

CORRECTED MINUTES
Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership
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Friday, March 25, 2016
10:00 A.M.

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

Present

John Martinez, City of Sedona
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting
Don Bills, USGS
Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
Mike Macauley, CNRCD
Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe
Deborah Tosline, Reclamation
Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribal Council
Sybil Smith, ADEQ
Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
Trent Blanchard, Senator McCain's Office
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
Hannah Griscom, AZ Game & Fish
Jerry Nabours, City of Flagstaff
David Newlin, LCRP RC&D
Todd Madeksza, Coconino County
Michele Ralston, Coconino County
Marvin Glotfelty, Clear Creek Associates
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Frank McNelly, City of Williams
Lionel Puhuyesva, Hopi Tribe
Dalton Zanetti, Oak Creek Watershed Council

SOME PEOPLE DID NOT SIGN IN

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of February 26, 2016

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

3. Action Items

A. 2016 Field Trip Discussion and Direction

Ron Doba displayed a map that had been put together by the TAC showing possible field trip sites for the year. Two routes were recommended for the group to consider. John Martinez indicated the trip to the Sedona reclaim project may be premature. Deborah queried the group regarding if they wanted to do one or two field trips per year, how many people would want to camp if a two day trip, and how many people prefer a long one day trip instead of two days. The group was also asked when they preferred to have the trip. The general consensus was to have a one day trip in September to the Navajo/Hopi Reservation sites.

4. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation - Hydrogeology of the Verde Valley

Marvin Glotfelty of Clear Creek Associates gave a presentation on the hydrogeology of the Verde Valley. Marvin's presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Deborah Tosline reported on the previous day TAC meeting. Reclamation is writing their summary report for the Feasibility Study. The field trip planning was discussed. Ron has prepared a scope of work to update the water source menu maps. Tom Klimas's wife has offered to do the updates when the data is made available. The TAC is also considering developing a ground water level map. Hanna gave a presentation yesterday on the model for stream flows that was developed by TNC. The TAC is working on a scope of work for the Sustainable Water Management Plan.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Ron Doba reported for Amanda's committee. He indicated the City of Monterey, California has contacted us about our 4th grade water ethics contest as they would like to model theirs after ours. He also discussed the upcoming POC Earth Day participation and the Plinko Board they would be using. We need to come up with 10-15 questions for each of the four categories on the Plinko Board and she has asked the group if they could help providing a few questions from their areas of expertise. The categories include water resources, conservation, water reuse and water quality.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Brad Hill reported the committee has not met. The committee needs to focus on funding. John Martinez asked about the status of the water adequacy bill. The bill has currently been pulled off the calendar in the House.

6. Member Corner

Mike Macauley gave the Member's Corner presentation on the importance of agriculture to the State of Arizona and the water efficiency of the agriculture sector. Mike is the Chair of the Coconino Natural Resource Conservation District as well as a rancher and farmer. A handout was provided to the group.

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

Frank McNelly reported Williams has been installing new meters to get a better idea of their water use.

Don Bills reported the USGS is updating information on regional aquifer systems nationwide. The Colorado Plateau is one of the regions being considered.

Jim Duffield reported the Hopi have been looking at some leaking tanks and abandonment of some wells by Peabody. They are also putting together a seminar on entering data in the EPA database.

Lionel Puhuyesva reported the settlement negotiations for the LCR are ramping up again.

John Martinez reported on the traveling Viet Nam Wall that will be on display in Sedona.

Jerry Nabours reported Flagstaff has been having water rate hearings. The City is considering approximately a 5% rate increase.

Dalton Zanetti reported record crowds have been visiting Oak Creek and much trash is being removed.

Erin Young introduced Marvin as the person that will be working on Flagstaff's new well siting project.

8. Adjournment

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