

**MOAB CITY  
WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT MANAGEMENT  
ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES -- DRAFT  
OCTOBER 9, 2019**

**Regular Meeting & Attendance:** The Moab City Water Conservation and Drought Management Advisory Board held a Regular Meeting on the above date in the City Council Chambers at the Moab City Center, located at 217 East Center Street, Moab, Utah. An audio recording of the meeting is archived at [www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html](http://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html). A video recording is archived at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-coDY1Vn0XU&t=72s>.

**Call to Order:** Board Chair Kara Dohrenwend called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. In attendance were Board Chair Kara Dohrenwend and Board Members, Arne Hultquist, Jeremy Lynch, Denver Perkins and Jeremy Lynch. Board members Kyle Bailey, Mike Duncan and John Gould were absent. Staff in attendance were Sustainability Director Rosemarie Russo, Assistant Engineer Eric Johanson, Assistant City Manager Carly Castle and Deputy Recorder Joey Allred. No members of the public or media were present.

**Citizens to be Heard:** there were no citizens to be heard.

**Moab Water Facts Sheet Review:**

**Discussion:** Russo said that her confusion of the Facts Sheet was that it now encompassed two different years. She felt that they should have one for 2018 and one for 2019. She also suggested that they create two sheets with one being more technical and one in layman's terms as the whole idea of the Facts Sheet was to have something that the general public could understand. Johanson agreed. Board Chair Dohrenwend said that the way the sheet had evolved was making it difficult for her find what comment goes with which water fact. It has gotten convoluted and is no longer user friendly. Further discussion followed regarding the Facts Sheet and Duncan and Williams's comments on it. Russo will update the Facts Sheet correcting errors and clear up the confusion. Johanson and Russo suggested that they wait on this item until Board member Duncan could be there as he was working on the comments. This item will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

**Update On Public Outreach:**

**Discussion:** Board member Lynch reported that he had completed making Facebook postings for the rest of the year and City Communications and Engagement Manager Church will be posting them periodically. Dohrenwend stated that she had lost track of when they were supposed to be doing quarterly outreach. She reminded Russo that she was supposed to have put together a plan of when they were supposed to be doing different outreach, but she had never seen a final draft of that or what she should or shouldn't be doing in relation to outreach, so she hasn't been doing anything. Russo stated that Dohrenwend had submitted an article about watering. Russo put in an article about how it's a change of season and people need to ratchet down their watering, and the last thing for 2019 is the water efficiency kits that will be going out to residents. Dohrenwend would like to know how they will be dealing with this next year. She thought there was going to be a plan that they could talk about during meetings to inform everyone of what was coming up. Russo said that she would touch base with Church and see what they can do. Board member Hultquist asked if they were going to be getting PSA's out to KZMU and KCYN saying that it's time to ratchet down the water and also get something in the newspapers. Dohrenwend said that she was confused and wanted to know if it was the Board's

responsibility to do such things, or if it was the responsibility of City staff? Russo stated that she would “take care of it.” Russo stated that last week was Climate Week and they gave out 60 conservation kits and she just received a delivery of about 400 more. There was a radio Water Show on the air at KZMU on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Assistant City Engineer Johanson and John Weisheit were on the show. Board member Perkins thought that it was very well done, and they were invited back. There was discussion about using the recording on the City’s social media website. Russo said that she would get the link to Allred so that it could be shared with the Board.

***Manti La Sal Forest Plan Draft:***

***Discussion:*** Public Works Director Antillon was not present and there was no discussion.

***USGS Report And Findings:***

***Discussion:*** Hultquist thought that it would be best to have bullet points and succinct sentences that were just a statement of facts and not a theoretical discussion for presentation to Council. Johanson thought that a little background should be included, as well as what prompted the study to be done. Russo thought that it should only mention that there are two ways to do modeling. The Ken Kolm references will be removed. The Board moved on through the rest of the agenda while Hultquist finished the changes recommended by the Board so that they could still review it before the meeting ended.

***Motion and vote:*** Board member Hultquist moved to approve this document, with edits from the Board, for dissemination for the City Council. Board member Lynch seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 with Board members Hultquist, Lynch, Dohrenwend and Perkins voting aye.

***VCAP (Vulnerability, Consequences and Adaptation Planning):***

***Discussion:*** Russo stated that she and Hultquist will be presenting to the Council on this topic on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and directed the Board to look at her notes from their radio interview. The take-a-way was that even during years of normal precipitation, the City is going to have mild drought conditions and that is the new normal in Spanish Valley. She also stated that the water is going to come in a shorter period of time, so there will be more intense storms, so they will need to do stormwater management. There will also be more frequent and more severe wildfires. Hultquist stated that the usual 50-year flood will actually be coming about every 10 years. There will be an almost 20% decrease in the amount of water currently available by the year 2050. Hultquist stated that he had seen a letter from the state and that there were several suggestions in it. He said that there were a lot of regulations for new development that he thought that the Board should consider. A lot of the regulations had to do with indoor plumbing. Turf on commercial properties could be regulated to a certain amount of square feet. He said that there were also some things in the action items of the VCAP report, but he would like the report to be finalized before they discuss it in their Board meetings about them recommending ordinances for the City that came out of the VCAPS discussion. Russo agreed saying “yeah, things like rain catchment and greywater.” This item will be on the next meeting’s agenda to talk about VCAPS informed next steps and to strategize. The Board would like the Public Works Director to attend the next meeting regarding the City and Grand Water and Sewer (GWSSA) working together to come up with a way for the City’s overflow to go to GWSSA so that it can be used rather than having it run into the river. Hultquist believes that it has to come through the Public Works Department because they are the ones who run the springs. Hultquist suggested that they send Public Works Director Antillon a message immediately, while they were still in the meeting. He said that he and Russo could suggest that the City consider such an agreement. He didn’t think that they needed Council to approve this action, he thought it was a “direct staff” type of thing.

Dohrenwend said that she didn't think it was direct staff and that they would need to send it through the City Manager. Allred explained to the Board that Board member/City Councilmember Duncan had already told Council about it during his Council report and that City Manager Linares had said that it had to go through Council and a review. Assistant City Manager Castle asked if there was a proposal. She said that it sounds like Council wants to be involved and they will probably want to vet it as staff to understand its viability. How to manage resources is ultimately up to the Public Works director and the City Manager, they would be happy to hear the Advisory Board's opinions. This item will be on the next agenda to find out how the presentation to Council went and how the Board wants to move through any recommendations to Council concerning ordinances or other things.

***Local Water Conservation Goal Program:***

***Discussion:*** There was discussion on what had already been done. Hultquist had drafted a letter that had been forwarded to the City Manager to review and forward on to the State if he felt it was appropriate. The Board was not aware of whether or not the letter had been sent on from the City Manager. Russo said that she would follow-up with the City Manager and report back at the next meeting.

***Motion and vote:*** Board member Hultquist moved to table this topic until the next agenda. Board Member Lynch seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 with Board Members Dohrenwend, Bailey, Hultquist, Lynch, Gould, Perkins and Duncan voting aye.

***Watershed Coordination Council Draft Legislation:***

***Discussion:*** There had been no follow-up

***Board Member Terms:***

***Discussion:*** Board members Hultquist and Dohrenwend have terms expiring in December. Dohrenwend said that there were a few members of the community who have expressed interest in serving and she felt that the Board should talk about it. She wasn't sure if Hultquist or herself wanted to continue or not, or what the Board thinks. She felt that "there is value in people coming in and out and getting more people involved. Board member Lynch asked if either or both of them were interested in another term? Then he asked, "do we recruit?" It was decided that this item be deferred to next month's meeting as a Discussion and Possible Action item. Hultquist felt that he was in too deep to stop now. Perkins felt that this would be a bad time to have to replace either of them. Dohrenwend said that she had been on the Planning Commission for over 10 years and she's been on this Board for a little while. She said, "I do, personally, object to when people get onto these things and then stay forever." She wasn't saying that she thought that was what was happening because the Board was only formed two and a half years ago. She does believe that it's worthwhile to have a standing list of people and make sure the Board is ready because this sneaks up on them every year. Perkins felt that the Board should recommend that Dohrenwend and Hultquist re-up for two more years and that they get a list of people who have expressed an interest in the Board. As two Board members were absent, Dohrenwend didn't think that they should vote on it at this meeting. She suggested that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

***Other Business:***

***Discussion:*** Hultquist reported on what had happened at the meeting with Ken Kolm and Paul van der Heijde in regard to their report.

***Adjournment:*** Board member Hultquist moved to adjourn at 3:35 p.m. Board member Perkins seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 with Board members Hultquist, Perkins,

Dohrenwend and Lynch voting aye.

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