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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, January 27, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Meeting Location:

Virtual Zoom

Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Don Bills, USGS

Pete Furman, City of Sedona

David Newlin, LCRP RC&D

Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Zach Ferrie, NRCE representing the Havasupai

Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ

Kira Russo, Friends of the Rio

Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona

Nancy Steele, Friends of the Verde River

Emily Melhorn, City of Flagstaff

Alan Dulaney, Kachina Village Improvement District

Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation

Deborah Tosline, Reclamation

Kevin Lane, ADWR

Keith Brekhus, Coconino County

John Snickers, AZ Water Company

John Martinez, Sedona

Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon Park

Greg Clifton, City of Flagstaff

Kate Day, USFS

Simone Williams, U of A

Ellen Parish, Diablo Trust

Nathan Miller, Matrix New World

27 people were in attendance.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Austin Aslan called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 A.M. Self-introductions were made by all.

2. Approval of Joint Meeting Minutes – Meeting of December 2, 2022

Pete Furman made a motion to approve the minutes from December 2, 2022. The motion was seconded by Alicyn Gitlin and carried.

3. Action Items

a. Update on Relevant Proposed Legislation/Possible Action to Support/Oppose/Remain Neutral

Ron reported the bill he was anticipating to be discussed for this item has not been dropped yet. If it does get dropped we will be discussing it at next month's meeting. Greg Clifton indicated he had sent Rona list of water bills to be forwarded to the participants.

4. Non-Action Items

a. Presentation from Diablo Trust

Ellen Parish, President of the Diablo Trust gave a presentation on activities of the organization, ranching challenges and events scheduled for the future.

5. Committee Reports

A. TAC: Don Bills reported on yesterday's TAC meeting. The TAC is asking the partners to decide if they would prefer this year's field trip to cover the NGS/Navajo projects/Glen Canyon Dam or a Verde River kayak float trip. The partners decided on the NGS trip. They are also attempting to find funding partners to get the Clear Creek and Hidden Hollow stream flow gages up and running.

B. GAC: Nothing new that has not already been discussed in 3a.

C. POC: Emily reported there are 60 entries for the Water Ethics contest. She is asking for volunteers to review and rank the entries. They will be on display at the Coconino Center for the Arts.

5. Members Corner - None

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Jan Balsom talked about the road conditions at the Park.

Ellen Parish encouraged attendance at the Diablo Trust annual meeting February 24th.

Nancy Steele reported on the upcoming birding event in April this year.

Morgan O'Connor announced he has been promoted and he will be introducing his replacement to the CPWP next month.

Jeronimo Vasquez reminded everyone there is a community meeting on Spruce Wash coming up February 2nd at City Hall.

Alicyn Gitlin brought attention to Environmental Impact Statements and Assessments that are coming out on Glen Canyon Dam and others having to do with the Colorado River.

Erin Young announced she was selected for WIFAs Water Conservation Grant Committee.

Deborah Todline shared her screen with the Grants.gov website showing grant opportunities.

Robert Kirk reported on recent changes to leadership for the Navajo Nation.

Greg Clifton reported the Spruce Wash improvements are moving forward.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned for lunch at approximately 11:40 P.M.