

## **Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee Meeting**

**October 24, 2017, 3:00pm**

*APPROVED MINUTES*

***PUBLIC MEETING***

***Grand County Courthouse***

***125 East Center***

***Moab, Utah 84532***

The following individuals were present:

### Committee Members:

Mary McGann, Chair and County Council Member  
Joette Langanese, At-Large Stakeholder  
Zacharia Levine, Grand County Community Development  
Tony Mancuso, Forestry, Fire and State Lands  
Katie Stevens, BLM – Moab Field Office  
Kelly Thornton, Utah Department of Workforce Services  
Dana van Horn, Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency  
Lee Shenton, County UMTRA Liaison (non-voting staff for MTPSC)

### Moab UMTRA:

Ellen Mattlin (DOE, Acting Federal Project Director), Joe Ritchey (S&K Logistics Services, TAC Senior Program Manager), Elizabeth Moran (Pro2Serve, TAC Field Manager), Wendee Ryan (S&K Logistics Services, Public Affairs Manager)

### Citizens:

Kara Dohrenwend (Wildland Scapes), Rudy Herndon (Moab Sun News), Rose Egelhoff (Moab Times Independent)

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Chair Mary McGann. Per Resolution 2992 sufficient committee members were present to constitute a quorum.
2. Review of Minutes of July 25, 2017 Meeting – Zacharia moved (Kelly second) to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Project Status – FPD Ellen Mattlin reviewed project progress and hiring of replacements for departed DOE managers. Ellen reported that she, John Sattler and Ed Skintik would provide project director oversight until a full-time FPD is hired. She announced that the Project achieved their 450 thousand ton contract goal about two weeks before the end of FY17 and reached 467 thousand tons tailings shipped for the year. The Project has exceeded 400 days without a lost-time incident. Ellen reviewed the groundwater remediation activities and noted that the Project is still being funded on a Continuing Resolution basis pending a firm allocation from DOE for FY18. Their initiatives to replace worn equipment and improve infrastructure are still ongoing to be ready in case they get additional funding. The TAC contract was awarded to the incumbent S&K Logistics on September 20<sup>th</sup>

Kara Dohrenwend, owner of Wildland Scapes and local expert on native vegetation, discussed her recommendations on sustainable vegetation along the highway right-of-way boundary. Joe explained that, based on Kara's advice, the project will prepare a plan with options and share it with the committee, expecting to replace trees lost by attrition with more sustainable and drought-resistant

native vegetation with good aesthetic value. There was general agreement that healthy trees should not be removed but there are some good options for replacing dead or dying trees. Kara also pointed out that cottonwoods would do really well in the right parts of the site but not along the highway.

4. Stakeholder Updates – No specific Stakeholder updates were offered.
5. Air Monitoring and Activities – Lee presented charts of environmental monitoring results for 16Q3 through 17Q2, the latest results available. The trend to higher wintertime radon peaks continued at both sites but levels were still well below the maximum allowable. He discussed possible reasons for the apparent increasing trend for radon levels at the Moab stations but showed that recent levels are still well within the guidelines for public exposure. Lee reported contacts from two candidates for Congressman Chaffetz’ seat in the House and that similar information was provided to both, including the chart of annual funding versus tailings removed. Both candidates were interested in what the community wanted to see on that site.

Lee recognized Moab UMTRA Health Physics Manager Ron Daily for providing the uranium mineral samples displayed today and at the recent Moab Festival of Science. Lee also recognized Joe, Wendee and Liz for serving as tour guides for the public tours of the Moab UMTRA site on September 29<sup>th</sup> for the Festival of Science.

6. 2018 Meeting Dates – Per our practice of meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the first month of each calendar quarter, the committee agreed to meet in 2018 on January 23, April 24, July 24 and October 23.
7. Future Agenda Items – Lee suggested updates on project progress and funding and a review of air monitoring results. Joette asked for a review of the Initial Community Vision provided in 2013 by the Site Futures Committee.
8. Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Shenton, Grand County UMTRA Liaison