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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Friday, February 27, 2015

10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3

2255 N. Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona

Present

Supervisor Mandy Metzger, Coconino County

John Martinez, City of Sedona

Judy Sulltrop, Congresswoman Kirkpatrick's office

Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe

Dalton Zanetti, Oak Creek Watershed

Hannah Griscom, AZGFD

Ray Benally, Navajo Nation

John Davison Coconino NRCD

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Don Bills, USGS

Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation

Kayci Cook Collins, National Park Service

Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

David Newlin, LCRP RC&D

Cordel Adler, Oak Creek Watershed

Emery Cowan, AZ Daily Sun

George Mase, Hopi Tribe

Brenda Smith, US F&WS

Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation

Steve Delson, Gate 5 Energy Partners

Bryan Bates, Flagstaff Water Group

Robert Vane, Flagstaff Water Group

Amanda Acheson, Coconino County

George Kladnick, Flagstaff Water Group

Upen Bharwada, Citizen

Ward Davis, Flagstaff Water Group

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mandy Metzger opened the meeting at approximately 10:10 A.M. Self-introductions were made by all present.

2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of January 30, 2015

John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by John Davison and carried.

3. Action Items - None

4. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation – Flagstaff Water Group

Presentations were given by George Kladnik, Bryan Bates, Ward Davis, Steve Delson and Upen Bharwada on wastewater sludge treatment methods, advanced wastewater treatment using Forward/Reverse Osmosis and their vision for Flagstaff's future water planning in lieu of developing Red Gap Ranch. The Flagstaff Water Group presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Deborah reported the TAC had a presentation from Ben Tobin yesterday on GCNP projects. The TAC is also planning to have the water resource menu maps available for the Strategic Planning Retreat.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Amanda Acheson reported the POC met yesterday. Jake Breedlove, from ADEQ is helping with the NAU film project. A presentation will be given at Ponderosa High School later this month. The presentation will be given by students at a Grand Canyon Trust youth gathering. Signage is also planned to go in at Ponderosa School to identify curb cuts that were made for a water retention project. The 4th Grade Water Ethic Contest entries are due the end of March. An idea for use of the water ethic posters is on the back of bathroom stalls. Earth Day is coming up April 18th. Volunteers are welcome.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Joanne Keene was not present and Ron Doba gave a brief overview of the State water bills that being considered and the proposal for the Grand Canyon National Monument. Ron indicated when he sends the information out on proposed legislation is for informational purposes only. It does not mean the WAC is taking a position on the proposed bills. Alicyn Gitlin clarified some of the issues regarding the proposed Grand Canyon National Monument. Hannah Griscom asked if the CPWAC is actively monitoring legislation. Ron responded that he has been making the proposed bills available to the participants and if they have specific concerns they should bring them to the attention of the WAC. Any position must be authorized unanimously according to the bylaws.

6. Member Corner

Dalton Zanetti and Cordel Adler introduced and presented a video on the cleanup work that has been performed on the Oak Creek Watershed. The video was not able to be loaded on the CPWAC web site.

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

Ron Doba briefly discussed the status of the strategic planning retreat scheduled for April 24th. The draft agenda went out with the agenda for this meeting and he is open to any comments from the group. Comments should be emailed to Ron. The only changes so far have been some timing shifts to allow for more time to discuss the benefits of the CPWP. He also asked folks to let him know if they will be able to attend. Mandy urged everyone's attendance as it will be an important meeting. Ron then discussed the schedule conflict for the March CPWP meeting. The group decided to have the March meeting on March 25th at 12:00 P.M. The meeting will be a brown bag lunch and will focus on the upcoming retreat. There will be no speaker or Member's Corner. The meeting will focus on CPWP issues.

John Martinez reported the Sedona Film Festival is currently going on.

Brenda reported there is a California Condor population in Arizona and the Phoenix Zoo now has two of them.

Kayci Cook reported March is Archaeology month and lots of activities are going on.

Jim Duffield reported the Hopi Water Resources Program has been working on wetlands assessment and protection.

David Newlin reported the recent watershed conference was a great success and details are available on their website.

John Davison reported that the Emergency Watershed Protection Program has been funded again.

Brad Hill reported ADEQ has issued a closure statement for the Consent Order they were involved in regarding wastewater treatment.

Dalton Zanetti reported their documentary will be online on Vimeo March 1st.

Alicyn confirmed some of the information being circulated is from 2012 and has changed. She encouraged anyone with questions to contact her.

Amanda asked for the title of Dalton's documentary. The title is "Loved to Death – the Story of Oak Creek." She indicated the County is still working on the comprehensive plan update.

Don Bills reported the USGS will be monitoring runoff.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 P.M.