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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, June 26, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Zoom Meeting

Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
John Martinez, City of Sedona,
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club
Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Frank Thorwald, AZ Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Dale Nations, AZ Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Jerry Smit, ADEQ
Naveen Savarirayan, ADEQ
Tony Hines,
Don Bills, USGS
Tanya Owens, Westland Resources
Marta Hoden, AZ Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River
Liz Archuleta, Coconino County
Zach Richards, ADWR
Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ
Bruce Northern, Town of Tusayan
Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon Park
Megan Kelly
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation
Jocelyn Gibbon, Freshwater Policy Consulting
Sherry Wasserman, ASU
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
Kayci Cook, National Park Service
Casey Jones, USGS
Zach Stevens, Havasupai Tribe
Taylor McKinnon, Center for Biological Diversity

35 people were in attendance, names of all are not available

1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice-Chair John Martinez called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 A.M.
Ron identified individuals on the call.

2. Approval of Joint Meeting Minutes – Meeting of May 29, 2020

Austin Aslan made a motion to approve the minutes from May 29, 2020. The motion was seconded by Don Bills and carried.

3. Action Items – None

4. Non-Action Items

A. Geology, Fracking and Helium Extraction Presentation

A presentation was given by Frank Thorwald and Dale nations of the Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission with additional presenters Tony Hines, Naveen Savarirayan and Jerry Smit. The presentation was recorded and is posted on the CPWAC web site. Questions were recorded in the chat room and provided to Mr. Thorwald for responses. The questions and responses will be posted on the CPWAC website when completed.

5. Committee Reports

A. TAC: Ron Doba reported the TAC had met via Zoom yesterday. The TAC has started updating the water demand maps that are available on the CPWAC website. We are anticipating applying for another Reclamation grant this year to continue the modeling work. The upcoming September field trip is still on but we will be making a determination as the time gets nearer. The TAC also has determined the sharing of the funding to have the USGS set up the Chevelon Creek stream flow gage and begin monitoring. The USGS is determining what agreements will be necessary. APS will not be able to provide a guide for the windfarm and John Martinez asked if a video might be provided in lieu of a speaker.

B. GAC: Ron reported the TAC was reviewing failed HB 2896, dealing with the formation of Rural Management Areas. We are still looking for a chair to replace Brad Hill to help move this item.

C. POC: Ron announced Tamara Lawless has been appointed as the new interim chair of the POC. Ron will be working with her and Amanda to bring Tamara up to speed

5. Members Corner - None

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Nothing to report

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 A.M.