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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership
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Friday, June 27, 2014
10:00 A.M.

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

Present

Art Babbott, Coconino County
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Leslie Meyers, Bureau of Reclamation
Ron Doba, CPWAC
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation
Thomas Siyuja Sr., Havasupai Tribe
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation
Travis Hamidreek, Havasupai Tribe
George Mase, Hopi Tribe
John Davison, CNRCD
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
Don Bills, USGS
Hannah Griscom, AZGFD
Mark Woodson, City of Flagstaff
Leroy Kewanimptewa, Hopi Tribe
Judy Sulltrop, Congresswoman Kirkpatrick's office
Sybil Smith, ADEQ
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
Lucinda Adriani, Coconino County
Eleanor McTyre, NAU
Peter Moorhouse, NAU
Mike..., NAU

Some attendees did not sign in

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of May 30, 2014

John Davison pointed out a typo under item 4.B. Art Babbott made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by John Davison and carried.

3. Action Items - None

4. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation on Coconino County Transportation Initiative

Lucinda Andriani gave a PowerPoint presentation on Coconino County's transportation initiative that will be going to the voters. The initiative includes a sales tax increase that will be used for roadway maintenance. Lucinda's presentation is posted on the CPWAC/CPWP website.

B. Public Outreach Committee Video

Eleanor McTyre, Peter Moorhouse and Mike... gave a PowerPoint presentation that included some of the work the Public Outreach Committee has been doing developing a video to support the CPWAC/CPWP water ethic. The presentation is on an Apple hard drive and is not converted at this time to enable uploading to the CPWC/CPWP website.

Problems were encountered with the editing software and the relocation of video staff that have caused some of the work to be unedited at this time. The CPWAC previously funded the project with an initial budget of \$1,500. Interviews were conducted at U.C. Irvine with Travis Huxman and the San Diego Water Department as well as with the public at the various locations, including Flagstaff. Unfortunately the audio would not play due to not having an audio system to play from the computer. Some of the video is corrupted and the group has not been successful in making it usable. Apparently a new version of the software has come out that will not play the old version. Eleanor suggested if the CPWP wishes to continue to pursue the project it should be pitched to the senior Capstone film students at NAU. Amanda will be given the hard drive and the clips of the project that still need editing.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Deborah Tosline provided a condensed PowerPoint of the presentation that had been given to the Coconino County Board of Supervisors. Deborah emphasized the cost numbers that had been previously shared with the group for FY2015 complete the hydraulics engineering but do not complete the 30% design. Tasks such as electrical design and corrosion protection are not included. John Martinez asked where right of way acquisition fits in to the project. Leslie Meyers explained we know who owns the land where the pipeline alignment falls. An estimated cost of acquiring the right of way will be a part of the 30% design. Deborah also explained the cost estimate is available for the 30% design and needs to be broken out from the existing table Reclamation has provided. Ray Benally pointed out the hydraulics engineering cannot be spread out over a number of years because once the computer model run is started it cannot be stopped. Art asked if the table that shows the 30% cost could be sent out electronically to the cost share partners. Art also asked if a private contractor

could come in and take over the project. Leslie said it could be done. The scope of work would have to be put together and quotes obtained from a consultant. The work would have to meet Reclamation guidelines. It is not certain whether dollars would be saved or not. The Rural Water Program is also up for reauthorization in 2016. Leslie indicated she thought they could still work on the study if the Program is not reauthorized.

One of the projects the TAC has been working on as part of the strategic plan has been to develop alternatives to complete the feasibility study if federal funding is not available. A set of bullet points was handed out for further discussion at a future meeting.

Discussion took place regarding setting up a presentation on Colorado River water entitlements. Karen Modesto is trying to set this up with ADWR and will get with Ron. Art indicated he thought it would be good to schedule it when all the partners are able to attend.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Amanda was not in attendance to give the report. John Davison reported they had a meeting yesterday with Terra BIRDS.

6. Member Corner – None this month

Amanda Acheson had volunteered for the Member Corner but was unable to attend. She will be placed on the agenda for next month.

7. CPWP Roundtable

Art thanked Deborah and Ron for the presentation to the Coconino County Board this month.

John Martinez reported Hwy 89A is open and Sedona is planning its 4th of July celebration. John also reported that Yavapai County has pulled out of funding the Yavapai County Water Advisory Council at an amount of \$90,000 per year.

Ray Benally reported the NGS Kayenta Mine public hearings have been completed.

Thomas asked if a check has been received from the Havasupai Tribe yet. Ron stated they have been invoiced but we have not received a check yet. He also indicated he appreciated being considered for a board position but he would have to decline.

Pete Shearer reported rates would be reduced 2 ½% for the Tusayan Sanitary District as a result of debt service being retired.

George Mase stated the Hopi found the transportation presentation interesting as they are establishing a HDOT and a tribal utility.

8. Adjournment

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