

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
ANTIDegradation REVIEW

TO ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As required by the guidelines for preparation of environmental impact statements, an environmental review was performed on the proposed project:

Project: Moab City Wastewater Treatment Project (*project*)
Location: Moab City is located on U.S Highway 191 (US-191), approximately 4 miles south of the entrance to Arches National Park and 30 miles east of Canyonlands National Park in Grand County, Utah. The proposed *project* site is directly across the street from the existing wastewater plant.
Project Number: SRF 248
Total Project Cost: \$12,504,000
State/Federal Share: \$10,400,000 Water Quality Board Loan; \$1,504,000 Local Contribution (upfront expenses); \$600,000 Local contribution (cash).

Moab City (City) plans to build a new mechanical wastewater treatment plant (WTTP) to replace a plant that was originally constructed in the 1950s. The treated effluent will continue to be discharged to the Colorado River through an existing 2,000 foot concrete pipe. The *project* will treat an average daily flow rate of 1.5 MGD with an annual average daily biological oxygen demand (BOD) concentration of 376 mg/L. The plant capacity was established to accommodate the 20-year planning period loads from Moab City, Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency (GWSSA), San Juan Spanish Valley Special Services District (SJSVSSD), Utah State University Extension campus (USU), and area hauled septage wastes. Predicted population for Moab City will grow at an annual rate of 1.1% by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. Growth in GWSSA is estimated to be 2%.

In May 2016, the Utah Water Quality Board authorized financing of \$10,400,000 loan to Moab City with a repayment term of 20 years at a 1.15% for the *project*. The new monthly sewer user fee is expected not to exceed \$35.00/month per ERU. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act and agency regulations, Moab City prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the *project*. This notice announces the availability of the EA for public review and comment. In accordance with the Utah Administrative Code (UAC R317-2-3), an antidegradation review (ADR) is a permit requirement for any for any new discharges. This notice also announces the availability of the ADR for the new *project*, which is included as Appendix J in the EA.

The review of the EA for Water and Wastewater Improvement Project, Moab, Utah did not indicate significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) is requiring that removal of suitable habitat for the Yellow-billed Cuckoo be mitigated at a 2:1 ratio. USFWS has concurred with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act finding that the *project* "may affect, but not likely to adversely affect" the Yellow-billed Cuckoo, the Colorado pikeminnow and the razorback sucker. Consequently, a preliminary

decision not to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) has been made. This action is taken on the basis of a careful review of the engineering report, environmental information documents and other supporting information. Copies of the EA can be reviewed at the Utah Division of Water Quality, 195 North 1950 West, P. O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870; online at its website at: <http://www.deq.utah.gov/NewsNotices/notices/water/index.htm#fa> ; or the Moab Mayor's office located at 217 E. Center .

Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted for consideration to the Division at the address above or e-mail: wdamery@utah.gov. After evaluating the comments received, the agency will make a final decision; however, no administrative action will be taken on the *project* for at least thirty (30) calendar days while advertising the Finding of No Significant Impact. DWQ will accept comments until midnight Nov 18, 2016.

UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD
Walter L. Baker, P.E.
Executive Secretary

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE MOAB CITY WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT FACILITIES MASTER PLAN**

Moab City has reviewed alternatives for construction of a new wastewater treatment facility. The results of this investigation are summarized in a Facilities Master Plan (FMP) prepared as part of funding application to the Utah Division of Water Quality. Moab City will hold a public hearing regarding the Facilities Master Plan. The recommended FMP alternative is to construct a new conventional wastewater treatment facility with nutrient removal at a new site.

The public hearing will be held concurrently with the Moab City Council meeting for adoption of the Facility Master Plan. The community is invited to attend and provide comment on the Facility Master Plan. Please join us:

TUESDAY, Oct 25, 2016
7:00 p.m., Public Hearing & Comment Period
City Council Chambers located at 217 E. Center St., Moab, Utah.

Copies of the Facility Master Plan are available for review at the Moab City Hall located at 217 E. Center, Moab, Utah until Nov 19, 2016. For additional information, or if you have questions or comments please contact Mayor Dave Sakrison's office at 435-259-5121 or contact Jeff Beckman with Bowen Collins & Associates at 801-495-2224.