

# **MINUTES**

Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council  
Friday, February 22, 2013  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 PM

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

## **Present**

Leslie Meyers, Bureau of Reclamation  
John Martinez, City of Sedona (call in)  
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation  
John Davison, Coconino NRCD  
Mark Woodson, City of Flagstaff  
Ron Doba, CPWAC  
Don Bills, USGS  
Brenda Smith, Fish and Wildlife  
Joanne Keene, Coconino County  
Art Babbott, Coconino County Supervisor Elect  
John Grahame, Friends of the Rio de Flag  
Amanda Acheson, Coconino County  
Carl Taylor, citizen  
Paul Whitefield, NPS  
Greg Bryan, Town of Tusayan  
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff  
Karen Modesto, ADWR  
Pete Shearer, South Grand Canyon Sanitary District  
Steve Rice, NPS  
Justin Ramsay, Westland Resources  
Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe  
Tom Gilardoni, Westland Resources  
Leo Manheimer, Navajo Nation  
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation  
Rory Steinke, USFS  
Margaret Vick, Havasupai Tribe  
Peter Moorhouse, Coconino County  
Zachary Schwartz, Coconino County  
Eleanor McTyre, NAU  
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Some participants did not sign in

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Vice Chair Mark Woodson opened the meeting at 10:00 A.M. and self-introductions were made by all present.

**2. Approval of Minutes – WAC Meeting of January 25, 2013**

Art Babbott made a motion to approve the minutes from January 25, 2013. The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried.

**3. Action Items – None**

**4. Non-Action Items**

**A. Lake Mary/Walnut Creek Technical Group**

Paul Whitefield was introduced by Ron Doba. Paul provided a PowerPoint presentation that detailed the 2001 stipulation between the City of Flagstaff, NPS, and USFS regarding the operation of Upper and Lower Lake Mary. Paul provided history of both Upper and Lower Lake Mary. The stipulation was entered into in order to enhance flows into Walnut Creek during periods of runoff. The natural flows have been restricted by the construction of Upper and Lower Lake Mary Dams. Since the construction of the dams, flows only occur in Walnut Creek about every nine years. Paul's presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

**B. Strategic Planning Retreat Update**

Ron Doba reported the Strategic Planning Retreat was still planned for April 26th and will be held at the Highlands Fire Station. Holly Yeager will be facilitating the retreat which will likely be scheduled for the entire day. Some of the issues planned include future funding for the CPWAC, funding for the NCAWSFS and sustainable water budget work. The pre-retreat survey has not gone out yet. The Board is expected to approve the questions at today's Board meeting and should go out this weekend.

**5. Committee Reports**

**A. Technical Advisory Committee**

Deborah Tosline gave a PowerPoint presentation to update the group on what is happening with the NCAWSFS. The study is actually referred to as the Coconino County, Arizona, Feasibility Study by the Rural Water Program. Federal funds received to date from the Rural Water Program are \$2.68 million. Out of these funds a grant has been made for the City of Flagstaff (Red Gap Ranch) work and the Denver office of Reclamation has been doing the 30% design work.

Don Bills has submitted a statement of interest to the Southwest Climate Science Center for a grant that could be used to perform a pilot study that could be utilized in developing the sustainable water budget. He will be notified February 25<sup>th</sup> if we will be included in the group to submit a full proposal.

The Grand Canyon has opted out of the study. Williams and Tusayan are uncertain.

## **B. Public Outreach Committee**

Amanda reported the POC met this morning. They had a table at the recent Friends of the Rio event and are continuing to work on the Youth Council idea. The Youth Council is an opportunity to develop a youth advisory council in middle schools and high schools. John Davison has been working with Robert Kelty. The film project has been planned to start on a college level because of the resources they have available. Peter Moorhouse has been working with the NAU ART group. There is much interest in the project. The goal is for the film to focus on the WAC Water Ethic. They are hoping to have a more developed proposal by next month. Zachary Schwartz has joined the POC. The group will again be participating in Earth Day this year. Earth Day will be the Saturday before April 22nd.

## **C. Government Affairs Committee**

Joanne reported the Government Affairs Committee has not met for a few months. Joanne is looking for someone that is willing to co-chair with her and wishes to expand the committee.

Ron gave a brief report on HB 2338 that was discussed at the last CPWAC meeting. The bill was held last Tuesday in the Ag and Water Committee due to strong opposition from Yuma County agriculture folks and the County itself. It appeared all cities and towns, WUAs, SRP, CAP and TNC were supporting the legislation. Ron did not know if Speaker Tobin had intentions of doing anything else with the bill this session.

### **6. CPWAC Member Roundtable**

Brad Hill reported the City of Flagstaff has been notified they will be receiving their determination of water adequacy and this may be a good item for a future agenda.

### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 A.M.