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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 27, 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

Benny Aja, AZ Cattle Growers Association

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

Sharon Masek Lopez, H2O Consulting

Eric Duthie, Town of Tusayan

Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River

Mike Macauley, NRCD

Michelle Ralston, Supervisor Babbott's Office

Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe

David Newlin, LCRP RC&D

Gil Arviso, Navajo Nation WRC

Tom Klimas, Westland Resources

Deborah O'Donnell, citizen

Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona

Tad Dent, citizen

Gail Dent, citizen

Melissa Shaw, Coconino County

Julie Murphree, AZ Farm Bureau

30 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 March 30, 2018

John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes from March 30, 2018. The motion was seconded by Jim Parks and carried.

3. Action Items

A. None

4. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation: Arizona Farm Bureau

Julie Murphree gave a Power Point presentation on agricultural water use in Arizona. Julie's presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site.

B. Presentation: AZ Cattle Growers Association

Benny Aja, representing the Arizona Cattle Growers Association gave a presentation on his ranch operation.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Ron Doba reported the TAC met yesterday. The TAC focused on the Private Well Owners Forum that will be held on May 16th at the USGS from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. The Ecosystems Services Assessment project continues and Kira will be starting the individual surveys soon. There will be a "dry run" for the September field trip within the next couple weeks.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Ron reported the POC was involved in the recent Earth Day. A groundwater film was presented Wednesday at the Orpheum and had approximately 40 attendees. A meeting was attended yesterday at the Coconino Center for the Arts on the planned Water Art Exhibition. Ron is looking for more sponsors to come up with the \$5,000 third party match. We have approximately \$2,000 so far. The training for the artists is planned for January including a three-day field trip. Eric Duthie indicated Tusayan will match \$2,500 if the CPWP comes up with \$2,500.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Brad Hill reported none of the water bills have made it out of the state legislature yet. ADWR has indicated the public process for the groundwater adequacy physical availability rule may begin this summer.

6. Member's Corner – None

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

Jim Parks reported on current fire restrictions in place. A new coordinator has been hired for 4FRI.

Mike Macauley reported on the recent NRCD meeting.

David Newlin reported on an upcoming workshop on making your home fire safe. David indicated he would like to have someone come and talk to us about bees.

Thomas Siyuja reported on his traveling activities for meetings.

Gil Arviso indicated concerns about the Mexican Wolf population.

Don Bills encouraged people that want info on water should go to the Arizona Science Center web page at azwater.gov.

Lionel discussed fire restrictions on the Hopi Reservation.

Jim Duffield reported on a spring restoration grant he has been working on.

John Martinez discussed the fire situation around Sedona.

Brad Hill discussed the feasibility study for the Red Gap Ranch pipeline and upcoming meetings on the pipeline alignment.

Erin Young talked about the water conservation outreach efforts in Flagstaff.

Eric Duthie talked about the open fire ordinance in Tusayan.

Gail Dent talked about the film that was shown at the Orpheum last Wednesday.

Kayci reported on fire restrictions at the Flagstaff Monuments.

Robert Kirk talked about how the Navajo Nation is dealing with the drought.

Kira reported on Flagstaff Water Commission discussions.

Roxanne Holland reported on water storage for fire suppression in Sedona.

Ron Doba indicated he has information available on the sponsorship for the Water Art Exhibition for those interested.

Coral Evans asked if Tusayan could present on what they are doing in a member's corner.

8. Adjournment

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