

COCONINO PLATEAU WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
BOARD/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, August 26, 2016

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Mandy Metzger called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT

Mandy Metzger, Coconino County
Brad Hill (for Jerry Nabours), City of Flagstaff
Charles Mosley (for John Martinez), City of Sedona
Don Bills, USGS

OTHERS PRESENT

David Newlin, LCR RC&D
Deborah Tosline, BOR (phone)
Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
Kit MacDonald, USFS

2. Approval of the Minutes from the 7/29/2016 CPWP Board/Executive Committee Meeting

Don Bills made a motion to approve the minutes from the 7/29/2016. The motion was seconded by Brad Hill and carried.

3. Funding Support Letter to Forest Service

Ron Doba gave a brief background on the letter of support that has been in progress for the past two months. The intent is to obtain funding support from the Forest Service to assist in establishing monitoring stations for pre and post 4FRI. At last month's meeting the question came up of who are the stakeholders downstream of 4FRI projects and Mayor Nabours asked that the letter be addressed on the Board level at this month's meeting. Kit MacDonald indicated the number of stakeholders that are beneficiaries of the projects is very large, including water users in the Valley, cattle ranchers, anyone that has a well in a perched aquifer, etc. It is hard to identify all the beneficiaries because the number is so huge.

Kit MacDonald stated the problem is the way the Forest is divided up. There is the National Forest System (NFS), State and Private Forestry (funds research), and the Research Stations (Rocky Mountain Research Station). The NFS cannot fund research, it must be a Research Station. Funding for Research Stations has decreased so they have been seeking grants and teaming with universities to conduct research. The NFS can fund monitoring but the problem is how it is apportioned. An example is the Paired

Watershed Study (PWS). Kit described the study and indicated monitoring is planned for treated and untreated parts of the forest to evaluate the effect of 4FRI. The PWS is installed but not fully implemented. Monitoring devices, funded by SRP (approx. \$1 M), have been installed on the Kaibab and Coconino Forests. The Forest Service has committed funding for fire protection and maintaining the land in order to accommodate the project. Abe Springer has been involved as well. There have been relationship issues that have developed as a result of SRP being unwilling to share the data from the PWS even though a permit was required from the Forest Service. A data sharing agreement does not exist for the PWS. On the other hand, the monitoring of the Lake Mary Watershed has been funded by the City of Flagstaff. The City will share data from the monitoring as it is a public entity. Kit supports the data being shared and believed the letter may be step in the right direction. He suggested it be copied to the Rocky Mountain Research Station Director (Dan Neary) and the Flagstaff Research Station Director. Don suggested we might include SRP. It was also suggested the Forest Chief in D.C. be included.

Due to meeting time constraints, Mandy asked that a working group be assembled to continue discussion on the letter. The group will include Mandy, Ron, Don, Kit, David and Brad. Don is gone next week so Ron will send out a "Doodle" poll to confirm availability for a conference call the week of September 4th.

4. Arizona Community Foundation Grant Cycle

Ron indicated a grant cycle may be coming up for small National Bank of Arizona Charities grants that could help Amanda's POC efforts. The grant application would be for approximately \$5,000. He has placed the item on the agenda to see if the Board has an objection to him moving forward, when the time comes, with a grant application. It may involve attending a mandatory workshop on Ron's part. The Board did not voice any objections.

5. September Field Trip

Ron reported there is still considerable work to be done to get ready for the field trip. Deborah reported we have a route but not permissions yet. Ron indicated he wants to send out a map of the trip along with a "question" email for attendance and lunches. in the next couple weeks.

6. Financial Report

Ron Doba gave the financial report for the period ending July 31, 2016 for both the CPWAC and the CPWP. We will make a funds transfer from the CPWAC to the CPWP later in the year. There were no questions.

7. October CPWP Meeting Agenda

Ron will try to get Eric Duthie back for the Member Corner in October. Mandy asked we try to get SRP to come and talk about the work they are doing at C.C Cragin.

8. CPWP Board/Executive Committee Adjournment

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