

MINUTES
Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership
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Friday, June 26, 2015
10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3
2255 N. Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona

Present

Mandy Metzger, Coconino County
Jerry Nabours, City of Flagstaff
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Frank McNelly, City of Williams
Don Bills, USGS
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
David Newlin, Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D
Jeanne Trupiano, Coconino County
Greg Bryan, Town of Tusayan
Dennis Rule, CAGR
Margaret Vick, Havasupai Tribe
Gerry Walker, ADWR
Todd Madeksza, Coconino County
Sam Taylor, AZ State Parks
Shayla Woodhouse, CPWP POC
Carl Taylor, CPWP POC
Malinda Andrews, Hopi Tribe
Art Babbott, Coconino County
Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Charles Mosley, City of Sedona
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Hannah Griscom, AZGFD
Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation
Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe

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 May 29, 2015

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

3. Action Items

A. Election of Board Member(s) to Replace John Davison for CPWAC and CPWP

Ron provided the background on the board vacancy and indicated we have been trying to determine interest from participants in serving on the board. Mandy asked if anyone had interest in filling the board vacancy. Frank McNelly indicated he was interested. John Martinez made a motion to elect Frank McNelly to the board of the CPWAC and CPWP. The motion was seconded by Jerry Nabours and carried. Frank McNelly gave a brief report on his background.

4. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation: Colorado River Shortage Impacts on Arizona

Dennis Rule, Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the projected impacts of potential shortages on the Colorado River. A key factor has been the greater than normal precipitation during the month of May that has drastically changed the projected shortage situation (for the better). Dennis's presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Deborah reported the TAC had met yesterday. Erin Young had given a presentation to the TAC on the Flagstaff conservation program. The modeling has been completed for Red Gap Ranch. Don Reiff also gave a presentation on how the water source menu maps were made. His presentation is posted on the CPWAC website. The TAC is also discussing a possible field trip to Clear Creek and Cheylon Creek to occur in September or October. The trip would be open to partnership participants and a report will be provided next month. The Navajo Nation has provided an additional \$100,000 and ADWR an additional \$20,000 towards the NCAWSFS.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Shayla reported the POC met yesterday. The 4th grade water ethics contest did not have any participants this year. The POC gave a water awareness presentation at Ponderosa School. The group is working on having flyers on water awareness to be posted in bathrooms. Samples were passed around the group. They would like to incorporate the CPWP logo on the flyers. The POC is still working on the film idea.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Brad Hill reported the committee has prioritized the items that were identified for the GAC at the recent retreat. He presented the prioritized items to the group.

6. Member Corner

Jeanmarie Haney provided an update on the activities that are current with The Nature Conservancy. Handouts were made available from The Nature Conservancy on Restoring Arizona's Forest.

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

Mayor Bryan reported Tusayan is working to replace Will Wright who has retired as Town Manager. Tusayan is also going through a process with the Forest Service to obtain access for the proposed development.

Don Bills reported stream flow gauges are up and running. The data is available on the Arizona Water Science Center web page. The USGS is also completing an evaluation on base flows for Clear Creek and Chevlon Creek. The USGS has also executed an agreement with the BOR to work with the Hualapai Tribe for water needs support.

Thomas Siyuja reported the Havasupai have been working with the USGS on installation of new flood gauges and moving existing flood gauges.

Jim Duffield reported they will be putting on a seminar for tribes on administering Clean Water Act funds.

Deborah Tosline reported the DLCC is looking for a nomination as a pilot area. They are looking for a group that has an established partnership that can provide data for their regional database. She thought it may be a place to house the water source menu maps. Deborah will send information to Ron. The Science and Technology Program provides funds to BOR staff to submit proposals to work on innovative projects. She will be presenting a proposal to look at the installation of erosion control structures at a pilot location.

Brad Hill reported spring flow off the Inner Basin is peaking right now.

Frank McNelly indicated Williams is hoping for the monsoons to come soon.

Art Babbott reported the County has passed their budget. He and Mandy had recently viewed a managed fire with the Forest Service and how interesting it was. Future fires may be larger, longer and produce more smoke.

Erin Young reported the Forest Service has withdrawn their proposed groundwater management directive.

Gerry Walker reported the probability tables that Dennis Rule had in his presentation are available on the ADWR website. She indicated the INA petition for the San Simone Sub Basin is in the comment period till July 7th.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 P.M.