

MINUTES

Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Friday, April 29, 2016

10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3

2255 N Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

John Martinez, City of Sedona
Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting
Don Bills, USGS
Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
Mike Macauley, CNRCD
Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe
Deborah Tosline, Reclamation
Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribal Council
Sybil Smith, ADEQ
Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
Trent Blanchard, Senator McCain's Office
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
David Newlin, LCRP RC&D
Matt Rudig, Coconino County
Michele Ralston, Coconino County
Frank McNelly, City of Williams
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation
Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation
Tom Klimas, Westland Resources
Tanya Owens, Westland Resources
Charles Mosley, City of Sedona
Margaret Vick, Havasupai Tribe
Ed Schenk, Grand Canyon National Park
Rusty Tweed, Woodson Engineering
Brenda Smith, US Fish & Wildlife
Travis Hamidreek, Havasupai Tribe
Amanda Acheson, Coconino County
Albert Yoyhoeoma, Hopi Tribe

SOME PEOPLE DID NOT SIGN IN

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mandy Metzger opened the meeting at approximately 10:10 A.M. Self-introductions were made by all present.

2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of March 25, 2016

John Martinez indicated he was in attendance and the minutes should reflect his presence. John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Sybil Smith and carried.

3. Action Items - None

4. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation – Havasupai Water Projects

Shelton Manakaja gave a presentation on the water projects that have been undertaken on the Havasupai Reservation. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Deborah Tosline reported on the previous day TAC meeting. Yesterday there was a presentation by Kelly Mott Lacroix on the Desert Flows Assessment Study to develop a database. Flagstaff is moving forward with the 30% design for Red Gap Ranch. BOR is preparing to write the concluding report for the feasibility study.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Amanda reported on Earth Day event that took place the previous week and the participation by the POC. There has been much interest in the 4th grade water ethics contest. We have been contacted by the City of Monterrey, CA and Water Treatment Plant Operator magazine for information on our contest. Amanda is in the process of hiring an intern to help with the 4th grade water ethics contest. The County has a Rio de Flag cleanup event coming up on May 26 and she circulated a signup sheet for those that may have interest in participating.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Brad Hill reported the committee has not met. He discussed SB 1268 that addresses adequate water supplies and shared information about Flint, Michigan's problem with lead in the water. Trent Blanchard discussed what has been taking place on a federal level with the EPA and Flint, Michigan. Mandy asked the group to think about what presentations they would like to have in the future. She said after Jim Duffield's presentation she would be asking for ideas.

6. Member Corner

James Duffield gave a presentation on the Hopi wetlands projects. His presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

John Martinez asked the group if they had any agenda items for upcoming meetings. Deborah discussed the discussion of the scope of work for the Sustainable Water management Framework. David asked about information on the Navajo/Hopi water settlement from Senator McCain's office. He also suggested a presentation on Tamarisks. Deborah indicated Genevieve Johnson might give a presentation on their database (DLCC). Mike suggested a presentation on 4FRI and watershed health. Margaret suggested an update from the State on the Strategic Plan and maybe an update from Ron on the Governor's Water Augmentation Council. Brad suggested a presentation on water adequacy by the State.

Brad Hill reported Flagstaff has just approved a water rate increase. Frank McNelly reported Williams recently approved a CUP for a "glamping" business.

Mike Macauley reported the Conservation Districts are working to get into classrooms and talked about the new Willow Bend Director.

Ray Benally reported on the Grand Canyon EIS.

Margaret thanked the BOR for funding the well rehab at Bar 4.

Sybil Smith discussed an upcoming meeting on reclaimed water that ADEQ will be having in Flagstaff next Wednesday.

Don Bills reported on the finalization of the Colorado Plateau Ground Water Assessment.

Brenda Smith reported they are looking for sites to put Northern Leopard Frogs.

Jim reported he has taken over Lionel's position as regional tribal operation committee representative.

Deborah Tosline discussed a storm flow study she is managing.

John Martinez discussed the Viet Nam Wall in Sedona.

Kira Russo talked about the work efforts Global Water Policy are involved in and what is going on with the Flagstaff Water Commission.

Trent Blanchard talked about the Energy Appropriations Bill and WAPA concerns.

Pete Shearer reported on a pipeline project the Forest Service is planning for the wildlife.

Charles Mosley reported on the injection wells in Sedona. TNC is bringing some folks up from Sierra Vista to discuss their river issues.

Ron asked if anyone could report in the Member's Corner next month. The City of Page has requested a presentation to their Council on their water rights. It is scheduled for June 22nd. He also mentioned HR4615, the Water Conservation Rebate Parity Act that would allow for a water conservation rebate tax exemption that exceeds \$600.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:06P.M.