

## COCONINO PLATEAU PARTNERSHIP

It is proposed that the Coconino Plateau Partnership be formed to create a partnership to facilitate and implement sound water resource management and conservation strategies on the Coconino Plateau.

The Goal of the Partnership is “*to ensure an adequate long-term supply of water is available to meet the current and future reasonable needs while preserving the health of the environment on the Coconino Plateau.*”

The purpose of the Partnership is “*to coordinate and cooperate in the identification, prioritization and implementation of comprehensive policies, projects and programs to assist in meeting the water needs of the Coconino Plateau.*”

A Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council (CPWAC) will be established to lead the Partnership toward reaching its goals. Operational committees may also be formed to carry out the purposes of the Partnership under the direction of the CPWAC.

**CPWAC MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** It is the intent of the Partnership to encourage participation by a broad range of agencies, tribes, and organizations that will provide significant resources to help the Partnership accomplish its purpose without becoming so large as to inhibit its ability to function. Members are defined as: “agencies, tribes, and organizations that (1) own land, and/or (2) control land or water, and/or (3) make policy with regard to land or water use on the Coconino Plateau, and will provide significant resources to help the Partnership accomplish its purpose; or agencies, tribes, and organizations that will provide significant technical or financial resources to help the Partnership accomplish its purpose”.

## COCONINO PLATEAU ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

### LOCAL AGENCIES

\*Coconino County (2)  
\*City of Page  
\*City of Sedona

\*City of Flagstaff  
\*City Williams

### TRIBES

\*Navajo Nation  
\*Hopi Tribe  
\*Hualapai Tribe

\*Havasupai Tribe  
\*San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe

### STATE AGENCIES

\*Dept. of Water Resources  
Dept. of Environmental Quality.

State Land Department  
AZ Game & Fish

### FEDERAL AGENCIES

\*Bureau of Reclamation  
\*Coconino Nat. Forest  
\*Kaibab Nat. Forest  
\*U.S. Fish & Wildlife  
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

\*US Geological Survey  
  
Grand Canyon National Park  
National Park Service  
Natural Resource Cons. Service

### OTHER AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS

\*Grand Canyon Trust  
\*Natural Resource Conservation Dist.  
\*The Nature Conservancy

\*Private Water Co. Representative  
Northern Arizona University Tusayan

\* Denotes Voting Members

### Membership Changes

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## COCONINO PLATEAU WATER ADVISORY COUNCIL

**PURPOSE:** The CPWAC is established to provide leadership and direction to the Partnership's committees, to ensure the public, legislative leaders and Partnership members are well informed on the activities of the Partnership, and to assist the Partnership with legislative issues.

**DUTIES:** The CPWAC will be responsible for providing leadership and direction, informing the public and their legislative leaders, and providing feedback from them to the Partnership's member agencies and other committees, by performing the following:

1. Adopt and approve any changes to a Partnership organizational structure. Meet at least semi-annually to review, discuss and understand the activities being performed by each of the Partnership committees.
2. Assist the Partnership, and its members, in ensuring local, state, and federal legislators are well informed on the activities of the Partnership and understand what resources and/or legislative action is needed to develop and implement an effective Coconino Plateau Water Resource Plan. (It is understood that the state and federal agency members of the Partnership may be prohibited from taking an active role in this duty.)
3. Meet at least semi-annually, together with member agency leaders and Partnership committee members, to review the planning and implementation process and progress and offer advice and guidance on program improvements to enhance public involvement and acceptance.
4. Review, and endorse when appropriate, water and land conservation activities undertaken by member agencies within the Coconino Plateau water management area.
5. Review programs developed by the Partnership committees and offer advice and direction on how the programs might be improved.
6. Assist the Partnership, and its members, in educating the public on water related issues and ensuring the public is informed on all activities of the Partnership
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**ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS:** The CPWAC will elect a Chairperson to conduct its meetings, a Vice-Chairman to act as Chairman in their absence, and may establish and elect such other officers as may be necessary to conduct its business. The Chairperson shall serve a term of two years, with unlimited terms. If the Chairman steps down for any reason during their term an election of the CPWAC shall be held to replace the Chairman for the duration of that term.

Any ten Members will constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. The CPWAC will seek to achieve a consensus in conducting official actions, including adopting a water resource plan. In the event that a consensus cannot be achieved, a two-thirds vote of the entire voting membership shall be required. The CPWAC recognizes that a water resource plan provides recommendations only and that no such recommendations are to be construed as mandatory actions by member agencies or organizations.

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All meetings will be open to the public in accordance with the open meeting laws of the state of Arizona for public agencies. Frequency of meetings will be determined by the Chairperson and confirmed by a majority of the Council, but in any event will be held no less than semi-annually.

**MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENT:** The Partnership Advisory Council (CPWAC) members should be selected to represent a broad spectrum of public opinion. The local government representatives are recommended to be elected officials or other community leaders. The Council may include other non-voting ex-officio participants with the approval of Council. The Council may appoint other Committees/Subcommittees as the Council may determine necessary to facilitate the performance of its duties.

To become a voting member of the CPWAC, or to change status from non-voting to voting, a letter of request outlining how the entity meets the membership requirements shall be submitted to the CPWAC Chairman, and a vote of the CPWAC shall be required to affirm membership.

If a non-voting member chooses to resign the partnership a letter to the CPWAC Chairman shall be submitted and forwarded to the CPWAC for action.

If any member agency/organization fails to have representation in attendance for four (4) consecutive regular meetings without communication with the CPWAC Chairman it shall be interpreted as a resignation from the Coconino Plateau Partnership, including the Water Advisory Council and any of its subcommittees, and shall be referred to the CPWAC for action.

The CPWAC will initially include voting and non-voting ex-officio members, and their alternates, that will be appointed as follows:

### **Voting Members**

1. County Representative - Board of Supervisor or his/her designee
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3. City of Flagstaff Representative – Mayor/City Councilperson or his/her designee
4. City of Williams Representative – Mayor/City Councilperson or his/her designee
5. City of Page Representative – Mayor/City Councilperson or his/her designee
6. Navajo Nation Representative – Tribal President or his/her designee
7. Hopi Tribe Representative – Tribal Chairperson or his or her designee
8. Havasupai Tribe Representative – Tribal Chairperson or his or her designee
9. Hualapai Tribe Representative – Tribal Chairperson or his or her designee
10. San Juan Southern Paiute Representative – Tribal Chairperson or his or her designee
11. Arizona Department of Water Resources Representative - Director or his/her designee
12. Bureau of Reclamation Representative – Area Manager or his/her designee
13. U.S. Geological Survey Representative – Area Manager or his/her designee

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14. Kaibab National Forest Service Representative – Forest Supervisor or his/her designee
15. Coconino Forest Service Representative – Forest Supervisor or his/her designee
16. Fish & Wildlife Service Representative – Area Manager or his/her designee
17. Grand Canyon Trust – Executive Director or his/her designee
18. NRCD Representative – Appointed by the Chairman of the Coconino NRCD or his/her designee
19. Private Water Companies Representative – Company manager or his/her designee selected by the private water companies on the Plateau
20. The Nature Conservancy<sup>1</sup>
21. City of Sedona Representative - Mayor/City Councilperson or his/her designee<sup>3</sup>

### **Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members**

1. Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Representative - Director or his/her designee
2. Arizona Game and Fish Representative – Commissioner or his/her designee
3. Arizona State Land Department Representative - Commissioner or his/her designee
- ~~4. Bureau of Land Management – Area Manager or his/her designee<sup>2</sup>~~
5. Glen Canyon National Park Service Representative – Superintendent or his/her designee
6. Northern Arizona University Representative – University President or his/her designee
7. NRCS Representative – Area Manager or his/her designee
8. Tusayan Representative –
9. Grand Canyon National Park Service Representative – Park Superintendent or his/her designee
10. National Park Service – Flagstaff Area Parks Superintendent or his/her designee

### **Ten Voting Members shall constitute a quorum!**

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