

Written Determination of the Chair of the Public Body

Pursuant to House Bill 5002 and Utah Code Annotated (UCA) §§52-4-207(4)(a) and (b)

WHEREAS, the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act provides that:

A public body may convene and conduct an electronic meeting without an anchor location if the chair of the public body:

(a) makes a written determination that conducting the meeting with an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location;

(b) states in the written determination the facts upon which the determination is based; and

WHEREAS, Grand County is in a high level of COVID-19 transmission and the Moab Water Conservation and Drought Management Advisory Board meetings require attendance by individuals at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of those in attendance is best served by holding electronic meetings of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has demonstrated the ability to effectively conduct public meetings electronically, including providing members of the public means to observe the meetings and provide comments electronically.

NOW THEREFORE, I conclude that conducting Moab Water Conservation and Drought Management Advisory Board meetings with an anchor location that is physically accessible for members of the public to attend in person presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location.

This determination will expire 30 days after the day upon which I made the determination. It is possible that circumstances could warrant future determinations and so I may re-issue future written determinations at that time.

SIGNED:

Arne Hultquist, Vice Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Sommar Johnson, Recorder