

***Moab Tailings Project Stakeholders Committee Meeting***  
***February 23, 2010, 3:00pm***  
***APPROVED MINUTES***  
***PUBLIC MEETING***  
***Grand County Council Chambers***  
***125 E. Center St.***  
***Moab, Utah 84532***

The following individuals were present:

Committee Members:

Pat Holyoak, Grand County Council Member (Co-Chair)  
Sue Bellagamba, The Nature Conservancy  
Corky Brewer, Grand County Emergency Management Director  
Ken Davey, Moab City Economic Development  
Katie Hanway, Workforce Services Director  
Pam Juliano, Field Representative for Congressman Jim Matheson  
Connie Nakahara, Utah's Department of Environmental Quality (by phone)  
Lee Shenton, UMTRA Liaison (non-voting staff for MTPSC)  
Mark Sovine, Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency  
Jeff Troutman, National Park Service  
Mark Wright, Grand County Engineer

Moab UMTRA Team:

Donald R. Metzler (Moab Federal Project Director), Joel Berwick, Joe Ritchey, Larry Brede, Wendee Ryan, Ed Baker, Ken Pill, Craig Niemeyer

Public:

Craig Bigler (Moab Times-Independent), Sarah Fields, Tom Haraden

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Co-Chair Pat Holyoak.
2. Review of Minutes of 8-Dec-2009 Meeting – Mark W. moved to approve the minutes as written. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Proposal for Economic Impact Study (Dr. Pamela Perlich, Senior Research Economist, University of Utah) – Dr. Perlich explained the factors that would be used, showed typical expected timelines and a diagram of the modeling process. Mr. Metzler expressed concerns about making an open-ended commitment for the required data gathering. Mark W. asked for more specifics about resources needed for data-gathering. Katie thought the study was a good idea and offered to provide input about the county workforce. Ken D. pointed out benefits of the study, including better understanding of future unemployment and plus needs for housing, schools and infrastructure. He then asked why the issue with the “scope change” to the financial assistance award had not been addressed with the DOE before the meeting. Lee stated that it was due to his judgment that Mr. Metzler and his team ought to have a chance to hear the proposal before deciding whether they would support pursuing the study. [NOTE ADDED LATER: Lee didn't adequately understand the DOE process. Upon meeting with Mr. Berwick, Lee learned that the term “scope change” as used in the DOE Grant Award documents may not apply to this situation. The proper procedure would require determinations by the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) of whether or not this would be a scope change and, if not, whether this would be an “allowable expenditure” under the

current Grant Award. The COR for the Moab UMTRA Project is Mr. Metzler. Mark W. has asked that the expenditure be approved by the Steering Committee and the County Council before asking Mr. Metzler to make those determinations. The DOE will not pursue the issue further unless the County approves the expenditure.] Mark S. asked for a better description of the deliverables. Pat asked about potential impact of additional stimulus funding. Sarah Fields commented that she felt competing proposals should be required before contracting with anyone for a study.

4. Establish 2010 Meeting Dates – Pat suggested the committee meet every other month this year. Sue made a motion to that effect, which was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Update on UMTRA Project Since Last Meeting (Lee) - Lee noted that the project team had moved 320,000 tons of tailings since our December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and would likely reach a million tons total (more than 6% of the pile) within the next two weeks. He reported continuing compliance with the Conditional Use Permit and no injuries or public exposure incidents. He reminded the committee that the current rate could not be sustained once stimulus funding ends. Don noted that he now expects site ground water remediation and tailings removal to be completed concurrently. Lee noted that 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2009 air monitoring results had just been released and he would review them shortly.
6. Review of Matheson Wetlands Preserve (MWP) Studies (Lee) - Per a request at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to review MWP studies, Lee reviewed pertinent studies from University of Utah, DOE and other research groups. His conclusions were that the DOE is currently using the best method available for detecting tailings contamination, that ground water remediation in the MWP should be discouraged no matter who was right, and that the Moab UMTRA project team should be requested to include some measure of ground water contamination levels (along with their existing reporting of mass removal) in their Annual Statement of Continued Compliance. The DEQ concluded that the risk is low for public exposure to ground water containing contamination from mill tailings. Mr. Metzler stated that DOE strongly disagrees with the conclusions reached by Gardner and Solomon. He commented that his team takes its remediation responsibilities seriously and is committed to reporting to Grand County and the DEQ anything that shows DOE modeling is incorrect. Sue asked that Lee continue to monitor results from MWP sampling events.
7. Stakeholder Updates – There were no stakeholder updates.
8. Future Agenda Items – No future agenda items were identified.
9. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Shenton  
Grand County UMTRA Liaison