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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, February 23, 2018

10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3

2255 N. Gemini Dr., Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Coral Evans, City of Flagstaff

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting

Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe

Jim Parks, Coconino County

Frank McNelly, City of Williams

Michelle Ralston, Supervisor Babbott's Office

Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe

Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District

Kayci Cook Collins, NPS Flagstaff Monuments

John Snickers, Arizona Water Company

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Lionel Puhuyesva, Hopi Tribe

Abe Springer, NAU

Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation

Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff

Mick McReynolds, Havasupai Tribe

18 people were in attendance

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Coral Evans 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 January 26, 2018

Jim Parks made a motion to approve the minutes from January 26, 2018. The motion was seconded by Frank McNelly and carried.

3. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation – Regional Springs, Hydrology and Climate

Dr. Abe Springer provided a Power Point presentation titled Recent Climate and Springs Responses. Dr. Springer's presentation included the following information (and more):

- La Nina
- Snowiest seasons
- What is a spring?
- Why are springs important?
- Sinkhole and tracer studies
- Flow measurement
- Characteristics and projects of relevant springs

4. Action Items

A. Voting Membership Approval: Friends of the Verde River Mayor Evans indicated this action item has been withdrawn.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Ron Doba reported the committee is finalizing the Private well owners workshop to be held May 16th. The committee worked with Global Water Policy on the Ecosystems Services Assessment and continued planning efforts for this year's September field Trip.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Ron and Kayci reported the POC discussed upcoming events and the Water Art Exhibit. Regular meetings will be starting in March that will be focused on training the artists for the exhibit. JT will be bringing a letter of support to a subsequent meeting for the Mayor to sign. Posters are being redesigned for the 4th grade water ethics contest.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Brad Hill reported on upcoming water legislation. The rules change for water adequacy will not be addressed until after the legislative cycle. The omnibus water bills are likely to move through the legislature. Supervisor Parks expressed concerns regarding the three-county area actively going after water on the Plateau to accommodate their growth.

6. Member's Corner – Matt McReynolds provided an update on the Havasupai lawsuit that has been dismissed. The Tribe is considering different strategies for protecting their water.

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

Jim Parks discussed the Cattlegrowers not supporting the NRCs being moved from under the State Land department to State Forestry.

Frank McNelly reported the Lakes in Williams were at 80% capacity.

Lionel Puhuyesva reported they were gearing up for a joint project with the Coconino Forest at the Montezuma Well.

Pete Shearer reported a new development is planning to build a package treatment plan in Tusayan.

Erin Young reported on Flagstaff's planned well drilling program.

Brad Hill indicated Flagstaff kicked off a study for advanced wastewater treatment for both treatment plants.

Abe Springer indicated Daniel Perry (NAU) will be holding a water symposium day in April.

John Snickers reported Keith Self has retired from AZ Water Company and he will be taking his place as their representative.

Robert Kirk reported on the Navajo/Utah water rights settlement and the new infrastructure on the Navajo Nation.

Kira Russo reported on the progress of the Ecosystems Services Assessment Phase 1.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 A.M.