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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 30, 2021

10:00 A.M.

Zoom Meeting

Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

John Martinez

Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Don Bills, USGS

Tom Lamkin, City of Sedona

David Newlin, LCRP RC&D

Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River

John Snickers, AZ Water Co.

Sarana Riggs, Grand Canyon Trust

Raymond Roessel, BLM

Ed Schenk, City of Flagstaff

Tamara Lawless, City of Flagstaff

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Joelynn Ashley, Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission

Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting

Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ

Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County

Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon Park

Zack Stevens, Havasupai Tribe

Deborah Tosline, BOR

Greg Clifton, City of Flagstaff

Brian Bates, Flagstaff Water Group

Becky Daggett, City of Flagstaff

Amanda Podmore, Grand Canyon Trust

Joanna Mendoza, Rep. O'Halleran

Janice Hakala, City of Flagstaff

Kate Thomas, Grand Canyon Park

Keith Brehaus, Rep. O'Halleran

Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation

Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
Kay Thomas

Approximately 33 people were in attendance.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Austin Aslan 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 26, 2021

Tom Lamkin indicated the new Sedona City Manager's name was misspelled under item 6. David Newlin made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected from February 26, 2021. The motion was seconded by Don Bills and carried.

3. Action Items - None

4. Non-Action Items

a. Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program Presentation – Travis Kolling was called out for field work and asked if he can be rescheduled for the June meeting.

b. Ten Tenets of Water Equity – Ron Doba briefly reviewed the report that was done by the Kyl Center and discussion took place over the report. Ron indicated webinar is scheduled for May 10th at 12:00 noon for those wishing to attend. Ron had forwarded the webinar information to the group.

5. Committee Reports

A. GAC: Greg Clifton commented on the transition the Water Services Division is going through. Greg reported on HB 2035 that appropriates \$1 million to the Water Protection Fund. HB 2056, the Water Conservation Notice of No Forfeiture was signed by the Governor. HB 2691 deals with Waters of the United States and Navigable Waters. It has gone to the Governor for his signature. Lastly HCM 2003 is a request to the Secretary of State to urge the U.S. Dept. of Interior to fulfill its obligations regarding Colorado River water augmentation and conservation.

B. TAC: Ron Doba reported the TAC had met via Zoom yesterday. The TAC was focused on the upcoming workshop at the end of next month. Ron will be sending out a Zoom link prior to the workshop for virtual attendees. Mask will be required to be worn by in-person attendees. If you cannot wear a mask or do not wish to wear a mask you are asked to attend virtually. This year's field trip is planned for September at the Perrin Ranch.

C. POC: Tamara reported the POC met yesterday and is continuing to make progress on the story map project.

5. Members Corner - None

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

David Newlin reported on hotel development by the Hopi Economic Development Commission.

Kira indicated the Friends of the Rio de Flag wishes to be a non-voting member of the CPWP.

Greg Clifton reported the City of Flagstaff is still in a non-water shutoff mode due to COVID. Flagstaff City Hall and libraries will reopen May 17th.

Tamara reported this is the last day of the Mayor's Challenge.

Robert Kirk reported the Navajo are drilling a new well along U.S. 89 for the Bodaway Gap area. The Navajo Nation has gone from the orange status to the yellow status due to COVID.

Erin Young reported on the Ft. Tuthill well drilling. She is also participating in the AWWA Fly-In this year.

Joanna Mendoza said she will be focusing on water issues for Rep. O'Halleran.

Pete Shearer asked that he be included as an attendee and indicated he hoped that when towns are looking to growth they take into account the water impacts involved.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 A.M.