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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Friday, May 30, 2014

10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3

2255 N. Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona

Present

Mandy Metzger, Coconino County
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Mary Reece, Bureau of Reclamation
Ron Doba, CPWAC
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Brenda Smith, USF&WS
Leslie Meyers, Bureau of Reclamation
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation
Thomas Siyuja Sr., Havasupai Tribe
Art Babbott, Coconino County (conference call)
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation
John Bodenchuk, AZ State Land Dept.
Mike Foley, Navajo Nation
Travis Hamidreek, Havasupai Tribe
Amanda Acheson, Coconino County
Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe
George Mase, Hopi Tribe
John Davison, CNRCD
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
Jim McCarthy, Flagstaff City Council Candidate
Leo Manheimer, Navajo Nation
Ray Gilmore, Navajo Nation
Don Bills, USGS
Celia Barotz, City of Flagstaff
Julio Alvarado, Water Stewards, Inc.
Benjamin Leu, Fellows from Indonesia
Yudhistira Yewangor, Fellows from Indonesia
Kayci Cook, National Park Service
Joanne Keene, Coconino County
Jeanne Trupiano, Coconino County
Hannah Griscom, AZGFD
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Margaret Vick, Havasupai Tribe

Some attendees did not sign in

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mandy Metzger opened the meeting at approximately 10:00 A.M. Self-introductions were made by all present.

2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of April 25, 2014

John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by John Davison and carried.

3. Action Items - None

4. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation on Flagstaff Water Policy

Brad Hill provided a PowerPoint presentation on the water policies recently adopted by the Flagstaff City Council. Questions and discussion took place regarding the identification of an Adequate Water Supply and the coordination of City/County water planning efforts. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC/CPWP website at www.cpwac.org.

B. Update on Legislative Water Briefing

Ron Doba provided an update on the Legislative Water Briefing that will be held in Prescott Valley June 12th. The event will be at the Prescott Valley Library auditorium and begin at 9:30 A.M. It is being co-sponsored by the CPWAC, NAMWUA and the YCWAC. Ron went through the speakers list. State and Federal elected officials have been invited as well as gubernatorial candidates. We anticipate 8 candidates, 1 surrogate and 2 videos. They have been asked to select one of three water related questions for their response. Invitees are invited for lunch after the event. We may have 100 or so attendees including the public. There have been about 70 confirmations from invitees.

John Davison indicated he would like to see presentations from the YCWAC and NAMWUA in the future.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Deborah Tosline reported the TAC had met yesterday. The City's consultant has been developing the refinements for the feasibility study for Red Gap Ranch. In regards to the pipeline, Reclamation is in the process of selecting a contractor to

fly the Page aerial photography for the intake. Reclamation has also been working with the Hopi to finalize the alignment for their segment. The ASLD permit has been received to perform ground disturbing activities. The TAC is also working on the water source menu that will be presented in the form of a map. The draft should be ready in a month or so to provide to the Partnership. Don Pool has been working on incorporating exempt wells into the groundwater model. Deborah also suggested Abe Springer be invited to give a presentation on the work he is doing regarding 4FRI impacts on hydrology. A WaterSMART grant application has also been submitted for a sustainability characterization project on Clear Creek and Chevelon Creek. The amount of the request is \$100,000 for two years. Also, the TAC is working on a proposal for a graduate student to assist in developing social and economic thresholds for the sustainability framework. The TAC would like to present the list they have developed of alternatives for completion of the feasibility study.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Amanda reported the committee met yesterday. The 4th grade water ethics contest award was presented in Sedona last Wednesday and Amanda had a copy of a newspaper clipping and photo that was in the Sedona newspaper. The interest by the teacher and the students was excellent and there are opportunities to expand the contest in Sedona. The committee also attended the Hopi Earth Day May 1st and many great contacts were made. The committee had the opportunity to visit some of the Hopi sustainability projects that are underway. We will be hosting a booth at the Flagstaff Festival of Science on September 20th and we are looking for volunteers to help host the booth. We are also hoping to participate in the September Project Wet event. Outreach material is being updated. Amanda did a presentation to NAU about a month ago and realized or canned presentation needs updating. Ron was asked to help with his item. John Taylor will also be brought in to discuss the Youth Council in June. In July a summit will be held to discuss potential Youth Council projects. The summit will likely be held July 24th.

6. Member Corner – None this month

Mandy asked for a volunteer for June 27th. Amanda indicated she could present on the sustainable building projects she is working on.

7. CPWP Roundtable

Brenda Smith reported USFWS is conducting a status review on all listed species. A second round is starting on a number of these and information is being requested on the Little Colorado River spinedace. The black footed ferret is also being reviewed.

Kayci Cook reported visitor's season is here. At Wupatki Monument they are installing rainwater harvesting containers to be used to irrigate cottonwood trees.

John Davison reported the CNRCD is hosting their annual local work group meeting next Wednesday at the AZGFD from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Ray Benally reported the public scoping process has begun on the Navajo Generating Station EIS.

Art Babbott indicated the WAC may be a good entity to provide comments for the discussions on county loading stations for water haulers

Jim Duffield reported they are working on their Clean Water Act Programs such as spring restorations. They are also involved in the Navajo Generating Station EIS. Testing is taking place on Hamp Well #3 north of Second Mesa.

Margaret Vick gave an update on the opposition to uranium mining and the stipulation entered into by the Havasupai and others, to put shaft drilling at the Canyon Mine on hold. An effort is being made to adopt BMPs that have previously been developed.

Celia Barotz expressed her thanks to Brad for his work in developing the water policies adopted by the Flagstaff City Council and how they would be used to maintain consistency in how people are being treated.

John Bodenchuk indicated the ASLD is working with the Upper Verde Water Coalition on a Reclamation Grant they have received.

John Davison asked for information on the Bear Team assessment of the Slide Fire. Mandy indicated it will be a week before we have any information.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:55 A.M.