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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 31, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Meeting Location:

USGS Building #6 Large Conference Room

2255 N. Gemini Dr., Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Don Bills, USGS

Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County

Pete Furman, City of Sedona

David Newlin, LCRP RC&D

Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Kira Russo, Friends of the Rio

Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona

Nancy Steele, Friends of the Verde River

Emily Melhorn, City of Flagstaff

Deborah Tosline, Reclamation

Kevin Lane, ADWR

Lori Matthews, City of Flagstaff

Shannon Jones, City of Flagstaff

Jon Mason, USGS

Ellen Parrish, Diablo Trust

John Snickers, AZ Water Co.

Rick Miller, Friends of the Rio

Greg Clifton, City of Flagstaff

Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District

Lauren Allison, ADEQ

Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ

Jon Mason, USGS

Barbara Thomas

Twenty-six people were in attendance.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Austin Aslan called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 A.M.
All made self-introductions.

2. Approval of Joint Meeting Minutes – Meeting of February 24, 2023

Don Bills made a motion to approve the minutes from February 24, 2023. The motion was seconded by Pete Furman and carried.

3. Action Items

a. None

4. Non-Action Items

a. Presentation on Watershed Alliance for Friends of the Rio de Flag

Richard Miller played a video and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Rio de Flag.

5. Committee Reports

A. TAC: Don Bills reported on yesterday's TAC meeting. The TAC is working with Robert Kirk to plan a field trip that will cover the Navajo Generating Station site (LeChee water treatment plant), Lake Powell intakes, Glen Canyon Dam, and the Colorado River impacts on the operation of Glen Canyon Dam/City of Page. The trip should last from 8:00 am till 6:00 pm. They are also attempting to find funding partners to get the Clear Creek and Hidden Hollow stream flow gages up and running. Ron also gave an update on the proposed LGSA legislation.

B. GAC: Greg Clifton reported he Army Corps of Engineers was in town last week to discuss the Rio de Flag Project. Lake Mary has spilled into Flagstaff. Foxglenn Park is flooded. Francis Short Pond is planned to be dredged.

C. POC: Emily reported the 4th Grade Water Ethics Contest showcase at the Coconino Center for the Arts has ended and it is going on the road. The POC will also be helping with the new web site rebuild. Ron asked if anyone has any suggestions for the new web site to send him an email. Austin suggested more photos! Send photos to Emily.

5. Members Corner - None

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Jeronimo reported on the transportation bill that was passed by the House.

Deborah said Reclamation has funding for projects so contact her if you have anything in mind. She can direct you to grant funding.

Ron reported on the NAMWUA Water Utility Leadership Forum that will be held May 19th at High Country Conference Center.

Emily said April is Water Awareness Month and discussed events.

Kevin reported on Water Awareness Month activities and the State Capitol tomorrow.

Nancy reported on the film festival being held tonight at 6:00.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.