB UMTRA PROJECT UPDATE

Matt Udovitsch provided a detailed project update reporting significant progress on the project, highlighting that 15 million tons had been reached with a celebration. He indicated they were four trains ahead of schedule with 323,675 tons moved, despite a week-long holiday break. Matt Udovitsch also expressed appreciation and congratulations to Christopher Pulskamp for his new role as Deputy Federal Cleanup Director, citing experience and professionalism. He also summarized the timeline and actions to facilitate site closure and land transfer considerations.

Christopher Pulskamp presented updates on the final status survey, explaining their comprehensive assessment approach using 16,000 100-meter square grids. He stated that had implemented a high-tech gamma spec machine on wheels for efficient data collection, with samples taken every two centimeters and that the data is uploaded via GPS into a specialized database for real-time evaluation. Christopher Pulskamp stated that the Project had hired a third-party to evaluate the program and documentation and provide third-party data verification. A brief discussion on supplemental standards ensued.

Liz Moran provided a brief project update in regards to groundwater remediation processes and stated that the system was currently winterized and surface sampling would begin taking place the following week. She indicated the GCAP would have a conceptual site groundwater model that would be started midway through 2025 and hopefully be completed by January 2026. A brief discussion on groundwater monitoring after site closure ensued.

Barbara Mitchell discussed collaboration with the Moab Museum for the U92 exhibition opening on February 15th, 2025. She also mentioned website changes and proposed rescheduling considerations for the Los Colonias and Crescent Junction site tours.

Discussions on future funding requests and lobbying efforts, final closure activities at Crescent Junction and ET cover, and collaboration between the Grand County and City of Moab regarding the potential land transfer following site closure ensued.

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). The status update can be found on the Grand County Moab UMTRA website or by email at jthacker@grandcountyutah.net

G. STAKEHOLDERS UPDATE

No stakeholders update were provided.

H. FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Jessica Thacker indicated that once she had received confirmation of the Grand County audit dates, she would inform stakeholders if the meeting would need to be rescheduled.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mary McGann adjourned the meeting at 3:55PM.