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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 31, 2019

10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3

2255 N Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
Liz Archuleta, Coconino County
Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff
Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona
Don Bills, USGS
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club
Keith Brekhus, Congressman O'Halleran
Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe
Jim Parks, Coconino Farm Bureau Cattlegrowers Ass.
Nancy Steele, Friends of the Verde River
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe
Casey Jones, USGS
Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon National Park
Zach Stevens, Havasupai Tribe
John Snickers, AZ Water Co.
Brenna White, Grand Canyon National Park
David Newlin, LCP RC&D
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Roger Clark, Grand Canyon Trust
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
Peter Frederici, NAU
John Snickers, AZ Water Company
James Meza, Arizona State Parks

27 people were in attendance, all 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. Vice-Mayor Martinez asked for a raise of hands of voting members. Nine people raised their hands.

2. **Approval of Joint Meeting Minutes – Meeting of April 26, 2019**

Liz Archuleta made a motion to approve the minutes from April 26, 2019. The motion was seconded by Thomas Siyuja, Sr. and carried.

3. **Action Items**

A. Consideration of Voting Membership Request from the Grand Canyon Chapter of the Sierra Club

Ron Doba reviewed the request by the Grand Canyon Chapter of the Sierra Club to become a voting member of the CPWAC and CPWP. He also discussed the bylaws requirements for members. John Martinez asked if they will be a funding partner. Alicyn indicated she has been given preliminary approval but it has not been voted on officially by her board. Nancy Steele made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Liz Archuleta and carried.

B. Consideration of Letter of Support – HR 1373, Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act

Ron Doba gave the background on the request by the Havasupai Tribe to support HR1373 and put a map on the screen of the land involved. An explanation of the wording in the bill was provided by Keith Brekhus. Keith indicated the language does not prohibit entry. Cattle grazing is still permitted. Brad indicated the letterhead on the letter of support should be modified as some agencies listed are not permitted to advocate. Jim Parks expressed concerns that grazing might still be prohibited although responses from the Sierra Club, Havasupai Tribe and Grand Canyon Trust indicated they would not be prohibited. Liz Archuleta suggested the letter indicate the CPWAC supports continuing grazing rights on the associated lands. John Martinez made a motion to approve the letter of support. Jim Parks suggested postponing the vote for further clarification. The group did not wish to postpone the vote. The motion was seconded by Austin Aslan and carried with a 9-1 vote. The USGS abstained from the vote.

4. **Non-Action Items**

A. Presentation: Watersheds and the Use of Drone Cameras – Peter Frederici, Immersive + Interactive Virtual Reality Lab, NAU

Peter Frederici gave a presentation and showed a video of an example of the work done with a drone on the Colorado River. He is looking for other opportunities to use drones to tell watershed stories. The link to the video is <https://nauvirtualreality.wixsite.com/vanishingriver>.

5. **Committee Reports**

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Ron Doba reported the TAC had met yesterday and had received one proposal for the groundwater modeling project. The TAC will be reviewing the proposal and making a recommendation for award to the board next month. He announced we have a contract

with Wilderness River Adventures for the 10/4/2019 field trip. Lunches will be BYO. Checks need to be made out to the Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership by the August meeting because fees are due 30 days prior to the trip. The cost of the trip will be \$85 per person. Everything taken on the trip must meet TSA requirements. Sponsors are being sought for Abe's 35 students. Sponsorships for 24 students have been obtained thus far.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Ron reported there had not been a public outreach meeting but he has been continuing to attend the water exhibition planning meetings at the Falstaff Arts Council. We are applying for another \$10,000 grant from AZ Humanities to support the exhibition.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Brad indicated the GAC has been focused on HR1373 and he has a summary of the State bills that passed that he can make available. He also had an opportunity to meet with Brenda Burman in D.C. and thank her for our BOR grant.

6. Members Corner – None this month

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

Jim Parks reported on the duplicate brand issue.

Jan indicated the Park has a new Acting Superintendent.

Thomas reported on an emergency response course and Fish and Game conference he had attended. He thanked the group for support of HR1373.

Alicyn reported on the Colorado River Days planning.

Nancy reported on the Waterways Exhibit and other events associated with it. The Friends are also having a State of the Watershed Conference the last week of October.

Roger Clark reported on the House Natural Resources Subcommittee meeting on HR1373 coming up Wednesday. There will be a full-page ad in the AZ Republic as well to support the bill.

James Meza reported on his responsibilities with the State Parks.

Brad reported there are two vacancies on the Flagstaff Water Commission.

John Snickers reported on the new buried water tank being designed for Sedona and the permit process they had gone through.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:35 A.M.