

MINUTES
Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership
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Friday, January 30, 2015
10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3
2255 N. Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona

Present

Supervisor Mandy Metzger, Coconino County
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Judy Sulltrop, Congresswoman Kirkpatrick's office
Margaret Vick, Havasupai Tribe
Travis Hamidreek, Havasupai Tribe
Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe
Rory Steinke, USFS
Art Babbott, Coconino County
Peter Friederici, NAU
Mike Hannemann, USFS
Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation
Dalton Zanetti, Oak Creek Watershed
Hannah Griscom, AZGFD
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation
Mayor Jerry Nabours, City of Flagstaff
Councilor John Martinez, City of Sedona
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
Thomas Siyuja Sr., Havasupai Tribe
Don Bills, USGS
Sybil Smith, ADEQ
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation
Kayci Cook Collins, National Park Service
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

1. Welcome and Introductions

Secretary Treasurer John Martinez opened the meeting at approximately 10:10 A.M. Self-introductions were made by all present.

2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of December 12, 2014

Art Babbott made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Brad Hill and carried.

3. Action Items

A. Election of Vice Chair

Ron reported that the vice chair position was vacant as a result of Mark Woodson not being reelected. Mayor Nabours has been appointed by the City of Flagstaff to replace Mark Woodson. This item was tabled until it can be determined if Mayor Nabours is willing to serve in Mark Woodson's place.

4. Non-Action Items

A. Arizona Community Foundation Grant Effort

Peter Friederici gave a presentation on the Arizona Community Foundation grant application submitted by his class. His class has submitted an application for a \$100,000 grant to raise awareness of water scarcity. The class came up with an idea of a "hot sauce challenge" similar to the ALS "ice bucket challenge." The intent would be to show people how hard it would be to quench their thirst after sampling hot sauce if there was no water. The results of the applications are to be announced in February. Peter also offered the School of Communication as a resource for the CPWP that could be used in its pursuit of sustainable water resources for the Plateau.

Mandy Metzger joined the meeting at this time.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Deborah reported the TAC had met on Thursday and had a presentation by George Kladnick (and others) on advanced treatment technology and sludge treatment. Erin Young gave an update on Red Gap Ranch ground water modeling. The Feasibility Study has used up Federal funding and is working on partner funding for now. Don Poole also gave a presentation on scenario runs with the USGS Groundwater Model.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Amanda Acheson was not in attendance. Don Bills reported there are two new members on the committee and they are moving forward with the water awareness and Earth Day projects.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Joanne was not present to report for the Government Affairs Committee.

Mayor Nabours arrived at this time.

6. Member Corner

Thomas Siyuja Sr., Shelton Manakaja, Travis Hamidreek and Margaret Vick provided a presentation on water concerns of the Tribe. The presentation is available on the CPWAC web site.

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

John Martinez reported the City Manager position is open in Sedona and they are working on their budget. Sedona has also invited several citizens to participate in their budget process.

Mayor Nabours indicated Flagstaff is also recruiting for a City Manager.

Brad Hill reported Flagstaff has received a letter from ADOT Director regarding the Red Gap Ranch ROW that is needed.

Sybil Smith reported Henry Darwin was reappointed by the Governor as ADEQ Director by Governor Ducey. Sybil suggested a presentation might be provided on compounds of emerging concern in the future.

Deborah reported Leslie Meyers has been appointed as the new area Manager for the BOR.

Ray Benally reported the EIS on the NGS is still ongoing.

Pete Shearer reported they have paid off their WIFA loan and looking at the level of compounds of emerging concern in their treated water.

Mike Hannemann reported on the 4FRI Project and the EIS for the Bill Williams Project.

Rory Steinke reported on objections to the 4FRI project the Forest Service is looking at. The team is also working through the final EIS for the Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project.

Dalton reported the Oak Creek Watershed had just received a grant for workshops. Their documentary has just come out on traffic along Oak Creek.

Kayci Cook reported they will be participating in the Public Outreach Committee.

Hannah Griscom reported on the Comprehensive Plan the County was working on, primarily the Water Resources Element and suggested it as a future presentation.

Karen Modesto reported that Tom Buschatzke has been appointed as the new Director for ADWR.

Alicyn Gitland reported the Sierra Club is pleased with Congresswoman Kirkpatrick's letter to the President to establish the Grand Canyon National Monument.

At this time Mayor Nabours indicated if we wanted to go back to Item 3 on the agenda he would be willing to serve as vice chair for the Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership. John Martinez made a motion to appoint Mayor Nabours as Vice Chair of the Partnership. The motion was seconded by Art Babbott and carried.

Ron Doba gave an update on the upcoming retreat that will be at the Museum of Northern Arizona on 4/24.

John Martinez indicated the March meeting may need to be changed and we can discuss it next month. Mandy and Ron will discuss as she will not be able to attend in February.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 P.M.