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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, May 26, 2017

10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3

2255 N. Gemini Dr., Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Coral Evans, City of Flagstaff

John Martinez, City of Sedona

Jim Parks, Coconino County

Don Bills, USGS

Frank McNelly, City of Williams

David Newlin, LCRP RC&D

Ron Doba, CPWP

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Sybil Smith, ADEQ

Gil Arviso, Navajo Nation

Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe

Ed Schenk, Grand Canyon Park

Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District

Amanda Acheson, Coconino County

Kayci Collins NPS

Ryan Mulcahy, Rep. Tom O'Halleran's Office

John Tannous, Flagstaff Arts Council

Sara Carbajal, POC Intern

Tamara Lawless, City of Flagstaff

Cordel Adler, Oak Creek Watershed

Eric Duthie, Town of Tusayan

David Lewis, Yavapai Apache Nation

Brenda Smith, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting

Jan Balsom, GCNP

Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe

Mike Macauley, NRCD

Some attendees did not sign in

28 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 Minutes – Meeting of April 28, 2017

John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes from April 28, 2017. The motion was seconded by Jim Parks and carried.

3. Non-Action Items

A. WaterSense Promotional Partnership Update

Ron Doba reported the application to become a promotional partner with the E.P.A.'s WaterSense Program was approved and briefly discussed some of the campaigns and promotional products available to the Partnership.

B. WaterSMART Grant Submittal Update

Ron Doba reported the grant application was submitted to Reclamation for an amount of \$36,500. Ron thanked ADWR for their help in "polishing up" the submittal.

4. Action Items

A. Presentation/Direction – Partnership Proposal, 2019 Water Art Exhibition

John Tannous gave a presentation on a proposal to partner with the Flagstaff Arts Council, Willow Bend and the Sierra Club for an art exhibition focused on the water issue in the State/Plateau. John's presentation is posted on the CPWAC website. The Arts Council would be submitting a grant application this summer. Matching funds would be asked for from the Sierra Club, Willow Bend and the CPWP. Training would be provided for artist in Fall of 2018 and the exhibition would be in 2019. Amanda indicated the POC would start preparing tracks for the exhibit in July and asked that it be on the July Partnership agenda. John Martinez asked what an estimate of our participation would be? John indicated he thought the entire project would be approximately \$100,000. This would be funded 50% by other partners. Don bills asked what could be included as in-kind services. John responded that his time, Amanda's time etc. could be included in the application but additional cash funding would still be required. Ron summarized the direction as authorization to move forward with the POC developing the tracks and bringing them back to the Partnership in July.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Ron Doba reported the TAC had met yesterday and discussed the ESA and the grant application. He asked that any comments on the Scope of Services be sent to him by email so they can be addressed. He will start crafting an RFP and work with the TAC. The procurement plan is to post the RFP on the CPWAC website and send it to known interested parties. The grant application has been submitted and the field trip plans were reviewed. John Martinez asked what the status is to find a permanent chair for the TAC. No one has volunteered yet.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Amanda introduced Sara Carbajal as her intern. Sara is an NAU art student. Public Outreach recently staffed the Earth Day event and will be part of the Flagstaff Festival of Science in September. A rainwater harvesting panel is planned for the event. A tour is planned on rainwater harvesting as well. We will be partnering with the City of Flagstaff and Willow Bend on upcoming 4th grade Water Ethics Contest.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Brad Hill was not in attendance and Ron indicated the GAC had not met during the month.

6. Member's Corner

Frank McNelly gave an overview of water issues faced by ranchers on the Plateau and how they were being addressed. He discussed the issues involved in providing water for cattle and provided samples of piping materials being used to get the water to the animals.

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

Jim Parks reported on the status of the NGS. He also recently toured the Novo Power Plant. Frank McNelly indicated a car show was in Williams last week and the lakes are full. David Newlin reported the Sanders Chapter is hiring a business director. Mike Macauley reported on upcoming Conservation District meetings. Sybil indicated Ron will be forwarding a request from ADEQ for assistance in developing water quality data. She also discussed an upcoming position ADEQ. Gil Arviso talked about Robert Kirk's upcoming presentation. He also announced an upcoming conference in Las Vegas on drought and water policies. Brenda Smith reported on the work being done to protect the Leopard Frogs. Jan Balsom reported on the EA being done for the North Rim (could not hear what the EA is for). The waterline repairs are complete and full services should be restored by this weekend. Jim Duffield reported on numerous Hopi water activities and introduced David Lewis. Kayci Collins reported waterline replacements were being finished up at Wapatki. Don Bills discussed the upcoming AHS Symposium September 6-9 this year. Ryan Mulcahy from Representative O'Halleran's Office introduced himself. Karen Modesto indicated ADWR will be filling ten new staff positions that were approved this year. Ed Schenk indicated they are busy with pipeline work at the Canyon. Kira Russo indicated her abstract for the Tel Aviv Conference was accepted and she will be meeting with Mayor Von Gausig in the next couple weeks to discuss successful water restoration projects. Tamara Lawless reported the City of Flagstaff recently won the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. David Lewis discussed the Yavapai Apache involvement in Verde Watershed protection. Shelton Manakaja discussed several water-related projects on the Havasupai Reservation he is involved in. He has been working on a guzzler project for some time and is in the final stage of a new clinic project that has been going on three or four years. Pete Shearer on his experience cleaning dirt tanks in Tusayan. Cordel discussed the Oak Creek Watershed Council community calendar that is posted online. Eric Duthie discussed the projects in Tusayan and their housing situation.

8. Adjournment

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