

MOAB TAILINGS PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE

Quarterly Meeting
Held virtually on Zoom

MTPSC MINUTES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 3:00PM (MST)

A. CALL TO ORDER (3:00PM)

The July 27, 2021 quarterly meeting of the Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee was called to order at 3:01pm. The following committee members were in attendance:

Mary McGann (Grand County Commission), John Guenther (Grand County Planning and Community Development), Jerod Pruitt (Department of Workforce Service), Rani Derasary (City of Moab), Amy Tendick (National Park Service), Tony Mancuso (Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands), Joette Langanese (Grand County resident representative), and Dana von Horn (Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency).

The following non-committee members were in attendance:

Russ von Koch (Site Future Committee), Matt Udovitsch (Department of Energy), Barbara Michel (SKLS, Staff Support Specialist) Russell McAllister (Federal Cleanup Director - DOE), Swaine Skiene (Pro2Serve, Senior Program Manager, Technical Assistance Contract), Christopher Pulskamp (Project Engineer – DOE), 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

Mary McGann encouraged Committee members to recognize the efforts and commendable service of both Russell von Koch and Honora Thompson for the Moab UMTRA Project. All Committee members wished them well on their future endeavors and thanked them for all their hard work.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Tony Mancuso motioned to approve the draft minutes for April 27, 2021. Rani Derasary seconded. All in favor – motion passes. Joette Langanese abstained.

D. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No comments were provided.

E. MOAB UMTRA PROJECT UPDATE

Russell McAllister stated that things have been running smoothly with minimal changes since the last MTPSC meeting. He stated that operations continue to run on schedule and that the Moab UMTRA Project was on track to reach 12,000,000 tons in September, estimating current tonnage at 11,800,000 as of this meeting. Russell McAllister stated that no lost-time injuries or accidents had occurred since the previous MTPSC meeting and maintained that the crew was doing an excellent job. He provided an update on the railcar allotment, indicating the wish to expand to forty (40) railcars on the rail bench but stated that limitation were currently in place by Union Pacific. He stated that additional railcars would potentially increase quantities in roughly 540 tons per shipment. Next, Russell McAllister addressed the severe drought and its effects on using water from the Colorado River. He stated that due to the lowered status of the Colorado River, the Project briefly utilized the auxiliary pump for water usage. He also provided a brief update on other efforts completed by the Moab UMTRA Project

such as assisting in firefighting efforts in Crescent Junction and eventual public hearing engagement regarding potential changes to the air monitoring plan.

John Guenther (Grand County Planning and Community Development) notified Russell McAllister of the public engagement strategy meeting and suggested a collaboration. Joette Langianese (Grand County resident representative) requested an update on the budget status and whether to consider an ongoing resolution from Russell McAllister. Russell McAllister suggested continuing resolution and a brief discussion was held with Joette Langianese on how to properly lobby for funding, specifically how to obtain proper funding that allowed the Project to finish in a timely manner.

F. PRESENTATION OF THE DOE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CONTINUED COMPLIANCE WITH GRAND COUNTY'S CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE MOAB UMTRA PROJECT

Russell McAllister summarized the statement to the Committee, providing emphasis on celebration of met milestones while providing updates on remediation activities such as the USGS revegetation project, the Rim to Rim Restoration quarterly Colorado River cleanup, and efforts to explore alternative cover options at the Crescent Junction disposal cell site. He stated that the RAD contract is set to expire at the end of September and that a new contract should be awarded in October with the hopes of a smooth transition. Russell McAllister informed the Committee of a slight modification to operations, stating the intent to keep the hedge row of cottonwood trees along Highway 191 with the hope they will continue to thrive beyond the end of cleanup efforts. Joette Langianese expressed appreciation for Russell McAllister's efforts.

A brief discussion was held between Committee members regarding the Rocky Mountaineering passenger rail and the potential for scheduling issues and conflicts. It was stated that issues had arisen with the requirements of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and efforts to resolve were currently underway.

G. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CONTINUED COMPLIANCE (Chair, Mary McGann)

MOTION: Joette Langianese motioned to approve the Annual Statement of Compliance and recommend approval to the County Commission. Tony Mancuso seconded. All in favor – motion passes.

H. AIR MONITORING AND LIAISON ACTIVITIES STATUS UPDATE

Jessica Thacker (Grand County UMTRA Liaison/Technical Inspector) provided a detailed report stating that she had redesigned the original UMTRA PowerPoint presentation to include more technical data and streamlined the information available to the public. She stated that the information contained, specifically the air monitoring data, was somewhat dense and would be refined for the next quarterly presentation. Jessica Thacker expressed appreciation to Russ von Koch for assisting in the transition and to the Committee members who supported her efforts to become the Grand County UMTRA Liaison/Technical Inspector. The entire presentation can be viewed on the Grand County Moab UMTRA Project webpage or upon request from Jessica Thacker at jthacker@grandcountyutah.net

I. STAKEHOLDERS UPDATES

A brief discussion between Joette Langianese and Russell von Koch (Site Futures Committee) occurred regarding the cancer study completed every five (5) years by the Southeast Utah Health Department and how this study might indicate connection between pile removal efforts Grand County's cancer rate. Mary McGann encouraged moving forward with this effort. No further updates or discussion were provided by attending stakeholders.

J. FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS (Chair, Mary McGann)

- a. Next Quarterly Meeting (October 26, 2021)

K. ADJOURNMENT

The MTPSC Quarterly meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm.

Mary McGann

Mary McGann, MTPSC Chairperson



Signature: Mary McGann
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