

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2023)

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 3198
TO ADOPT BYLAWS FOR THE
MOAB TAILINGS PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, in September 2005 the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy (“Secretary”) issued the Record of Decision approving the removal and transportation 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 the planned disposal site near Crescent Junction, Utah (collectively, the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action “UMTRA Project”);

WHEREAS, in May 2006, the Grand County Council (“Council”) approved the Department of Energy’s (“DOE”) requested Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) for the UMTRA Project;

WHEREAS, beginning in June 2007, DOE has continually funded remedial action contracts for the planning and execution of the UMTRA Project and for technical assistance and oversight of the UMTRA Project;

WHEREAS, the Secretary has stated in House Energy and Commerce budget hearings that the UMTRA Project will take some 20 years to complete due to funding constraints;

WHEREAS, the Utah Congressional delegation supports a more timely completion of the UMTRA Project and, to this end, included language in the Defense Authorization Act of 2008 requiring UMTRA Project completion by 2019;

WHEREAS, in August 2008, DOE reaffirmed its decision to transport the tailings to the Crescent Junction disposal site primarily by rail which may require a completion date beyond 2019;

WHEREAS in August 2008, the Grand County Council created the Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee (“Steering Committee”) to encourage open communication and monitoring of the UMTRA Project during its operation, advise the Council on matters pertaining to the UMTRA Project, and seek appropriate future uses of the Moab Site and Crescent Junction Site upon completion of the UMTRA Project;

WHEREAS, the Grand County Council authorized the Steering Committee via Grand County Resolution 2841 (2008), which Resolution defined the responsibilities of the Steering Committee as amended by Resolution 2915 (2010), Resolution 2970a (2011), Resolution 2992 (2012), Resolution 3170 (2019) and Resolution 3198 (2020);

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2009, the Council approved the job description for a Moab UMTRA Liaison as a new DOE grant position, a summary of which is as follows:

Under the direct supervision of the Community and Economic Development (CED) Director, serves as liaison between Grand County and Department of Energy which includes: acting as primary Grand County contact for the Moab and Crescent Junction sites of the UMTRA Project, community outreach, disseminating project information to various community groups, responds to public questions, reviews technical reports and data, attends project meetings, provides reports to the Steering Committee, CED Director and Council, provides technical support to the Steering Committee, reviews project progress and monitors compliance with the CUP, reviews construction progress reports, monitors environmental testing;

WHEREAS, in August 2013, the estimate of total uranium tailings increased following additional site characterization to 16 million tons in the Department of Energy's Moab UMTRA Project Supplement Analysis for Remediation of the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Grand and San Juan Counties Utah, Final Environmental Impact Statement;

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Utah Legislature unanimously passed and the Governor approved a concurrent resolution that the DOE allocate funding to expedite completion of the Moab UMTRA Project by 2025;

WHEREAS, by September 2019, DOE moved 10 million tons of the tailings (62%) to the Crescent Junction disposal site leaving six million tons of tailings that needs to be transported for safe disposal;

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Commission adopted Resolution 3198, amending the Bylaws for the Steering Committee to provide historical context, define membership, and formalize operational procedures;

WHEREAS, the UMTRA Project presents significant benefits and risks to the residents and visitors of Grand County;

WHEREAS, Grand County, DOE, and other related federal and local entities have worked, and aim to continue to work together to facilitate the safe and efficient performance of the UMTRA Project; and

WHEREAS, the Commission seeks to amend Resolution 3198 to expand Steering Committee membership to include representatives from the U.S. Senate and Utah State Senate.

NOW THEREFORE, the County Legislative Body of Grand County hereby resolves to amend Resolution 3198 and adopt the amended Bylaws for the Steering Committee attached hereto as Exhibit A, which Bylaws supersede and amend the provisions of Resolution 3198.

APPROVED this 19th day of December 2023, by the following vote:

AYE _____

NAY _____

ABSENT _____

ATTEST:

Jacques Hadler
Grand County Commission Chair

Gabriel Woytek
Grand County Clerk/Auditor