

# **MINUTES**

Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Friday, June 24, 2016

10:00 A.M.

**USGS Building #3**

**2255 N Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001**

## **Present**

Mandy Metzger, Coconino County

John Martinez, City of Sedona

Don Bills, USGS

Alicyn Gitland, Sierra Club

Leo Manheimer, Navajo Nation

Gil Arviso, Navajo Nation (phone)

David Newlin, LCRP RC&D

Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff

Todd Madeksza, Coconino County

Kira Russo, Global Water Policy

Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribal Council

Kayci Cook Collins, Flagstaff Area National Monuments

Dan Campbell, Verde River Basin Partnership

Sybil Smith, ADEQ

Michele Ralston, Coconino County

James Meza, Arizona State Parks

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Scott Russell, 4FRI

Brienne Pettit, 4FRI

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Mike Macauley, CNRCD

Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe

Deborah Tosline, Reclamation

Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribal Council

Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe

Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Ray Benally, Navajo Nation

Brenda Smith, US Fish & Wildlife

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Mandy Metzger opened the meeting at approximately 10:05 A.M. Self-introductions were made by all present.

## **2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of May 27, 2016**

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

**3. Action Items – None**

Mandy discussed the Board elections scheduled for next month and asked if there was interest by anyone in being on the Board. Ron indicated the recommendation to the WAC and Partnership will be to table the elections until the local elections are over.

**4. Non-Action Items**

**A. Presentation – 4FRI Status**

Scott Russell gave a presentation to update the group on the status of the 4FRI Project. Discussion evolved regarding the recent smoke issue in Sedona from the Mormon Fire. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

**5. Committee Reports**

**A. Government Affairs Committee**

Todd Madeksza reported on two proposals being introduced by the County. One is regarding funding for wildfire suppression. The other exempts the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) from Federal background checks to expedite appointments to the Committee. Mandy also asked for anyone interested to apply. Brad Hill brought up S.2902 and asked if it was related. Brad also discussed H.R.3720 that would establish the WaterSense Program in the E.P.A.

**B. Technical Advisory Committee**

Deborah presented the draft agenda for next month's work session with the Partnership to work on the scope of work for the Sustainable Water Management Plan. The Partnership had no changes to the agenda. They asked that they be provided the questions ahead of time so more thought can be given to them prior to the meeting.

Don Bills gave details on an upcoming AZ Hydrological Society fieldtrip.

**C. Public Outreach Committee**

Ron reported Amanda, ADWR and he had attended the Page City Council meeting last Wednesday night. Amanda discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> grade water ethics contest with the Council and left posters and a water super hero tool kit. Her new intern is Rachel Heydorn and will be starting next week. Rachel will be helping with the water ethics contest.

## **6. Member Corner**

Kira Russo gave a presentation on current Global Water Policy activities. Her presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

Names suggested for the August Member's Corner included Jeanmarie Haney, the Tusayan Town Manager (affordable housing project) and the Navajo Nation.

## **7. CPWP Member Roundtable**

Pete Shearer discussed the funds allocated for new fields in Tusayan.

Leo Manheimer discussed the Navajo settlement with the State of Utah.

Alicyn Gitlin discussed the planning taking place for the Colorado River Days in Flagstaff. This year an art show will be included. Art show submissions are due June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Sybil reported ADEQ is in the process of reorganizing. She can be contacted if you need to know who you should be talking to in the organization. 928-679-7307.

John Martinez reported it was 110 degrees in Sedona on Monday. Two injection wells are now being constructed.

Deborah indicated ADWR has funding available for the Rural Water Program according to the TAC meeting yesterday. ADWR is now in the ADEQ building in Phoenix.

Brenda Smith discussed the monitoring of the Page Springs Snail.

Kayci Cook Collins reported this is a National Park Service Centennial Year and they have been experiencing many visitors. They have been making water line repairs and have received their Dark Sky status back

Jim Duffield reported on the Hopi Wetlands Demonstration Project and annual sampling.

Thomas discussed a recent power outage on the Havasupai Reservation. The power had been turned off due to a fire on the Hualapai Reservation. The water system went dry as a result of the power outage.

Shelton discussed the need for a generator. They need funding assistance.

Ray Benally indicated the Navajo are submitting final comments for the Navajo Generating Station. Comments are due the end of the month.

Mike Macauley reported on their recent local work group meeting. Practice recommendations are made to the NRCS and their implementation is partially funded by the NRCS. Changes have also been made for grant applications from the Water Protection Fund.

David Newlin reported the pre-evacuation order for Showlow has been lifted.

Brad Hill indicated new utility rates will go into effect Friday. Flagstaff is also doing a well siting study.

Mandy discussed her recent meeting with Director Buschatzke. He assured her he would be using the CPWP in their planning process. He had also expressed a willingness to come up and speak to the CPWP. She also wished to have a letter on next month's agenda for discussion as to whether the CPWP wished to request funding assistance from the Forest Service for watershed monitoring.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:05 P.M.