

Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee Meeting
July 31, 2018, 3:00pm
APPROVED MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
Grand County Council Chambers
125 East Center
Moab, Utah 84532

The following individuals were present:

Committee Members:

Mary McGann, Committee Chair and Grand County Council Chair
Rani Derasary, Moab City Council
Kelli Day, Moab Area Travel Council
Bill Jackson, Grand County Road Department
Joette Langianese, At-Large Stakeholder
Zacharia Levine, Grand County Community and Economic Development
Anthony Mancuso, Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Amy Tendick, National Park Service
Dana van Horn, Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency
Phil Goble, Utah Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control
Lee Shenton, Grand County UMTRA Liaison (non-voting staff for MTPSC)

Site Futures Subcommittee:

Russell von Koch (Chair), Norm Boyd (At Large Member). Stakeholders Derasary, Mancuso and Tendick are also members of SFC.

Moab UMTRA:

Russell McCallister (Federal Cleanup Director), Joe Ritchey (S&K Logistics, Senior Program Manager, Technical Assistance Contract), Honora Thompson (Pro2Serve, Public Affairs Manager)

Citizens:

Dean Henderson (Utah Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control), Nathaniel Smith (Moab Times-Independent)

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chair Mary McGann. Per Resolution 2992 sufficient committee members were present to constitute a quorum. Chair McGann asked the 17 other attendees to introduce themselves.
2. Review of Minutes of April 24, 2018 Meeting – Rani moved, Phil seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Project Status – Federal Cleanup Director McCallister presented the Department of Energy’s annual report documenting compliance with Grand County’s Conditional Use permit for the UMTRA project. Russell noted that the project was still sending two trains of tailings per week to the Crescent Junction disposal site and that they had added an additional four containers to each train for total of 144. He reported that approximately 9.2 million tons of tailings have been transported to Crescent Junction. Russell also reported that with the lower river flow this year that it may be necessary to extend their fresh water intake line to maintain water flow for site use. In response to questions, Director McCallister indicated that 1) the project would be using a portion of the extra FY18 funding

to purchase heavy equipment to support project work; 2) that if the project budget were to be increased moving from two trains per week to four might require an additional 15 to 20 employees; 3) that installation of a controlled crossing at the Lower Gemini Bridges Road had not been required in the past when the project sent four trains per week to Crescent Junction; 4) that the current limiting factor of train cars per train is the availability of space for loading containers on rail cars at the Moab site; 5) that the NRC has been open to discussion about the topic of alternative cover designs and that DOE could consider other options; and 6) that any applications for remediation work at vicinity properties should be submitted no later than about three years before the anticipated end of the tailings removal work.

Joette moved to recommend that the county council formally accept the annual compliance report. Zacharia seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

4. Site Futures Committee Report – Lee Shenton introduced Russ von Koch as the Chair of the Site Futures Committee and as his replacement as the Grand County UMTRA Liaison. Russ then reviewed the highlights of the 2018 Community Vision Update. He reviewed the history of the vision effort, described the results of the 2018 public input process, reviewed changes at the site since 2013, described the proposed future uses utilizing the 2018 Community Vision map and provided an overview of key sections of the site guidance sections. After brief discussion, Zacharia moved to approve endorsement of the 2018 Community Vision for submission to the Grand County and Moab City councils. Tony seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
5. Stakeholder Updates – Forestry, Fire and State Lands stakeholder Mancuso reported that his agency would be using the Site Futures Committee’s proposals for the riverside portion of the UMTRA site as input for the development of a comprehensive management plan for the Colorado River.
6. Air Monitoring and Activities – Lee reported project shipping trends and air monitoring results. He pointed out a significant spike in radon levels during the past winter, likely a result of warmer and drier weather. Lee also recommended that the committee watch for possible increasing radioparticulate levels if the Project increases their rate of tailing shipments.
7. Future Agenda Items – The committee should review project progress, especially if more funding is allocated.
8. Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ von Koch, Grand County UMTRA Liaison