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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, March 30, 2018

10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3

2255 N. Gemini Dr., Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Coral Evans, City of Flagstaff

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Don Bills, USGS

John Martinez, City of Sedona

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting

Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe

Jim Parks, Coconino County

Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District

Kayci Cook Collins, NPS Flagstaff Monuments

John Snickers, Arizona Water Company

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Lionel Puhuyesva, Hopi Tribe

Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation

Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff

Ed Sands

Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe

Brenda Smith, Fish and Wildlife

James Walter, SRP

Amanda Acheson, Coconino County

20 people were in attendance

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 February 23, 2018

Jim Parks made a motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2018. The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried.

3. Action Items

A. None

4. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation: SRP Weather Modification Efforts

This item was moved to after the Committee Reports. James Walter, SRP meteorologist gave a presentation on the history and activities SRP has been involved with regarding weather modification (cloud seeding). James' presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Ron Doba reported the committee met yesterday. The TAC has been working on the private well owners workshop that will be held on May 16th at the USGS. He gave an overview of the agenda. They continue to work with our consultants on the Water Related Ecosystems Services Assessment. Joelle Wirth gave a presentation on a proposed on-site reuse committee. The field trip is also another project the TAC is working on.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Ron reported on the grant application being made to AZ Humanities for the AZ Water Art Exhibition. He indicated \$5,000 will be needed as a third-party match. Amanda updated the group on Water Awareness Month activities. A groundwater movie will be shown at the Orpheum on April 25th. We will also be participating in Earth Day on April 21st as well as the Festival of Science in September.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Brad Hill reported on the status of HB 2512 (omnibus water bill) and HB 2553 (adequate water supply). Both bills are continuing to move forward.

6. Member's Corner – None

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

Don Bills reported the UGGS has finished the aerial geophysical survey project for the Hualapai Reservation.

Kayci Collins reported Spring visitation at the National Parks has been high.

Brenda Smith reported her supervisor is retiring this week and the Humpback Chub is being recommended for downsizing.

John Martinez reported on the use of a half cent tax increase that was initiated for the "Sedona in Motion" project.

Karen Modesto indicated ADWR's interest in the cloud seeding project is focused on the Colorado River.

Kira Russo reported work is moving along on the Water Related Ecosystems Services Assessment.

Erin Young reported on the partnership Flagstaff has with SRP on their watershed monitoring project. Erin also gave an update on the Mayors Water Challenge Project. They are reaching out to other community leaders.

Robert Kirk reported the Navajo Nation is partnering with the Army Corps of Engineers on watershed assessments and upcoming scoping meetings.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 A.M.