

# **MINUTES**

## **Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership**

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## **Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council**

501 (c)(4)

Joint Meeting

**Friday, January 27, 2017**

**10:00 A.M.**

USGS Building #3

2255 N. Gemini Dr., Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

### **Present**

John Martinez, City of Sedona

Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation

Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff

Don Bills, USGS

Ron Doba, CPWP

Karen Modesto, ADWR (phone)

Leo Manheimer, Navajo Nation (phone)

Dalton Zanetti, Oak Creek Watershed

Cordel Adler, Oak Creek Watershed

Ed Schenk, Grand Canyon National Park

Kayci Cook, Flagstaff National Monuments

Brenda Smith, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe

Shaula Hedwall, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

James Meza, Arizona State Parks

Kendra Crawford, Coconino County

Brent Bitz, City of Sedona

Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon National Park

Amanda Acheson, Coconino County

Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe

Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting

Greg Kornrumpf, SRP

Charlie Odegaard, City of Flagstaff

Kit MacDonald, USFS

Sharon Lopez, H2O Consulting

Some attendees did not sign in

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Coordinator Ron Doba opened the meeting at approximately 10:10 A.M. Self-introductions were made by all.

**2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of December 16, 2016**

John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2016. The motion was seconded by Don Bills and carried.

**3. Action Items**

Ron Doba discussed the organization structure for the CPWAC and CPWP and indicated the election of board members was deferred in July until this month due to elections. There are four vacancies on the boards of each organization. Amanda Acheson indicated a willingness to serve on the board should the County representatives not wish to. Kit MacDonald indicated a willingness to serve on the board of the 501 (c)(3). The following nominations and elections were made, although, not in the exact order shown.

**A. Election of Board Members and Officers for CPWAC**

Brad Hill nominated Mayor Evans to serve on the board of both the CPWAC and CPWP. The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried. Don Bills nominated John Martinez to serve on both boards as secretary treasurer. Jan Balsom seconded the motion and it carried. John Martinez nominated David Newlin to continue as board member for the CPWAC. The motion was seconded by Don Bills and carried.

**B. Election of Board Members and Officers for CPWP**

John Martinez nominated Don Bills to continue as board member for the CPWP. Ed Schenk seconded the motion and it carried. Don Bills nominated Kit MacDonald for the board of the CPWP. The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried.

John Martinez suggested the vacant position on the CPWAC remain open until the next meeting and the County representative can be contacted. Brad Hill nominated John Martinez as board chair. Counselor Martinez declined. John Martinez nominated Mayor Evans to serve as vice chair for both organizations. The motion was seconded by Amanda Acheson and carried. John indicated there was an issue that the chair has to serve for both organizations and there is only a vacancy left on one. Frank McNelly is the only person left that could serve as chair on both boards and it is not known if he would want to. Don Bills suggested Frank McNelly might be willing to step down from the CPWP to open up a spot for the County representative. Another option would be for Don to step down to maintain continuity for the board chair. Ron was asked to contact Frank and present three options 1) Chair both boards, 2) Step down from the CPWP, 3) Don step down from the CPWP.

**4. Non-Action Items**

**A. Presentation – Collaboration to Utilize Surface Water from C.C.Cragin Reservoir to Resolve Water Rights/Supply Issues in Northern Gila County**

Greg Kornrumpf (SRP) gave a PowerPoint presentation on the C.C.Cragin Project and the water that was allocated to Gila County as a result of the Arizona Water Settlements Act. Greg's presentation has been posted on the CPWAC website.

**5. Committee Reports**

**A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee**

Ron Doba reported the TAC had met the previous day and discussed the TAC chair vacancy, Ecosystem Services Assessment and this year's field trip. The TAC will be making a recommendation to the board at next month's CPWP board meeting. It has also asked Tom Klimas to discuss the proposed Ecosystem Services Assessment at next month's TAC meeting prior to it going back to the Partnership. This year's field trip has tentatively been planned to focus on Water Reuse and the TAC would like to tour reuse facilities for Flagstaff, Sedona, Cottonwood, Prescott and Prescott Valley.

**B. Public Outreach Committee**

Amanda Acheson reported the POC had met yesterday and discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Water Ethics Contest. There were over 10 schools participating and 200 entries this year. Amanda provided poster artwork for folks to put up in their public restrooms. Our new intern, Sara Carbajal is putting together a "how to" manual for other entities that have requested how to put a similar contest together. Last week Ron and Amanda went to the Tusayan Town Council meeting and presented the awards to the Grand Canyon School who was the first-place winner. The artwork will be on display in different areas for *Water Awareness Month*.

**C. Government Affairs Committee**

Brad Hill reported the State Legislature is just "gearing up" so the GAC has not met recently. Items are anticipated to come up shortly.

**6. Member's Corner (none this month)**

Ron suggested the "Members Corner" speaker be solicited on a monthly basis for the following meeting. If there is not a volunteer, it will be left open for the following month. The group did not voice concerns about handling it in this manner.

**7. CPWP Member Roundtable**

Brenda Smith reported the USF&W Service has finalized the revision of their Habitat Conservation Plan Handbook and their Compensatory Mitigation Policy.

Don Bills reported much time is being invested to ensure basic data networks are up and running due to the recent snow. The AZ Hydrological Society will be having this year's symposium at the High-Country Conference Center in Flagstaff from September 6<sup>th</sup> to September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Jan Balsom reported she would be representing their superintendent at the CPWP meetings. The NPS has issued its new manual on Partnerships.

Ed Schenk reported he will continue to represent the science & resource management side for the Grand Canyon. They are starting their third year of field work with the ground water delineation of Roaring Springs Cave. Public scoping will be coming up for the water line.

Jim Duffield reported the Hopi Tribe wrote a Clean Water Act Grant to rehabilitate Ironwood Spring.

Brent Bitz mentioned the Verde River Basin Partnership has merged with the Friends of the Verde River Greenway as of the end of December.

Robert Kirk reported work has been going on in the LeChee and Bodaway Gap areas as well as Tuba City.

Alicyn Gitlin indicated the Sierra club continues to support the uranium mining withdrawal and tomorrow is the *Rumble on the Mountain* event in Flagstaff.

James Meza reported on changes within the sections of the State Parks Department. Some of the Lakes have been rebounding due to recent precipitation.

Kira Russo reported she recently discussed water issues with a man from Pakistan.

Brad Hill reported Lake Mary is up to 63% and could spill this year.

Kit MacDonald discussed the Fossil Creek comment period being extended. The 4FRI EIS is moving along and the Oak Creek EIS should be going out for public comment. On the Kaibab, there is restoration action going on for the Bill Williams Mountain. They are also in the process of producing a video with Fresh Water Illustrated highlighting the importance of groundwater resources on the Coconino Plateau.

Shaula Hedwall reported the Secretary of the Interior signed the Long Term Experimental Management Plan for Glen Canyon Dam.

Sharon Lopez reported they are working with grant monies for the Oak Creek Watershed Council.

Dalton Zanetti reported Cordel is back and they are working with National Forest Foundation that is redoing some of the drainages along Schnebly Hill Road. They have applied for some ADEQ grants for pet stations and an education center trailer.

Karen Modesto reported the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governor's Water Augmentation Council (GWAC) is on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 12:00pm at ADWR. Council and Committee meeting summaries and presentations are available on ADWR's website. ADWR has also released a *Land Subsidence Monitoring Report No. 3, Jan. 2017*, it is also available on ADWR's website.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 P.M.