

RESOLUTION NO. 3015

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INITIAL COMMUNITY VISION FOR FUTURE USES OF THE MOAB UMTRA PROJECT SITE GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH

WHEREAS, in 2005, the United States Department of Energy (“DOE”) issued a Record of Decision approving a Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (“UMTRA”) for removal of approximately 13 million tons of uranium tailings from the Atlas Mill site on the banks of the Colorado River near Moab, Utah (“Moab Site”) to a disposal site near Crescent Junction, Utah (collectively, the “UMTRA Project”); and

WHEREAS, the DOE expects to complete remediation of the Moab Site by approximately 2025; and

WHEREAS, Grand County established the Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee (the “Steering Committee”) as a forum and mechanism for open communication and monitoring of the UMTRA Project during its operation, to advise the County Council on matters pertaining to the Project and to seek appropriate future uses of the Moab Site and Crescent Junction Site upon completion of the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is customary, though not required, for the DOE to transfer remediated UMTRA properties to other governmental entities to use for beneficial purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee established the Site Futures Committee as a subcommittee to develop recommendations regarding potential future uses of the Moab Site through a public planning process; and

WHEREAS, it is Grand County’s express intent that future uses of the Moab Site provide substantial social and economic benefits to residents of and visitors to Moab and Grand County; and

WHEREAS, Grand County, the City of Moab, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management and Utah’s Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands foresee beneficial purposes for some portions of the Moab Site and have collaborated with Grand County’s Site Futures Committee and citizens to develop a shared vision (the “Initial Community Vision”) for these beneficial uses; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2013, this Initial Community Vision was endorsed by Grand County’s Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee (the “Steering Committee”), by unanimous vote at their public Special Meeting, to serve as a starting point for planning possible future features of the Moab Site; and

WHEREAS, the Community Vision is expected to be periodically updated using additional public and agency input until final disposition of the Moab Site is determined by the DOE sometime after 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Community Vision could be used by the DOE during the remediation to accommodate community preferences, where allowed within the UMTRA scope, and by local government leaders in support of appeals for adequate federal funding for the UMTRA Project; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2013, the Initial Community Vision was presented and recommended by the Steering Committee to both the Grand County Council and the Moab City Council at a joint session;

NOW THEREFORE, the Grand County Council hereby supports and endorses the Initial Community Vision as recommended by the Steering Committee as a starting point for more detailed planning as required for the Specially Planned Area, with the following provisions:

Transfer of Site from DOE. Grand County Council requests that DOE transfer ownership of the Moab Site to Grand County upon completion of the Moab Project.

Future Uses to Provide Social and Economic Benefits. It is the express intent of this Initial Vision that any future uses of the Moab Site shall provide substantial social and economic benefits to residents of and visitors to Moab and Grand County.

Periodic Updates to the Community Vision. At least once every five years until the DOE determines final site disposition, the Steering Committee may direct the Site Futures Committee to review and update the Community Vision as needed using a public and agency input process, and to coordinate these reviews and updates with other planning processes.

Notification of Substantive Updates. The Steering Committee shall notify the Grand County Council whenever a substantive update is made by the Site Futures Committee to the Initial Community Vision or any subsequent Community Visions for future uses of the Moab Site.

Review and Approval of Substantive Updates. The Grand County Council reserves the right to endorse or reject any substantive future revisions to the Community Vision.

This Resolution was duly and regularly introduced and passed by vote at a regular meeting of the Grand County Council, State of Utah, on the 21 day of January, 2014:

APPROVED this 21st day of January, 2014, by the following vote:

AYE : Jackson, Holyoak, Paxman, Ciarus, Tubbs, Ballantyne, Nyland

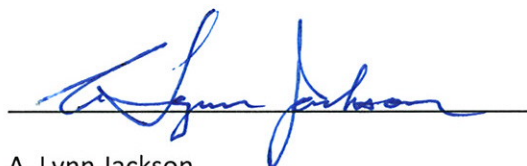
NAY _____

ABSENT _____

ATTEST:



Diana Carroll
Grand County Clerk/Auditor



A. Lynn Jackson
Grand County Council Chair