

## **Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee Meeting**

**January 24, 2017, 3:00pm**

*APPROVED MINUTES*

***PUBLIC MEETING***

*County Council Chambers*

*125 East Center*

*Moab, Utah 84532*

The following individuals were present:

### Committee Members:

Mary McGann, Chair and County Council Member  
Elaine Gizler, Moab Area Travel Council  
Jennifer Jones, BLM – Moab Field Office  
Marcia Lea, Utah Division of Workforce Services  
Eli Tome, Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands  
Art Wollenweber, Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency  
Lee Shenton, County UMTRA Liaison (non-voting staff for MTPSC)

### Moab UMTRA:

Don Metzler (DOE, Federal Project Director), Joe Ritchey (S&K Logistics Services, TAC Program Manager), Ken Kisiel (Portage, Inc., Moab Operations Manager), Wendee Ryan (S&K Logistics Services, Public Affairs Manager)

### Citizens:

Michael Adkison (citizen), Sam McLaughlin (Moab Sun News), Jay Nettleded (ITS, Inc.), Ray Plienness (JGMS Inc.), John Darke (citizen), John Weisheit (Living Rivers)

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Mary McGann.
2. Review of Minutes of October 25, 2016 Meeting – Art moved (Elaine second) to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Project Status – Don Metzler reviewed progress for the Moab UMTRA. He noted that current funding is under the Continuing Resolution but is assured through April. He expects excavation to begin in March on Phase 3b of the disposal cell. The Project team is studying replacement of the “reach stackers,” the equipment used to handle tailings containers. Don also noted that movement of mill debris will continue by truck during the off-season for tourism. He reported that the project has acquired twenty new containers and is spraying protective liners in more of the older containers.
4. Replacing Lost Funding – Mary presented the “State of Utah Resolution to Require the U.S. Department of Energy to Allocate Adequate Funding to Complete the Moab UMTRA Remediation Project by 2025.” She noted that this resolution will be brought through the NFS Committee on Wednesday afternoon and is expected to be brought to the floor of the State Senate next month by State 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 Third 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. Paleo floods at the Moab UMTRA Site – John Weisheit described evidence for Probable Maximum Floods of 300,000 cfs on the Colorado River at the Moab UMTRA site.
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