

MINUTES OF THE LAKE POWELL PIPELINE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a public meeting of the Lake Powell Pipeline Management Committee held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at St. George, Utah.

Committee Members present: Jim Lemmon (Utah Division of Water Resources), Eric Millis (Utah Division of Water Resources), Mike Noel (Kane County Water Conservation District) and Ronald Thompson (Washington County Water Conservancy District).

Also present: Brian Liming (MWH), Bill Leeflang (Utah Division of Water Resources), Joel Williams (Utah Division of Water Resources), Barbara Hjelle (Washington County Water Conservancy District), Steve Handy (Kane County Water Conservancy District), Mike Kobe (Brown and Caldwell), Tom Sickles (Horrocks Engineers), Roland Maldonado (citizen), Jim Olsen (Water Works Engineers), Judy Falys (KUER News), Judie Brailsford (Alpha Communications), Corey Cram (Washington County Water Conservancy District) and Roberta McMullin (Washington County Water Conservancy District).

Welcome and Introductions — Eric Millis welcomed those present and conducted the meeting.

Approval of March 20, 2014 Minutes — **Jim Lemmon made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting, Ron Thompson seconded the motion and all voted aye.**

Briefing on Progress in Process — Brian Liming reported on the status of the Lake Powell pipeline (LPP) project permitting process:

- Preliminary Permit extension filed with FERC on March 31 granted by Commission on May 14
- Preliminary Permit extension expires on April 30, 2016
- UBWR will file a License Application with FERC prior to April 30, 2016
- Draft Class III Cultural Resources Report completed and distributed to Federal and State agencies and ten Native American tribes for review and comment on May 15
- Preliminary Licensing Proposal (PLP) to be filed with FERC includes all Final Study Reports (23 total)
- PLP critical path continues to involve Cultural Resources Class III Report, Ethnographic Resources Study Report, and Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) – Federal and State agencies and Native American tribes’ review and comment, incorporate comments, UT and AZ SHPO review and concurrence, incorporate comments, file final Class III Report and Draft HPMP with FERC as part of PLP
- UDWR met with BLM Field Office and Monument Managers on June 4 to discuss ILP and BLM work on LPP project
- LPP project alignment was changed back to original high point alignment within Congressionally-designated corridor through GSENM for consistency with the Monument Management Plan

- This change led BLM to make a change in Lead Archaeologist on LPP project (makes National Register of Historic Places site eligibility determinations for SHPO's concurrence)
- BLM announced new Lead Archaeologist for LPP project in mid-July – Matt Basham, located in Arizona State Office (Phoenix)
- UDWR representatives met with Matt Basham in Phoenix on August 12 and 13 to discuss LPP project, Draft Class III Cultural Resources Report, Ethnographic Resources Study Report, and Section 106 Consultation process
- UDWR and BLM agreed upon a path forward and revised schedule for Section 106 Consultation process during meeting
- Formal consultation re-initiated with tribes
- BLM Monument Manager sent letters to ten Native American tribes who previously received the Draft Class III Report in May 2014, requesting review comments by October 13
- BLM Monument Manager sent letters and Draft Class III Report to five Native American tribes who previously decided not to be involved, requested review comments by October 13
- BLM comments on Draft Class III Report to be submitted to UDWR by September 12
- BLM Lead Archaeologist will make site eligibility determinations by November 12
- Alignment changes through GSENM are being made in Final Study Reports and incorporated into the draft Preliminary Licensing Proposal
- All Final Study Reports are scheduled for completion by March 20, 2015
- Following internal review of the draft PLP by the UDWR and Water Districts, and comments incorporated, the revised draft PLP will be provided to the DOI Agencies for a 30-day review and comment period ending June 29
- PLP scheduled for filing with FERC on July 17, 2015; License Application filed on Jan. 8, 2016

Briefing on the Water Needs Assessment — Brian Liming reported on the Water Needs Assessment as follows:

- UDWR has prepared updated water use projections through 2060, using 2012 GOPB population forecasts, Utah Governor's statewide 25% reduction in per capita water use by 2025, climate change reductions in Virgin River basin water yield, updated water supplies, agricultural water conversions, and water use, demand and supply data
- The Water Conservation update is nearly complete, and demonstrates a 35% goal for Kanab Creek/Virgin River basin per capita water use reduction can be attained by 2060
- With water conservation measures reducing per capita water use 25% by 2025 (from 2000 water use) and climate change, water demand/supply analysis indicates that WCWCD will need LPP water by 2023 with a 10 percent planning reserve
- With water conservation measures implemented and climate change, water demand/supply analysis indicates that KCWCD will need LPP water by 2032 with a 10 percent planning reserve
- The Water Needs Assessment is being updated, will incorporate the Water Conservation update performed by Maddaus Water Management

Financial Report — Bill Leeﬂang presented a Memorandum showing the amounts MWH has billed the Division as follows:

Total at last report	\$25,825,430	94.4%
March 2014	\$ 93,015	0.3%
April 2014	\$ 83,583	0.3%
May 2014	\$ 114,017	0.4%
June 2014	\$ 120,853	0.4%
July 2014	\$ <u>150,300</u>	0.5%
Subtotal	\$ 561,767	2.1%
Total to date	\$ 26,387,197 - 96.5% of the \$27,352,000 contract	

Bill said the contract ends December 31 of this year so we will have to make changes to amend and extend the contract. **Ron Thompson made a motion that the Management Committee ratify the financial report given by Bill Leeﬂang and extend the contract that expires December 31, 2014 through 2016, Mike Noel seconded the motion and all voted aye.**

Other Items — Eric Millis called for other items from the committee or audience. There were no other comments or items brought up.

Next Meeting — Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 2015.

Adjournment — **Ron Thompson moved to adjourn, Mike Noel seconded the motion and all voted aye.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary