

Meeting called to order at 3:04 pm

Bob Greenberg, Grand County Council gave a report on several County Council member's trip to Washington DC to discuss the tailing issue. Council members met with key staffers and attended hearings. The clear message that was sent was that the County wanted to have the tailing pile to be moved fast and safely. Additionally, the County Council wanted the 2019 deadline met. Within ten days after visiting Washington DC the Department of Energy (DOE) amended the Record of Decision (ROD) to allow for trucking to also be used to move the tailing pile.

Joette Langianese, Grand County Council discussed the need to continue to press to get the funding to meet the 2019 deadline. The ROD now states that the tailings can be transported by either rail or truck; or a combination of either or exclusively by just one. Energy Solutions is putting together seven options to consider in moving the pile. At some point in the process the public should be involved in providing public comment.

Marian DeLay, Grand County Travel Council stated that she has not heard much from visitors or businesses regarding the **URTMA** project. She stated if truck was to be used that ideally operations would be scaled back during the busy times of the year for the sake of safety.

John Keys stated that one issue with moving the pile with trucks is how the trucks will enter the highway.

Laura Joss, Arches National Park stated that she is already concerned about the intersection at the entry for Arches National Park and State Road 191. Visitors often do not realize that there is a merge lane that they can use as they enter 191. She is also concerned about noise pollution from truck's airbrakes.

Mark Wright, County Engineer stated that there are plans to construct a flyover ramp so that trucks would not have to make a left turn onto 191. Rather, trucks would have a grade separated ramp that would allow them travel over 191 and merge onto 191.

Council person Langianese discussed the desire to have 191 expanded to a 4 lane highway (2 lanes in each direction).

Mr. Keys asked if Energy Solutions will start to move the pile in 2008. Joe a representative from Energy Solutions stated that widening is not necessary before they commence moving the pile.

Ms. DeLay suggested that it would be better to coordinate the widening of 191 with the expansion of the 191 bridge across the Colorado River.

There were general concerns expressed about trucks entering 191.

Mr. Wright thought that there would only be 18% increase in truck traffic.

Ed Baker from Department of Energy said that there could potentially be about 70 new trucking jobs created if the pile is moved by trucks. The DOE is waiting to receive the cost benefit that details the 7 options of how to move the tailings.

Councilperson Langianese suggested that the public input be received once the 7 options have been reduced to 3-4 options. She requested that Energy Solutions present the 3-4 options at the Steering Committees next meeting scheduled for April 8.

Discussion occurred regarding advantages and disadvantages associated with moving the tailings by either rail or truck. The discussion centered primarily upon safety and length of time required to move the tailings.

Councilperson Greenberg stated that still more money is needed if DOE is to move the tailings by truck.

Mr. Baker reported that waterline from Crescent Junction to Green River has started. There was a discussion regarding the easement and what would happen to the waterline and pump stations after the project. Mr. Baker stated that this would become surplus property and would likely be given to a local governmental entity.

Mr. Keys asked some questions about how Grand Water Sewer District could acquire the water system. There was some discussion about the water district operating the waterline in behalf of DOE during the project. Councilperson Langianese and Mr. Keys will meet with Don Metzler from the DOE to discuss Grand Water being the operator of water system.

There was a discussion regarding School Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) wanting to upsize the waterline from Crescent Junction to Green River to develop some of their property at Crescent Junction. It was estimated that SITLA would spend a half million dollars to upsize the line. SITLA finally decided that it was too costly for SITLA to invest that amount of resources into the project.

Councilperson Ciarus mentioned that he receives a lot of calls from citizens that are concerned about the trucking option.

Councilperson Langianese talked about commencing a planning project regarding future lands use for the URTMA site once it is reclaimed. One likely use would be overflow parking for Arches National Park. Since the clean up site is federal property other federal entities such as Arches National Park would likely have the opportunity to receive the land first

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.