

# MINUTES

## Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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## Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, July 26, 2019

10:00 A.M.

### USGS Building #3

2255 N Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

#### Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP  
Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting  
Karen Modesto, ADWR  
Don Bills, USGS  
Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River  
Zach Stevens, Havasupai Tribe (phone)  
David Newlin, LCP RC&D  
John Martinez, City of Sedona  
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff  
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff  
Ashley Hullinger, University of Arizona  
Ruth Mortenson, Flagstaff Resident  
Dan Ferguson, U of A  
Connie Woodhouse, U of A  
Keith Brekhus, Congressman O'Halleran  
Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ  
Ruth Mortenson, Citizen  
Coral Evans, City of Flagstaff  
Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff  
Nancy Steele, Friends of the Verde River  
Jim Parks, Farm Bureau

21 people were in attendance, all did not sign in

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Coral Evans called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 A.M.  
Self-introductions were made by all.

#### 2. Approval of Joint Meeting Minutes – Meeting of June 28, 2019

Jim Parks made a motion to approve the minutes from June 28, 2019. The motion was seconded by David Newlin and carried.

**3. Action Items**

**A. Election of Board of Directors and Officers**

CPWAC

John Martinez made a motion to elect Coral Evans as Chair. The motion was seconded by Jim Parks and carried.

David Newlin made a motion to elect John Martinez as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Jim Parks and carried.

Jim Parks made a motion to elect Liz Archuleta as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by David Newlin and carried.

John Martinez made a motion to elect David Newlin as At-Large Board Member. The motion was seconded by Brent Bitz and carried.

Ron was asked to check with the Havasupai representatives to see if they have interest in serving on the Board.

CPWP

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Don Bills made a motion to elect Brent Bitz as At-Large Board Member. The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried.

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**4. Non-Action Items**

**A. Presentation: Climate Sensitivity Study – Dan Ferguson, Connie Woodhouse, University of Arizona**

Connie Woodhouse gave a Power Point presentation on the project her and Dan Ferguson have been working on, looking at the correlation between temperatures, precipitation and surface water flows on the Verde River. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site.

**5. Committee Reports**

**A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee**

Ron Doba reported the TAC had met yesterday and gave an update on the October 4<sup>th</sup> field trip. The field trip is up to 80 people. Ron will be emailing out a disclaimer for field trip attendees to review as they will be required to sign the manifest prior to the trip.

Everyone has not paid yet. All payments will be due by the August CPWP meeting. Attendees will need to be at the USGS at 6:00 AM.

**B. Public Outreach Committee**

Ron reported there was a POC meeting yesterday. Two items of discussion included getting the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Water Ethics Contest going and an intern for Amanda.

**C. Government Affairs Committee**

Brad reported on activity to modify the rules regarding a determination of adequacy outside of AMAs for those using the Coconino and Redwall-Mauv Aquifers. John Martinez asked if there was any news on the uranium mining bill. There is none.

**6. Members Corner – None this month**

**7. CPWP Member Roundtable**

Austin Aslan gave an update on the Museum Fire and the flooding concerns.

Jim Parks provided additional information on the fire.

David Newlin reported on the new propane contract the Hopi Cultural Center has negotiated. He also discussed the regulations on fracking.

Nancy discussed the Tamarisk Beetle being discovered in the Verde Valley and some of the events taking place in the Verde Valley.

Karen announced the Water Protection Fund grant cycle and information on a Dept. of Forestry grant that was just announced.

Kira added information on the AHS activities.

Erin indicated significant debris may occur from runoff resulting from the fire.

**8. Adjournment**

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