

Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee Meeting

October 25, 2016, 3:00pm

APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING

County Council Chambers

125 East Main

Moab, Utah 84532

The following individuals were present:

Committee Members:

Mary McGann, Chair and County Council Member

Rani Derasary, Moab City Council

Karen Garthwait, National Park Service

Elaine Gizler, Moab Area Travel Council

Phil Goble, Utah DEQ, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control

Katie Stevens, BLM – Moab Field Office

Art Wollenweber, Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency

Lee Shenton, County UMTRA Liaison (non-voting staff for MTPSC)

Moab UMTRA:

Justin Peach (DOE, Deputy Federal Project Director), Joe Ritchey (S&K Logistics Services, TAC Program Manager), Wendee Ryan (S&K Logistics Services, Public Affairs Manager)

Citizens:

Molly Marcello (Moab Times-Independent), Russ Topham (UDEQ)

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Mary McGann.
2. Review of Minutes of July 26, 2016 Meeting – Phil moved (Katie second) to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Project Status – Justin Peach reviewed his background for the committee and discussed his roles for the Moab UMTRA. Joe reported that the project team finished lining one hundred tailings containers to defend against corrosion and fifty more may be lined over the winter. Karen noted that there were no adverse reports at Arches NP due to the night-time lighting used during the lining operations. Joe stated that the project is shipping twenty containers of debris (mainly concrete) on each trainload but they are not yet ready to ship oversized steel debris by truck. Joe also reported that the Phase 3b expansion of the disposal cell will probably be conducted in the spring. He also noted that the ground water work is continuing and was not adversely affected by higher river flows this year. Lee observed that the project has shipped an average of 34,700 tons of tailings per month since reducing to two trains per week in April and at that rate the last of the tailings would be shipped in late-2034.
4. Replacing Lost Funding – Mary reported that she, Joette, Rani and Mayor Dave had met with Utah State Senator David Hinkins to discuss how to seek cost-sharing by Utah. They have agreed to start by asking for a resolution in the State Senate requesting DOE allocate enough funding to complete the project by 2025, estimating an additional \$10 million would be needed per year. The

Stakeholders discussed a draft resolution. Mary and Rani agreed to incorporate the Stakeholder suggestions into the resolution before submitting it as a draft to Senator Hinkins.

5. Stakeholder Updates – No specific Stakeholder updates were offered.
6. Air Monitoring and Activities – Lee presented charts of environmental monitoring results through 2016 Second Quarter, noting that there was no indication of significant changes in trends for gamma, radon or radioparticulate levels at the most sensitive offsite locations, which continue well below their respective guidelines.

Reviewing additional activities, Lee reported that the Lisbon Valley Historical Marker had been installed on October 11 with a dedication ceremony still to be scheduled. He also provided a manuscript on “Community Involvement with Moab UMTRA” which was based on his presentation to an International Atomic Energy Agency conference in Grand Junction on September 26.

7. 2017 Meeting Schedule – Katie moved (Karen second) to set the 2017 meetings for January 24, April 25, July 25 and October 24. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Future Agenda Items – Lee suggested a project update, an update from the ad hoc subcommittee on alternate funding sources, and a review of air monitoring results.
9. Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Shenton, Grand County UMTRA Liaison