

SOUTHWEST BASIN ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2016

BAG Members Present: Jim Moyer, Dick Rogers, Kate Harris, Tim Mosko, Herb Malany,

Attendees: Lance Holloway, Julia Achabal,

The SWBAG traveled to Yellow Pine, ID for a tour at Stibnite Gold which is one of the largest and high grade pit gold development projects in the USA.

After arriving in Yellow Pine, the BAG held their quarterly meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Moyer at 3:35 p.m.

Meeting minutes from April 13, 2016 were approved.

319: Recap of last year's 319 ranking proposal from SWBAG and Prioritization Discussion

Last year, the SWBAG's original ranking and proposal for FY2016 funds was prohibited. Combining project proposals in the late stage of the selection process was unprecedented and untimely.

In an effort to get ahead of the selection process, the BAG used this meeting to discuss alternatives for improving the 319 prioritization and ranking process.

- The SWBAG would like to know more about how other BAGs operate and how they prioritize 319 projects
- The SWBAG feels they would like to focus funding and efforts on a watershed basis.
- With limited and decreasing funds, the SWBAG proposes that the State consider new processes for maximizing funds and getting more projects on the ground.

Motion: After much discussion, the BAG voted to coordinate with DEQ and local SCDs to prioritize TMDL watersheds and focus future 319 efforts in priority watersheds. The motion included requesting a minimum 1/6th of the available project funds.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

July 20th: Stibnite Mine Tour

The tour was led by Rocky Chase, Manager of Regulatory Affairs.

At the moment, there is no mining at the Stibnite Gold Project site. They are currently studying environmental conditions, evaluating mineral deposits and working on plans for future mining and restoration work.