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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 24, 2017

10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3

2255 N. Gemini Dr., Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Coral Evans, City of Flagstaff

John Martinez, City of Sedona

Frank McNelly, City of Williams

Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation

Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff

Don Bills, USGS

Ron Doba, CPWP

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Leo Manheimer, Navajo Nation

Ed Schenk, Grand Canyon National Park

Brenda Smith, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe

Kendra Crawford, Coconino County

Brent Bitz, City of Sedona

Amanda Acheson, Coconino County

Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe

Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting

Kit MacDonald, USFS

Tom Klimas, Westland Resources

Tanya Owens, Westland Resources

Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District

Hannah Griscom, Arizona Game and Fish

Michele Ralston, Coconino County

Charles Mosley, City of Sedona (phone)

Mike Macauley, NRCD

Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation

Some attendees did not sign in

1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice Chair Coral Evans opened the meeting at approximately 10:00 A.M. Self-introductions were made by all.

2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of January 27, 2017

John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes from January 27, 2017. The motion was seconded by Ed Schenk and carried.

3. Action Items

A. Election of Board Member and Chair for CPWAC

Ron Doba reviewed the elections from last month. He had spoken with Frank McNelly and Jim Parks and neither were able to serve as chair. Frank was willing to do whatever works best with regards to stepping down from the CPWP board. During the board meeting, Coral indicated she would be willing to serve as chair and John Martinez indicated he would be willing to serve as vice chair for both organizations. Jim Parks was willing to serve on the board(s). The proposed scenario is for Frank to step down from the CPWP board and stay on the CPWAC board, Jim Parks to be elected on both boards, Coral Evans to be elected as chair for both organizations and John Martinez to be elected as vice chair for both organizations. The position of secretary treasurer will be left vacant till next month. Frank McNelly made a motion as presented by Ron. The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried.

B. Election of Chair for CPWP

This item was covered in 3.A.

4. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation – Final Report on North Central Arizona Water Supply Feasibility Study

Deborah Tosline gave a PowerPoint presentation to finalize the NCWSFS. Deborah's presentation is available by a link on the CPWAC website. Hard copies of the report were made available to funding partners.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Ron Doba reported the TAC had met the previous day and discussed the TAC chair vacancy. The board has decided for Ron to fill in as interim chair with the assistance of Karen Modesto. The TAC will be presenting an organizational update, the sustainable water management framework survey, and the scope of the ecosystems services

assessment in April. The TAC is also working on the field trip for this September and will keep the Partnership updated.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Amanda Acheson reported the POC had met yesterday. They are formalizing the partnership with Willow Bend on the 4th grade water ethics contest. Upcoming events include the Flagstaff Festival of Science. The posters from the contest will be seen at the Carl Hayden Visitor's Center at the Glen Canyon Dam. We will also be hosting two water awareness events at Willow Bend.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Brad Hill reviewed several of the bills that under consideration by the State Legislature. Brad is planning to have a meeting in the near future. John Martinez asked about the bill that prohibited charging sewer charges to a vacant lot. Brad was unaware of the bill but Ron indicated he had been discussing this with Charles Mosley. Charles said the City Attorney is responding to the bill for Sedona. Charles said Sedona does this because they do not have a property tax. Ron asked if the fee reserved capacity in the sewer for the vacant lot. Charles said it did. Hannah asked how comments worked on the bills and Brad indicated typically a recommendation would be made to the Partnership and a letter of support or opposition be generated.

6. Member's Corner (none this month)

Ron asked if anyone had anything for the Member's Corner for next month. There was not.

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

Frank McNelly reported all the reservoirs are running over in Williams.

Mike Macauley reported the CNRCD was having its outreach meeting next month on 3/31 at Twin Arrows.

Shelton reported the Havasupai had received funding for noxious weed eradication.

Jim Duffield reported the Hopi had turned in a grant application last month for wetlands program development.

Ed Schenk reported they are starting the third year of their dye trace projects at the Grand Canyon.

Don Bills reported the USGS basic data activity is normal.

Brenda Smith reported there are some opportunities for species survey training coming up.

Kit MacDonald reported the Kaibab has received funding to do some cave and karst mapping.

John Martinez reported March 11th will be a St. Patrick's Day Parade in Sedona.

Tom Klimas reported on his attendance at the Tamarisk Coalition Conference in Ft. Collins.

Brad Hill reported Upper Lake Mary is full.

Leo Manheimer announced his term on the Navajo Water Rights Commission has expired and he will no longer be attending the CPWP meetings. Leo thanked Ron and Deborah for keeping things going for the CPWP.

Kira Russo indicated the Flagstaff Water Commission heard a report last week on energy savings for water plants and wastewater plants.

Robert Kirk reported the Navajo are working on the Leupp to Delcon water project. They are also still working on the Lake Powell pipeline project. Robert suggested a future presentation on the Navajo Gallup Pipeline Project that is being constructed.

Hannah Griscom reported AZ Game and Fish are scrambling to grow enough fish for all the water we have this year. She expressed her concern about the NCAWSFS stopping and what the next steps would be to address the projected water shortfall.

Pete Shearer indicated the sports complex in Tusayan will be using artificial turf instead of using reclaimed water.

8. Adjournment

Frank McNelly made a motion to adjourn at approximately 11:30 AM. The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried.