

MINUTES
Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership
Friday, January 31, 2014

USGS Building #3
2255 N. Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Mandy Metzger, Coconino County
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Greg Bryan, Town of Tusayan
Mary Reece, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation
Ron Doba, CPWAC
Gerry Walker, ADWR
John Davison, CNRCD
Deborah Tosline, USBOR
Sybil Smith, ADEQ
Deanna Greco, Grand Canyon National Park
Scott Rodgers, Arizona Game and Fish
Joanne Keene, Coconino County
Don Bills, USGS
Brenda Smith, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Kayci Collins, National Park Service – Flagstaff Monuments
Mike Foley, Navajo Nation
Leo Manheimer, Navajo Nation
Tom Klimas, Westland Resources
Pete Shearer, South Grand Canyon Sanitary District
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation
John Taylor, Terra Birds
Justin Ramsay, Westland Resources
A.J. Crame, Southern Nevada Water Authority
Michele Ralston, Coconino County
Andrea Hartley, Terra Birds

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mandy Metzger opened the meeting at approximately 10:00 AM and self-introductions were made by all present.

2. Approval of Minutes – CPWP Meeting of December 11, 2013

John Davison moved to approve the minutes from the CPWP meeting of December 11, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mayor Bryan and carried.

3. Action Items - None

4. Non-Action Items

A. Youth Council Presentation – John Davison, A.J. Crame (Southern Nevada Water Authority)

John Davison began the presentation with the background on work he has done trying to form a Youth Council for the CPWP and potential partners. John's presentation can be found on the CPWP website at cpwac.org.

A.J. Crame introduced himself and began with a video on the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) he works with in Las Vegas. Pertinent points from A.J.'s presentation follow:

- The SNWA reaches out to all schools at the beginning of the school year
- Principals delegate two students from each school
- A “kickoff” meeting is held where students select a project to work on during the year (water walk, desert landscaping, etc.)
- Usually starts with 50 students and by the end of the year down to 25-30
- The students choose when meetings are held
- The YAC wants to start Youth Councils outside SNWA in states that use the Colorado River
- Grants are obtained as general education grants for the education program, not specific to the YAC
- Meetings are typically held at the Springs Preserve
- A.J. spends about 10% of his time with the YAC
- Kids meet about once a month in the beginning and weekly toward the end
- The YAC usually provides pizza for the kids
- The budget for the YAC has been about \$2,000 per year
- The students are excused from school for two meetings, the beginning (“kickoff”) and the end (final presentation to SNWA Board). Other meetings are on their own time.
- The YAC works with 11th and 12th grade students

A.J.'s video can be found on the CPWP website at cpwac.org.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Deborah reported the TAC had met yesterday and Abe Springer gave a presentation on the Eddy covariance technique for measuring evapotranspiration in forest management projects. This could be useful for the 4FRI project.

The Grand Canyon Park has indicated the pipeline project being studied in the Feasibility Study would not happen soon enough to meet their current need so they will not be participating. As a result, Tusayan will also not be participating.

No federal funding is available for the Feasibility Study for FY15 and the Study will run out of money at the end of the FY14 year (September 2014). If the hydraulic analysis is to be completed in FY15 approximately \$1.782 million will be needed from the partners. The minimum amount that would be needed to continue Deborah's participation and keep the study active and open would be approximately \$280,000 from partners. Ron put a spreadsheet up on the screen that showed the partner breakdown for both scenarios. The scenarios used are the same that were used to allocate responsibilities for the \$300,000 last year.

Deborah will also be giving a presentation to the Grand Canyon Recreation Area next Tuesday.

Mandy had to leave the meeting at this time and John Martinez assumed chairing the meeting.

B. CPWP Public Outreach Committee

Don Bills reported for the Public Outreach Committee. The 4th grade water ethics contest is underway. Entries are due in March and a selection should be made in April. Amanda is also meeting with the NAU group that is making the video for the CPWP. Ron asked that he be notified for the next meeting so he can discuss the strategic plan with them.

C. CPWAC Government Affairs Committee

Joanne Keene handed out a bill tracking list with proposed State bills on it related to the CPWAC. Joanne asked if Ron could send it out to the WAC every Friday. Pertinent bills include the continuation of ADEQ and WIFA. HB2523 would appropriate the Water Supply Development Revolving fund with \$30 million. Ron suggested the WAC support the bills for the continuation of ADEQ and WIFA as well as SB2523.

Ron proposed the WAC co-sponsor another Water Briefing Legislative Day with NAMWUA and the Yavapai County WAC. The event is proposed to be held in June and invite gubernatorial candidates. It would likely be held in Prescott Valley again unless there is another suggestion. Prescott Valley was deemed to be better accessible from the Phoenix participants. The consensus of the group was we should move forward with the proposal.

6. Member's Corner

Judy Sulltrop was unable to attend. Ron reported Judy had indicated the WRDA is waiting for a congressional office budget score and a report is anticipated in February for a final vote.

7. CPWAC/CPWP Member Roundtable

Mayor Bryan reported Tusayan completed a minor amendment for the development agreement with their developer.

Mary Reece indicated Reclamation has speakers available that may be useful with the Youth Council activities.

Brenda Smith reported the Zuni Bluehead Sucker final decision as an endangered species had been extended six months and comments are being received until February 10th.

Kayci Collins reported the Walnut Canyon Special Study Report will be coming out Monday and a presentation will be given at the joint Flagstaff City Council/Coconino County Board meeting next week.

Ray Benally reported the EIS process has begun for the Navajo Generating Station and the associating mining activities.

Pete Shearer reported an in-depth survey is being done on their wastewater collection system. They are also in the process of paying off a WIFA loan.

Sybil indicated she supported the continuation of ADEQ and WIFA.

Gerry Walker reported ADWR's interim director is Mike Lacey. Gerry indicated SRP may be a good source of grants for education projects, especially with the NGS link.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM.