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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, April 26, 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
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)
Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe
Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe
Mike Macaully, Coconino NRCD
Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ
Jim Parks, Coconino Farm Bureau Cattlegrowers Ass.
Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River
Sarah Porter, Kyl Center for Water Policy
Susan Craig, Kyl Center for Water Policy
Kayci Cook, NPS
Max Wilson, Friends of the Verde River
Kevin Black, BOR
Deborah Tosline, BOR
Sybil Smith, retired
Joelynn Ashley
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe
Casey Jones, USGS
Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon National Park
Tom Klimas, Westland Resources

Jocelyn Gibbon, Fresh Water Policy Consulting
Zach Stevens, Havasupai Tribe
John Snickers, AZ Water Co.
Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation
Ed Swanson, retired
Brenna White, Grand Canyon National Park
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

37 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 March 29, 2019

Liz Archuleta made a motion to approve the minutes from March 29, 2019. The motion was seconded by Don Bills and carried.

3. Action Items

A. None

4. Non-Action Items

A. Charrette: Arizona Water Blueprint

Sarah Porter and Susan Craig conducted a charrette to obtain feedback from the group on the Arizona Water Blueprint, a web-based water planning and informational tool the Kyl Center for Water Policy has been working on. It is expected to launce in spring of 2020.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Ron Doba reported the TAC had met yesterday and developed a new timeline for the completion of the grant projects associated with the WaterSMART grant. The grant will only make half the funds available during the first year. The grant agreement was approved by the board at the earlier board meeting. Ron asked again how many people wished to attend the half-day float trip being planned as this year's field trip. The trip will be October 4th due to a conflict with AHS. Approximately twenty people raised their hands. There is an effort to obtain funding for Abe Springer's students that typically attend the field trip. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$80-\$90 per person.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Ron reported there had not been a public outreach meeting yesterday but instead he reported on the 4/16/2019 meeting held at the Flag Center for the Arts on the upcoming Water Related Art Exhibition the Partnership is cosponsoring. The exhibition is being rescheduled till next year as more time is needed for the educational curriculum and catalog. The artists are currently working on their projects.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Erin reported Brad had met with Senator McSally in D.C. to support the BOR water recycling grant programs.

6. Members Corner – None this month

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

Jim Duffield discussed the Keams Canyon Project and other grant work the Hopi are working on.

Thomas Siyuja discussed the importance of the springs to the Havasupai Tribe. Water is sacred to the tribe. Thomas requested the CPWAC support Congressman Grijalva's bill HR1373 that would ban uranium mining near the Grand Canyon.

Jan Balsom gave an update on the Grand Canyon Park waterline projects.

Pete Shearer discussed his project working to build detention basins in Tusayan.

Erin Young discussed the helium proposal that came to Flagstaff for Red Gap Ranch.

Max and Brent discussed the activities of the Friends of the Verde River.

Kayci noted we are in National Park Week.

Ed Swanson asked about ADEQ's role with the CPWP.

Alicyn Gitlin spoke about the Sierra Club support for Grijalva's Bill.

Robert Kirk reported the Navajo have a new Director for Water Resources, Jason John.

The Navajo also have a water rights settlement reintroduced in Congress.

8. Adjournment

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