

# **MINUTES**

## **Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership**

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## **Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council**

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Joint Meeting

**Friday, March 29, 2019**

**10:00 A.M.**

### **USGS Building #3**

**2255 N Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001**

#### **Present**

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff  
Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP  
Liz Archuleta, Coconino County  
Coral Evans, City of Flagstaff  
John Martinez, City of Sedona  
Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting  
Karen Modesto, ADWR  
Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona  
Don Bills, USGS  
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club  
Keith Brekhus, Congressman O'Halleran  
Deborah Tosline, Reclamation (phone)  
John Rasmussen, Reclamation (phone)  
Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff  
David Newlin, LCRP RC&D  
Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe  
Bruce Gungle, USGS  
Nick Paretti, USGS  
Jaime Macy, USGS  
Max Taylor, Hopi Tribe  
Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe  
Mike Macaully, Coconino NRCD  
Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ  
Benny Aja, Coconino Farm Bureau Cattlegrowers Ass.  
Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona  
Jarrett Calnimpewa, Hopi Tribe

26 people were in attendance, all did not sign in

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Coral Evans 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 25, 2019**  
John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes from January 25, 2019. The motion was seconded by Thomas Siyuja and carried.
  
3. **Action Items**
  - A. **Voting Membership Approval: Coconino County Farm Bureau Cattlegrowers Association**  
Ron Doba reported on the request for voting membership from the Coconino County Farm Bureau Cattlegrowers Association. He confirmed with Mr. Aja that the request is for both the CPWAC and CPWP. Mr. Aja briefly summarized the reason for his request. John Martinez asked what the organization brings to the Partnership. He indicated he brings the perspective of the ranchers for land management that is associated with water issues. John asked if Mr. Aja would be a paying member. Ron reviewed how funding partners support the organization. Mr. Aja indicated he would approach his board and would support being a \$250/year funding partner. Mayor Evans supported approving the request with the understanding Mr. Aja is taking the funding issue to his board. John Martinez made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mike Macauley and carried with no opposition.
  
4. **Non-Action Items**
  - A. **Presentation: Verde River Environmental Flows Report**  
Bruce Gungle and Nick Paretti from the USGS gave a Power Point presentation on the subject report. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.
  
5. **Committee Reports**
  - A. **CPWP Technical Advisory Committee**  
Ron Doba reported the TAC had met yesterday and was working on the scope of work for the Water Related Ecosystems Services Assessment Phase 2. The TAC is trying to determine what this year's field trip should be. They are considering a trip along the Rio de Flag and a boating trip along the Colorado River. There is a fee for the boating trip that could be up to \$100 per person plus entrance fee. Mike Macauley asked about the boating trips offered. David asked if we have insurance? Ron indicated we do have general liability insurance. David suggested Grand Falls and a hike to the confluence of the Colorado and Little Colorado. Jim Duffield suggested a kayak trip on Clear Creek. Ron asked how many people would participate in a boat trip if it cost \$100 per person. A significant portion of the group indicated they would. Don asked if it could be partially subsidized by the Partnership. Ron asked the group if 50% of the fee sounds reasonable. Liz said it depends on if it is needed. Mike suggested a trip looking at some of the efforts that are being done to protect the health of the watershed.
  - B. **Public Outreach Committee**  
Ron reported there had not been a public outreach meeting yesterday but instead he reported on the meeting held at the Flag Center for the Arts on the upcoming Water Related Art Exhibition the Partnership is cosponsoring. The exhibition will take place from 8/13 to 10/26.

**C. Government Affairs Committee**

No report this month.

**6. Members Corner – None this month**

**7. CPWP Member Roundtable**

Jim Duffield introduced the new Director of Hopi Water Resources Jarrett Calnimptewa and Max Taylor from the Hopi Tribe.

Benny Aja thanked the group for the approval of his membership application.

Mike Macauley reported on his tour of the Friends of the Verde River rehabilitation projects.

Kira indicated Phase 1 of the WRESA are posted on the CPWAC website.

Erin reported April is Arizona's Water Awareness Month.

Austin reported on his tour of the Shultz Pass tree removal project.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 A.M.