

MINUTES

Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Friday, April 25, 2014

11:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3

2255 N. Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona

Present

Mandy Metzger, Coconino County
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Mary Reece, Bureau of Reclamation
Ron Doba, CPWAC
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Abe Springer, NAU
Chuck Benedict, AZ Game & Fish
Brenda Smith, USF&WS
Leslie Meyers, Bureau of Reclamation
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation
Thomas Siyuja Sr., Havasupai Tribe
David Newlin, LCRP RC&D
Pete Shearer, SGCS
Art Babbott, Coconino County
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation
John Bodenchuk, AZ State Land Dept.
Mike Foley, Navajo Nation
Delfred Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe
Travis Hamidreek, Havasupai Tribe
Amanda Acheson, Coconino County
Sybil Smith, ADEQ
Deanna Greco, Grand Canyon National Park
Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe
Albert Silas Hopi Tribe
Max Taylor, Hopi Tribe
William Roberts, Hopi Tribe

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mandy Metzger opened the meeting at approximately 11:00 A.M.

2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of February 28, 2014

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

3. Action Items

A. Consideration of Adoption of the Revised Strategic Plan

Mandy explained this is only a formality for the Partnership as the plan has been adopted by the CPWAC. John Martinez made a motion to adopt the revised strategic plan as presented at the CPWAC meeting. Jim Duffield seconded the motion and it carried.

B. Consideration of Approval of By-Laws Amendment No. 1

Ron Doba reported the amendment removes the requirement that the participants and Board of Directors are the same individuals. The amendment also clarifies that each participating voting member has one vote. John Martinez made a motion to approve Bylaws Amendment No. 1. The motion was seconded by Pete Shearer and carried. Mandy suggested the name tents be marked for voting members. Mandy also discussed the need for a nominating committee for the Board of Directors. The membership of the committee may be non-voting members and 3-5 people are requested. The names for the nominating committee were identified to be John Martinez, Sybil Smith, Brenda Smith and Mandy Metzger. Ron Doba is to arrange a conference call.

4. Non-Action Items

A. WaterSMART Grant Application Letters

Ron gave the background on a WaterSMART Grant application that was planned to be submitted for a characterization study to be done for Clear Creek and Chevelon Creek. The work effort would be done by the USGS and USF&WS. Ron needs letters of support for the grant and provided sample letters. An MOU will also be needed with the USGS and USF&WS. Sybil and Jim Duffield asked for electronic copies of the letter.

B. University of Arizona Invitation to Attend Regional Workshop on the Future of Water for Natural Areas 5/16/2014

Ron reported that some of the participants had participated in a focus group with the WRRC to determine how environmental water needs are taken into account in water resources planning. They will be holding a regional workshop to summarize the effort in Flagstaff at the USGS from noon till 4:00 P.M. Leslie Meyers indicated she had attended the workshop previously held and recommended attendance if anyone is interested. Those interested can contact Ron Doba.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Deborah Tosline reported the TAC had met yesterday. The groundwater modeling refinement has been identified for Red Gap Ranch and passed back to the City and Navajo Nation for comments. The purchase request for Page aerial photography is finished. She is also working with the ASLD for Right of Entry

permits. Work is progressing on the TAC action items for the Strategic Plan and may be ready to present to the Partnership next month.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Amanda reported the group has been busy with Earth Month. We will be participating in Hopi Earth Day next month. The film project is complete. Only one school submitted for the 4th grade water ethic contest. It was the Sedona Charter School. Instead of a pizza party a calendar will be developed that the students can take home. Amanda is still looking for some help in chairing the committee. Mandy suggested a contact may be made with Dave Rozema for guidance on increasing participation in the schools.

6. Member Corner

Chuck Benedict presented on the activities of Arizona Game and Fish. Chuck's presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site. Flagstaff will present for the Member's Corner next month.

7. CPWP Roundtable

Jim Duffield reported the Hopi were continuing with their Clean Water Act Projects. Max Taylor reported on the efforts to restore springs on the Hopi Reservation. Chuck Benedict reported Game and Fish is in drought planning. Brenda Smith reported Fish and Wildlife is looking at Leopard Frog populations. Deborah Tosline indicated several FOAs are out from Reclamation. Amanda reported the County is getting ready to adopt building codes and is updating their Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Sybil Smith reported ADEQ was partnering with rural communities statewide to help learn about maintaining their watersheds. Pete Shearer reported the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has started pumping water from their discharge pond to drinkers due to the drought. Thomas reported the Havasupai are still in the draft process of water quality certification. Ray Benally reported on the Navajo Generating Station efforts. David Newlin reported on an upcoming SRP meeting to discuss funding of forest health projects. In late August or September there will be an effort to "jump start" their Watershed Coordinating Council in conjunction with the Desert LCC.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 P.M.