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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 28, 2020

10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3

2255 N Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Don Bills, USGS

Zach Stevens, Havasupai Tribe

David Newlin, LCP RC&D

John Martinez, City of Sedona

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ

Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon Park

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District

Bruce Northern, Town of Tusayan (phone)

Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River

Lisa Leap, NPS

Casey Jones, USGS

Art Babbott, Coconino County

Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe

Roger Clark, Grand Canyon Trust

Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona

Deborah Tosline, BOR (phone)

Ruth Mortenson, citizen

Max Wilson, Friends of the Verde

Tanya Owen, Westland Resources

Joelle Wirth, Summit Environmental

Mike Macauley, CNRCD

Kim Schonek, TNC

Bryan Bates, District #4 Coconino County candidate

Jocelyn Gibbon, Freshwater Policy Consulting

Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe

Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe
Michele Ralston, Coconino County
Tom Whitmer (phone)

33 people were in attendance, all did not sign in

1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice-Chair John Martinez 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 31, 2020

Art Babbott made a motion to approve the minutes from January 31, 2020. The motion was seconded by Brent Bitz and carried.

3. Action Items – None

4. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation on Verde Watershed Report Card

A presentation was given by Kim Schonek and Max Wilson on the results of the Verde Watershed Report Card. The Presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site.

B. WRESA Definition of Study Area Discussion

Jocelyn Gibbon presented the findings and recommendation for the WRESA Study Area. Jocelyn was recommending the study area boundary remain the same as the area of interest for the Partnership but recognizing that in some cases indicators or index sites might be chosen that lie outside the study area. The Partnership voiced no objection to adopting Jocelyn's recommendation. Jocelyn's presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site.

5. Committee Reports

A. TAC: Ron Doba reported the modeling report Coconino and Redwall - Mauv Aquifer completed by Matrix will be completed this week. The TAC met yesterday and reviewed Jocelyn's recommendation for the WRESA Study Area. This year's field trip will be the Perrin Ranch north of Williams. Mike Macauley will be the host. The TAC is trying to determine if it is eligible to apply for another Reclamation grant to continue refining the model for the C and R Aquifers and run additional scenarios.

B. GAC: Brad Hill and Tom Whitmer gave an update on the status of water related bills currently going through the State legislature. Art Babbott discussed HB 2896 that gave authority to counties to form Rural Management Areas. The bill is dead this session but he encouraged the CPWAC and Partnership to discuss the bill for next session.

C. POC: There was no POC report. The POC will be meeting again next month.

5. Members Corner - None

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Mike Macauley indicated the Water Protection fund will be meeting in Tucson on the 10th and the CNRCD will be having its annual workgroup meeting on the 25th of March.

Pete indicated they will be having a meeting on the 30% plans for their flood protection. Jim Duffield said the Hopi have been meeting with ADEQ on WOTUS and writing grants.

John Martinez reported on the St. Patrick's Day parade in Sedona.

Ron Doba indicated this room will not be available in March or April. We may be meeting at the Flagstaff Public Works Department on West Route 66.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 P.M.