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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 26, 2021

10:00 A.M.

Zoom Meeting

Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
John Martinez, citizen
Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Don Bills, USGS
Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River
Casey Jones, USGS
Kevin Black, Bureau of Reclamation
Tom Lamkin, City of Sedona
David Newlin, LCRP RC&D
John Snickers AZ Water Co.
Kayci Cook, National Monuments
Jocelyn Gibbon, Freshwater Policy Consulting
Tamara Lawless, City of Flagstaff
Becky Daggett, Coconino County
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club
Joelynn Ashley, Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission
Sarana Riggs, Grand Canyon Trust
Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona
Bill Diak, City of Page
Susan Craig, Kyl Center for Water Policy
Sara Porter, Kyl Center for Water Policy
Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation
Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting
Tanya Owens, WestLand Resources
Joanne Keene, Coconino County
Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ

28 people were in attendance.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Aslan 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 29, 2021

Tom Lamkin made a motion to approve the minutes from January 29, 2021. The motion was seconded by David Newlin and carried.

3. Action Items - None

4. Non-Action Items

A presentation was made on the Arizona Water Blueprint by Sarah Porter and Susan Craig from the Kyl Center for Water Policy. The recording of the presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

5. Committee Reports

A. TAC: Ron Doba reported the TAC had met via Zoom yesterday. The TAC has finalized the agenda for the May 28th workshop and Ron will be sending out RSVP requests to stakeholders to determine live and virtual attendance. The workshop will be 5/28/2021 at the High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff. It will be a day long event.

B. GAC: Joanne Keene reported the Rural Management Area legislation appears to be dead. A concern is that as drafted, municipalities would not be exempt. The bill is HB 2679 this year. Greg also reported on the legislative priorities adopted by the Flagstaff City Council.

C. POC: Tamara reported the POC met yesterday and is continuing to make progress on the story map project. They hope to have the project complete by May. Ron reported on the “Parched” water exhibit. The exhibit has moved to the Amerind Museum in Dragoon. He encouraged folks to view the documentary he shared with participants.

6. Members Corner - None

7. CPWP Members Roundtable

Jocelyn Gibbon reported on her involvement in the Water for Arizona Coalition and their priority working on groundwater issues outside of AMAs in the state.

Roger Clark reported that he is retiring and Sarana Riggs will be taking his place participating in the CPWP. The Trust is also hiring a Water Director.

Brent Bitz announced the Friends of the Verde have a position open for a Multi Watershed Monitor Crew Leader. Information is available on their web site.

Supervisor Fowler indicated the County has been working on the state and national level on all bills.

Tom Lamkin announced Sedona has a new City Manager, Karen Osburn.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:48 A.M.