

MOAB TAILINGS PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE

Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 3:00PM

Grand County Commission Chambers
125 East Center Street, Moab, UT 84532

MTPSC MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER (3:00PM)

The April 26, 2022 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), Judi Collins (Department of Workforce Services), Joette Langianese (Grand County Representative), Rani Derasary (City of Moab), Tony Mancuso (Department of Natural Resources), John Guenther (Grand County Planning and Zoning), Dana van Horn (Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency), Amy Tendick (National Park Service), Melissa Stocks (Grand County Community and Economic Development), Bill Jackson (Grand County Road Department), Nicole Gaddis (Bureau of Land Management), and Philip Goble (Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control).

The following non-committee members were in attendance:

Russell McCallister (Federal Cleanup Director – Department of Energy), Matt Udosovitch (Department of Energy), Christopher Pulskamp (Project Engineer – Department of Energy), Tom Bachtell (Pro2Serve, Project Senior Program Manager, Technical Assistance Contract), Stephanie Lein (Pro2Serve, Environmental Scientist/Manager, Technical Assistance Contract), Barbara Michel (Pro2Serve, Administrative Assistant, Technical Assistance Contract), Liz Moran (Pro2Serve, Groundwater Manager, Technical Assistance Contract), Mike Price (Public Citizen), James Ritchey (Pro2Serve, Senior Program Manager, Technical Assistance Contract), and Jessica Thacker (Grand County UMTRA Liaison/Technical Inspector).

B. INTRODUCTIONS

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mary McGann motioned to approve the draft minutes for the January 25, 2022 Quarterly Meeting with minor corrections. Dana van Horn seconded. All in favor with Joette Langianese abstaining – motion passed.

D. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No comments were provided.

E. MOAB UMTRA PROJECT UPDATE

Russell McCallister stated that many things have been accomplished since the previous quarterly meeting. He stated that the project was on track with approximately a half-million tons of material moved. Russell McCallister expressed appreciation to Barbara Michel for her hard work. He stated that he will be meeting with the design engineer regarding the 90% alternative cover design at the Crescent Junction site and that the alternative cover provides cost savings to the project along with a better design overall.

Russell McCallister stated that the silhouette sculptures are close to being installed with NEPA documents being finalized. He expressed appreciation at the project's participation in Earth Day celebrations with a multi-agency Wellsite tour and highway cleanup project. Russell McCallister gave a brief update on project funding efforts stating that \$67 million had been approved and that this indicated positive perception of the project's efforts. He stated these funds would be used to accelerate the project's timeline and replace old equipment. Russell McCallister stated that an initial site closure meeting with legacy management would be taking place in order to create a transition plan that will eventually be presented to Congress. He also commended Christopher Pulskamp's efforts to develop the groundwater compliance action plan.

F. UPDATE REGARDING STATUS OF REMEDIAL ACTION CONTRACTOR (RAC) CONTRACT AND PROJECT FUNDING

Russell McCallister provided an update regarding the status of the RAC contract and project funding stating that Northwind Portage was awarded the contract back in March 2022 and that the transition period would continue til the end of September. He stated that a "road map to closure" was being developed to identify project milestones that will lead to final closure of the site. Russell McCallister stated that due to supply chain issues obtaining heavy duty railcars has proven difficult but stated purchases of these railcars were worth the expenditure. He estimated that approximately four (4) years of tailing removals remained but indicated that the timeline could change based on a number of factors such as potential for deeper than anticipated contaminated materials in the pile.

Bill Jackson inquired how the project would address this issue and Russell McCallister stated that studies would be conducted to determine the feasibility of "chasing Material". Joette Langianese expressed appreciation for the accelerated timeline with Russell McCallister clarifying that the four (4) year timeline was for tailings pile removal only.

G. AIR MONITORING AND LIAISON ACTIVITIES STATUS UPDATE

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). She stated that she met with Stephanie Lein regarding the implementation of the updated air monitoring network and would be applying these changes to future presentations. The entire presentation can be viewed on the Grand County UMTRA Project website or upon request from Jessica Thacker at jthacker@grandcountyutah.net

H. UPDATE ON LOBBYING EFFORTS

Mary McGann provided an update on lobbying efforts stated that she was planning on returning to Washington D.C. to discuss potentially transferring the project property to Grand County and City of Moab ownership. Joette Langianese expressed appreciation for the level of funding provided and stated that efforts must be made to ensure that funding continues in the future. She inquired there were any other efforts that could be made to assist the project's objectives and Russell McCallister stated that dissuading Arches National Park, and the Department of the Interior by extension, from expressing interest in the property. He also stated that the project must fully utilize the available funding and Mary McGann suggested setting aside funds for rehabilitation and utilization of the area similar to the golf course constructed following the Monticello site closure. Joette Langianese, Mary McGann, and Russell McCallister briefly discussed the possibility of property transfer through congressional action versus normal surplus action.

Tony Mancuso expressed appreciation regarding the project's efforts to rehabilitate the riverfront and stated there were many potential site future uses. Liz Moran stated that it would be some time before

development took place inside the fence (aka “the pile”) and that knowledge should be utilized when planning future development. Joette Langianese stated that a major component of the project’s conditional use permit clearly states that the property must be returned to its natural state. Philip Goble stated that the UDEQ had experience with this type of project and suggested that funding needs to be available to continually manage any potential groundwater pollution by actively remediating and preventing a residual active plume. Russell McCallister stated that this potential plan would need to be approved by the NRC.

I. STAKEHOLDERS UPDATES

Tony Mancuso expressed appreciation for the interagency collaboration and provided a brief update regarding his field reduction team efforts. He stated that they had cleared approximately an acre and a half of tamarisk along the riverfront and hoped that these efforts might encourage better soil chemistry for future native plants.

J. FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

K. ADJOURNMENT

The MTPSC Quarterly Meeting was adjourned at 3:48pm.

Mary McGann, MTPSC Chairperson