

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, October 22, 2024 at 3:00PM (MST)

A. CALL TO ORDER

The October 22, 2024 quarterly meeting of the Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee was called to order at 3:02pm. The following committee members were in attendance:

Mary McGann (Grand County Commission), Colin Topper (City of Moab), Matt McKetrick (Department of Natural Resources), Shabbar Saifee (Grand County Office of Emergency Management), Amy Weiser (Grand County Planning and Zoning Department), Joette Langianese (Grand County Resident Representative), Josh Green (Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency), Amy Tendick (National Park Service), Phil Goble (Utah Department of Environmental Quality), Kent Wilson (Representative from the Utah Senate District 26 State Senator's Office), Larry Ellertson (Representative from the Utah 3rd Congressional District U.S. Senator's Office), Joel Brown (Representative from the Utah Senate District 26 State Senator's Office), and

The following non-committee members were in attendance:

Matt Udovitsch (DOE), Barbara Michel (DOE), Liz Moran (Pro2Serve, Technical Assistance Contract), Russ von Koch (Site Futures Committee), Christopher Pulkamp (DOE), Thomas Bachtell (Pro2Serve, Technical Assistance Contract), Jessica O'Leary (North Wind Portage, Remedial Action Contract), Mark Wright (DOE), Kenny Schafer (DOE), Shawn Hawkins (Pro2Serve, Technical Assistance Contract), 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 JULY 30, 2024 MINUTES

MOTION: Joette Langianese motioned to approve the minutes for the July 30, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Phil Goble. 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 stating that the Project had reached removal of 15 million tons from the pile, indicating it as a major milestone and completed ahead of schedule. He stated that the project tentatively estimates contamination removal to be completed by 2027 with groundwater cleanup predicted in 2029. A brief discussion on how staff transition will be approached as closure comes to an end. Kenny Schafer provided an update on the Crescent Junction site, stating that the project had been preparing for the final approval of the new ET cover and was sourcing local material when possible. A discussion on the ET cover process and purpose ensued. Kenny Schafer also provided a brief summary of the data monitoring to incoming stakeholders. Matt Udovitsch stated that the project would have an independent verification contractor come onsite to monitor the program, processes, data collection, and other factors in compliance with federal guidelines.

Lis Moran provided a project update in regards to groundwater sampling such as the development of the GCAP (Groundwater Compliance Action Plan) and stated they had partnered with the National Lab Network to identify data gaps and provided a timeline for the completion of these items. She stated that ground crews had been deployed to monitor the groundwater discharge into the river and to install electrical wires to monitor the interaction between ground water and surface water adjacent to the river (conductivity). She provided an explanation for the need for the conductivity data collection and how this process works. She provided an update on the Savannah Rivers National Lab partnership in which they help develop regulatory framework to increase transparency, develop remedial strategies, and implement cost-savings measurements. Shabbar Saiffee requested a brief summary on the contaminants in the groundwater and how the groundwater remediation is necessary. A summary of the freshwater well injection program was provided as well.

F. LOS COLONIAS TOUR UPDATE

Barbara Michel provided a brief summary of this agenda item and expressed disappointment that the tour had been cancelled due to inclement weather. She stated a future date had not been considered at the time of the meeting. Barbara Michel encouraged stakeholders to visit Los Colonias Park and self-tour the area. She also provided a brief update on the DOE's UMTRA website. Barbara Michel stated that if the stakeholders were interested in touring the Crescent Junction site should consider their availability in the upcoming year. She stated that invites had been sent out for the 15-million-ton removal tile transfer ceremony and encouraged the stakeholders to attend.

G. AIR MONITORING AND LIAISON ACTIVITIES STATUS UPDATES

Jessica Thacker provided a brief summary of Liaison activities and available data. She stated that air monitoring data had been received without sufficient time to process the data for presentation and had created a one-page "Liaison Report" to satisfy reporting requirements. The Liaison Report can be found on the Grand County Moab UMTRA website or by email at jthacker@grandcountyutah.net. Jessica Thacker stated that the grant cycle that currently funds her position may potentially not be renewed with the incoming administration and indicated she had been working with the Grand County budget office to consider funding the position.

H. STAKEHOLDERS UPDATE: MOAB CITY AND GRAND COUNTY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE ATLAS PARK COMMITTEE PROSPECTIVE PLANNING EFFORT

Mary McGann stated that Grand County and the City of Moab had signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the deed transfer of the UMTRA land to the local community. Joette Langianese provided a brief summary on the background of this effort and the purposed of group involved. She stated this had been a request from Congressman Curtis to show community collaboration while stated that resolutions and had been passed by each entity to further showcase this partnership.

I. FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Mary McGann requested the stakeholders check their schedules for 2025 for availability: January 28, April 22, July 22, and October 28. Consideration would be given to potentially changing the April 22 meeting date due to potential scheduling conflicts in the Grand County Commission Chambers as that is typically when the annual audit is being performed.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Mary McGann adjourned the meeting.