

MINUTES

Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership
Friday, February 28, 2014

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

Present

Mandy Metzger, Coconino County
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Art Babbott, Coconino County
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe
Mary Reece, Reclamation
Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
Bob Sejkora, AZ State Parks
Thomas Siyuja Sr., Havasupai Tribe
Amanda Acheson, Coconino County
Jeff Riley, Reclamation
Michael Miller, Reclamation
Matt Rinker, Arizona Game and Fish
Keith Pohs, EnviroSystems Management
Linette King, EnviroSystems Management
David Newlin, LCRP RC &D
Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club
Lionel Puhuyesva, Hopi Tribe
Jim McCarthy, self
Gerry Walker, ADWR
John Davison, CNRCD
Deborah Tosline, Reclamation
Don Bills, USGS
Brenda Smith, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Tom Klimas, Westland Resources
Pete Shearer, South Grand Canyon Sanitary District
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation
Jeanne Trupiano, Coconino County
Krystal Creek (sp?), Councilor Walter Phelps

1. Welcome and Introductions

Secretary Treasurer John Martinez opened the meeting at approximately 10:00 AM and self-introductions were made by all present.

2. Approval of Minutes – CPWP Meeting of January 31, 2014

Art Babbott moved to approve the minutes from the CPWP meeting of January 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by John Davison and carried.

3. Action Items - None

4. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation – Arizona’s Next Century: A Strategic Vision for Water Supply Sustainability

Gerry Walker provided the presentation. Written comments may be sent to ADWR regarding the “Vision.” The “Vision” is a result of a request by Governor Brewer. Gerry’s presentation will be posted on the CPWAC/CPWP website.

B. NCAWSFS 2014 and 2015 Tasks and Costs

Deborah Tosline provided the presentation. The cost estimates to continue the project in FY 2015 are now as follows:

Plan and profile drawings, geophysical work, test pits, scour study and geologic investigations - \$450,558.

Completion of hydraulics engineering - \$1,500,000.

Ron will plug the numbers into the cost sharing spreadsheet that was used last year and send both scenarios out to the cost share partners for their use. Deborah’s presentation will be posted on the CPWAC/CPWP website.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Report was provided previously.

B. CPWP Public Outreach Committee

Amanda reported the Public Outreach Committee had met yesterday. They are finalizing the 4th grade water ethics contest. Sedona schools have requested to participate. Entries are due the end of March. They are also considering putting together a calendar to showcase the work from the students instead of having a pizza party. The video is ready to be shown to the CPWP in April. John Davison will be giving a presentation to the Tusayan Town Council on March 5th on the Youth Council. Earth Day will be April 19th and the Festival of Science September 20th. The POC will be meeting every Thursday before the CPWP meeting from

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and is looking for volunteers. Amanda is also looking for a co-chair for the CPWP POC.

C. CPWAC Government Affairs Committee

Ron reported this year's Legislative Water Briefing Day will be co-sponsored by NAMWUA, CPWAC and the YCWAC. It will be held at the Prescott Valley Library on June 12th. Invitees include six gubernatorial candidates, possibly Senator Flake and Senator Pierce. "Save the Date" emails have gone out as well as letters to the gubernatorial candidates.

6. Member's Corner - None

7. CPWAC/CPWP Member Roundtable

John Martinez indicated the city staff in Sedona have been authorized to move forward with an effluent management master plan that includes five additional injection wells.

Mary Reece announced that Michael Connor has been confirmed as Deputy Secretary of Interior. Lowell Pimley has been appointed as Acting Commissioner of Reclamation.

Brenda Smith reported that U.S Fish and Wildlife had contributed funding to Sedona to turn the infiltration basin into 27 acres of riparian wetlands.

Ms. Krystal Creek (sp?) from Councilman Walter Phelps office introduced herself.

Art Babbott announced a meeting will be held May 5th in Phoenix by SRP on forest health. He will get the info to Ron if anyone is interested.

Brad Hill announced the U of A WRRC annual conference will be held on April 8th in Tucson.

John Davison announced that Michael Macauley has been appointed to the Water Protection Fund Commission.

John Martinez indicated the March CPWP meeting would be canceled. The next meeting will be in April.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM.