

Moab Tailings Project Stakeholders Committee Meeting
September 22, 2009, 3:00pm
APPROVED MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
Grand County Council Chambers
125 E. Center St.
Moab, Utah 84532

Call to Order - Co-Chair Pat Holyoak called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

The following individuals were present:

Committee Members:

Pat Holyoak, Grand County Council Member (Co-Chair)
Audrey Graham, Grand County Council Member
Bill Jackson, Grand County Road Department Director
Connie Nakahara, Utah's Department of Environmental Quality
Corky Brewer, Grand County Emergency Management Director
Dave Sakrison, Moab City Mayor
Donna Metzler, Moab City Administrator
Jeff Troutman, National Park Service
Marian DeLay, Grand County Travel Council Director
Mark Sovine, Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency
Mark Wright, Grand County Engineer

Public:

Ed Baker, Energy Solutions
Craig Bigler, The Times-Independent
Danalee Gerber, Grand County Attorney's Office
Don Metzler, Department of Energy (Grand Junction)
Joe Ritchey, S & K
Joette Langianese, Grand County Citizen
Larry Brede, Energy Solutions
Lee Shenton, Grand County Citizen
Sarah Fields, Grand County Citizen
Wendee Ryan, S & K Aerospace

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.
2. Review of Minutes of 8/25/09 Meeting – Joette Langianese recommended changing the misspelled word “cuert” in item 5 to “curie”. Marian DeLay moved to adopt the minutes of the 8/25/09 meeting. The motion was passed and seconded.
3. Update on UMTRA Project: Review of Summary of Elevated Ammonia Concentrations Observed in the Colorado River Near the Project Site (Don Metzler, Department of Energy) – UMTRA will always have some back water from the pile to the river which causes ammonia concentration levels. Most of the time it is in pretty low concentrations and is generally not a problem. However there are times, especially in the backwater channels, where there are higher concentrations of ammonia. The goal is to try to minimize those levels as much as possible. The fish cannot tolerate much ammonia that's why we are concerned. Concentrations levels of ammonia from ground water were found recently at 34ppm, 7ppm, and an 8ppm due to the water levels right now and a series of pumps not working. The DOE would like levels to be less than 1ppm; ideally a .3ppm. Immediate action took place to dilute water. We don't want to jump into a solution without it being the best solution. The

river is protected even with this hiccup, no one downstream or in the community needs to be alarmed. We are going to do a better job and get more aggressive at protecting the river.

4. Review of Response Letter from the Department of Energy Regarding the Annual Statement of Compliance (Community Development Department Representative) – Mark doesn't see any problems with it. Add to the Council Agenda and go forward from there.
5. Discussion Regarding Recruitment Process and Status for the UMTRA Liaison Position (Mark Wright, County Engineer) – Application period closes on September 25th. The plan is to hold interviews a week following. Mark Wright will screen the applications and select 3-5. Todd Peterson will review Marks screening. Mark and Todd will put together an Interview Committee to interview the remaining applicants. Hope to have someone on board in less than two weeks.
6. Stakeholders Updates (if needed)
 - a. Tourism Issues – Marian DeLay – As far as tourism issues no major ones to bring up. 1-3 people everyday asks if the road is opened. DOE will put up a sign. Moab Information Center always runs out of newsletters (Tailings Times). Wendee Ryan will make sure they receive a bigger stack. Don Metzler believed the next issue was going to be a thriller. You won't want to miss it.
 - b. Water Issues – Mark Sovine – No issues, just one question, the DOE captures well water. What do they do with it? Don Metzler stated they evaporate it up on top. Audrey Graham asked, with sprinkling getting “lost” what will DOE do for dust control? According to Don Metzler they have to use water trucks or possibly spraying cannons.
 - c. Emergency Issues – Audrey Graham stated the Thompson Fire District can use some help and training. Mark Wright stated a weeklong training is too difficult to attend. Possibly, a Safety Training can be scheduled. Call Don Metzler or Wendee Ryan and see if they can work something out. Don Metzler suggested we think about the construction pond, which is all clean water, possibly in the future, when the project is over, we would want to keep it there as a water source for firefighters and/or wildlife. Audrey Graham stated the Thompson Fire District is planning to put in a Helipad in Thompson and the BLM is also planning on marking an area for landing, possibly the two should get together and discuss so we are not doubling our efforts for something so close in proximity.
 - d. Road/Rail Issues –Bill Jackson – Waiting on the road counts for valley crossing, should be in this week. We've been working together on the Blue Hills Road to add some road mill tailings on it to keep the mud off our 25' approach; it should help with maintenance and mud issues in the crossing.
 - e. Audrey Graham added that Thompson Springs is reporting continual significant drops in water pressure sometime around 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and then again around 5:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. The Thomson Fire Chief is worried that during those hours there will not be enough water pressure to put out fires if needed. Sounds like it's not DOE, affirmed Don Metzler. We will be happy to make water meter reading available if in question. Mark Sovine would be glad to talk with them.
7. Motion was made to adjourn meeting at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

DeeAnna Sheldon, Executive Secretary
Grand County Council's Office