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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 28, 2017

10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3

2255 N. Gemini Dr., Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

John Martinez, City of Sedona
Jim Parks, Coconino County
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
Don Bills, USGS
Ron Doba, CPWP
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Brenda Smith, U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Brent Bitz, City of Sedona
Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club
Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting
Tom Klimas, Westland Resources
Charles Mosley, City of Sedona
Jan Balsom, GCNP
Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe
Hannah Griscom, Arizona Game and Fish
Jocelyn Gibbon, Freshwater Policy Consulting
Mike Macauley, NRCD
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Some attendees did not sign in

1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice-Chair John Martinez called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 A.M. Self-introductions were made by all.

2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of March 31, 2017

Jim Parks made a motion to approve the minutes from March 31, 2017. The motion was seconded by Brad Hill and carried.

3. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation – CPWAC/CPWP History

Ron Doba gave a brief Power Point presentation on the history of the CPWAC and CPWP. The reason for the presentation was for the benefit of new participants. His presentation is posted on the CPWAC website. Discussion took place about the value of the CPWAC and CPWP as it exists today. Brent Bitz suggested the CPWP consider the role it can play in the ADWR State water planning process.

B. Presentation – Sustainable Watershed Management Survey

Ron Doba gave a Power Point presentation to refresh the group on the results of the CPWP survey taken in July of 2016 to determine what was important for the participants to be addressed in the sustainable water management framework and what the product should look like. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

4. Action Items

A. Presentation/Direction – Ecosystem Services Assessment Scope of Work

Tom Klimas from Westland Resources gave a presentation on the draft scope of work the TAC had prepared for the Ecosystems Services Assessment. The Board has “earmarked \$30,000 to fund outsourcing for the plan and Ron Doba is currently working on a WaterSMART grant application for an additional \$30,000. The extent of the published scope will depend on the success of the grant application. Tom’s presentation is available on the CPWAC website. Brad Hill suggested the group have additional time review. Ron reminded the group the grant application is due in two weeks. Mike Macauley made a motion to approve the scope of work with the stipulation that it may be modified and remains flexible. The motion was seconded (unclear who made the motion on the recording) and passed unanimously.

5. Committee Reports (moved to after Item 6)

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Ron Doba reported the TAC had met yesterday discussed the ESA and the grant application. Ron said he still needs letters of support for the grant application and asked the group to provide him with more letters if possible. Ron has been in contact with the viticulture program at Yavapai College and they will be happy to be included in the tour.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Ron Doba reported the POC had met yesterday and discussed the Flagstaff Science Festival coming up in September. We will be partnering with the City of Flagstaff. Ron discussed the EPA WaterSense Program being threatened of a shutdown due to funding. The POC is recommending the CPWP become a promotional partner with the program. It will show our support and we will also have access to promotional materials from the EPA. There is no cost involved and we can withdraw from the program if it was not beneficial. The group gave an informal authorization (thumbs up) to move forward. Mr. Tannous from the Flagstaff Arts Council will be giving a presentation next month on a water/arts project being discussed that we could be involved in.

C. Government Affairs Committee (moved to before 5.A.)

Brad Hill reported he had nothing new to report other than this year's State legislation did not result in any new bills of concern that were passed.

6. Member's Corner (This item was moved to before Item 5)

Alicyn Gitlin gave a presentation on the Flagstaff Colorado River Days. Her presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

Jim Parks discussed the closing of the Navajo Generating Station and the associated schedule. Jim also had a tour of the biomass generating station in Heber. He indicated it appears to be a profitable operation and we need a biomass plant here.

Mike Macauley indicated September 10-14 there will be a NRCD Joint Regional meeting in Tucson. He will send a link on the meeting to Ron for distribution.

Brenda Smith indicated it appears the government shutdown will be avoided.

Thomas Siyuja reported on the parking issues resulting from increased tourism. They are also building a new administration building and learning center.

Jan Balsom the waterline repairs taking place for the Grand Canyon.

Shelton reported they are working on a new clinic and they are in the final stage of the project. He has been working on the project for three years.

Don Bills indicated much field work activity is going on. He discussed the Arizona Hydrological Symposium coming up September 6-9 of this year.

Brad Hill indicated the AZ Water Conference is coming up at the Phoenix Convention Center next week. Flagstaff has four presenters at the event.

Brent Bitz said the Friends of the Verde River Greenway is holding an upcoming conference on May 10-11. There are about 145 people registered and encouraged anyone that may be interested.

Ron has previously circulated information about the event.

John Martinez reported on May 6th there will be a chili cookoff in Sedona.

Erin Young discussed the recent water awareness month activities.

Alicyn Gitlin discussed the water hauling situation at the Canyon Mine.

Karen Modesto indicated the CPWP should take advantage of the representation from the Governor's Water Advisory Council that exist within the CPWP. ADWR is also donating staff and equipment for an Oak Creek Watershed Council event.

Jocelyn Gibbon brought information on the upcoming Verde River Greenway conference. There is also an upcoming event May 3rd at Page Springs Cellars that will be water related.

Kira Russo reported the Flagstaff Water Commission is looking at the upcoming Lead and Copper rules being updated.

Charles Mosley reported Sedona is still trying to get its injection wells going. He will be retiring in two days.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 P.M.