

**COCONINO PLATEAU WATER ADVISORY COUNCIL
COCONINO PLATEAU WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
JOINT
BOARD/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 26, 2018**

**LOCATION: USGS Building #3
2255 N. Gemini Dr., Flagstaff, Arizona 86001**

1. Call to Order

Chair Coral Evans called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT

Coral Evans, City of Flagstaff
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Don Bills, USGS
Jim Parks, Coconino County
David Newlin, LCRP RC&D
Frank McNelly, City of Williams

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
Amanda Acheson, Coconino County
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe
Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting
Brent Bitz, Friends of Verde River

2. Approval of the Minutes from the 12/8/2017 CPWP/CPWAC Board/Executive Committee Meeting

John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes from 12/8/2017. The motion was seconded by Jim Parks and carried.

3. Consideration of CPWP CY 2018 Budget Amendment

Ron Doba discussed the Board's direction from last month to bring this item back as a budget amendment due to Mr. Tannous' presentation not yet being made when the budget was adopted. The \$5,000 increase is for the Public Outreach Committee to provide funding to the Flagstaff Arts Council to assist in hiring a curator. Jim Parks made a motion to adopt the budget amendment. The motion was seconded by Don Bills and carried.

4. Consideration of Agreement with Global Water Policy LLC for Water Related Ecosystems Services Assessment Phase 1

Ron Doba gave background information on the Water Related ESA, the grant

application that was not successful last year and the Board's decision to budget \$30,000 in this year's budget to contract the services for Phase 1. The only response to the RFP was from Global Water Policy Consulting that came in \$29,270. The TAC is recommending the Board approve the agreement. It is a specialized project and we do not have a lot of funding to work with. Ron explained the intent that the work will provide a decision-making tool that may be used by stakeholders when evaluating how they use their water resources. Concern was expressed by several Board members regarding how the study would be used and whether it would just be another study that is put on a shelf somewhere. Kira Russo responded to the questions and Ron indicated this study was part of the direction the TAC received from participants to develop a sustainable water management plan. This is a component to the plan. John Martinez made a motion to approve the agreement. Coral Evans seconded the motion. The vote was 3 to 1 in approval with Jim Parks being the opposing vote. John Martinez, Coral Evans and Don Bills voted in favor of the agreement. Ron indicated Board decisions are to be approved by a majority vote in accordance with the Bylaws. Don asked why there was a negative vote from Jim Parks. Mr. Parks indicated he does not need more information. He is about local issues; not global issues and this group is about local issues. We did not get the grant last year and this money may be used more effectively in the future for something else. John Martinez indicated he believes this is a project that does serve local needs. Don Bills explained how the TAC believes this is a project that will serve the region, on a local basis.

5. Consideration of Resolution 0104 Authorizing a WaterSMART Grant Application to the Bureau of Reclamation

Ron reported that he and Karen Modesto had been working on a WaterSMART grant application to fund additional groundwater modeling for the development of metrics (WRESA related), Phase 2 of the Water Related Ecosystems Services Assessment, updating the water source/demand menu maps, and providing a one-day forum to share the results of the previous efforts with stakeholders. The grant application is for approximately \$100,000 over a two-year period of time and is due January 31st. A resolution is required as part of the application package. John Martinez made a motion to approve Resolution 0104. The motion was seconded by Coral Evans and carried.

6. Voting Membership Request from Friends of the Verde River

Ron gave a brief overview of the application from the Friends of the Verde River to be a voting member of the CPWP. Board action is not required. The action is on the Partnership agenda. They have offered to be a funding partner at the same level of participation as the Tusayan Sanitary District and the Havasupai Tribe.

7. Financial Report

This item was deferred due to time.

8. February CPWP/CPWAC Meeting Agenda

This item was deferred due to time.

9. CPWP/CPWAC Board/Executive Committee Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 A.M.

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