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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, July 28, 2017

10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3

2255 N. Gemini Dr., Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Coral Evans, City of Flagstaff
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Don Bills, USGS
Frank McNelly, City of Williams
David Newlin, LCRP RC&D
Ron Doba, CPWP
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Gil Arviso, Navajo Nation
Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe
Ed Schenk, Grand Canyon Park
Ryan Mulcahy, Rep. Tom O'Halleran's Office
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club
Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting
Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe
Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Laura Garcia, City of Flagstaff
Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation
James Meza, Arizona State Parks
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
Rusty Tweed, Woodson Engineering
Margaret Vick, Havasupai Tribe
Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon National Park
Kayci Cook, National Park Service
Emma Hibbett, Global Water Policy Consulting
Brenda Smith, U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Eric Duthie, Town of Tusayan
Jeanne Calhoun National Park Service
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
Amanda Acheson, Coconino County

Kit MacDonald, USFS

Some attendees did not sign in
32 people were in attendance

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 30, 2017

John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes from June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Frank McNelly and carried.

3. Non-Action Items (sequence of agenda items was reversed)

A. Presentation/Discussion – Grand Canyon Trans Canyon Waterline Project

Jan Balsom provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed waterline project for the Grand Canyon National Park. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC website and Jan is asking for comments on the proposed project.

B. Presentation/Discussion – Navajo/Gallup Waterline Project

Robert Kirk provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Navajo/Gallup Water Supply Project that is currently under construction. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

4. Action Items

A. None

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Ron Doba reported the TAC had met yesterday. Ron welcomed Roxanne Holland as the new TAC member representing Sedona. Abe Springer has brought an issue identified by Supervisor Art Babbott. There has been a problem in the Ft. Valley area when private water wells have been contaminated resulting from septic systems impacted during run-off periods. The TAC will be keeping this on their agenda and bringing it back for future discussion. Ron also gave an update on the September field trip and announced the August Partnership meeting has been cancelled due to conflicts. Ron will be sending out an RSVP for the field trip.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Amanda gave the update. The POC will take part of the Flagstaff Festival of Science in September and co-hosting a panel on rainwater harvesting. They are also partnering with the County Sustainable Building Program in hosting a tour focusing on domestic conservation in homes (September 30th). The CPWP is a sponsor for this year's Colorado River Days. Bathroom signs are available for distribution from the last Water Ethics Contest and we will be kicking off the new contest the beginning of the school year. We are also partnering with the City of Flagstaff Water Festival. Amanda then reported on

yesterday's meeting to identify tracts for artists participating in the 2019 Water Art Exhibition. The themes identified include:

1. Where Does Water Come From?
2. How is Water Managed?
3. The Nature of Water
4. The Future of Water

C. Government Affairs Committee

Brad Hill reported the GAC will be meeting after today's meeting and his efforts on the Governor's Groundwater Workgroup. Issues being discussed include emergency groundwater transportation between basins, metering all groundwater pumping outside an AMA and the hydrologic definition of physical groundwater availability.

6. Member's Corner

None this month

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

Shelton gave an update on several of the projects he has been working on located on the Havasupai Reservation.

Margaret Vick gave an update on the pending litigation the Havasupai have brought forward. The case was dismissed last week.

Kayci reported August 25th will be the 101st anniversary of the NPS.

Don indicated The USGS has been involved in tracking flood flows and the AHS is still accepting abstracts for the upcoming symposium.

Jim Duffield report the Hopi have completed their annual sampling.

Brenda Smith reported the F&W Service has been working on a conservation package for the re-permitting of the NGS. The re-permitting not appear to be moving forward at this time. The end of September will also be the annual Condor release.

Ed reported on upcoming talks at the Science Conference and AHS.

Erin mentioned the award Flagstaff received from the Three CMA Marketing organization.

Brad shared information on the name change for the Flagstaff Utilities Department. The name has been changed to the Water Services Department.

Kit MacDonald reported on burn activities on the Coconino and Kaibab Forests.

Alicyn reminded everyone to check the website for the upcoming Colorado River Days. Artwork is due July 31st. Song submittals are due August 22nd.

Kira Russo reported on her attendance at the recent UN Sustainable Development Goals Workshop in New York. Her intern will be coauthoring the paper Kira will be presenting in Tel Aviv.

James Meza reported on the surveys for user experience/parking at Slide Rock.

Robert reported on the upcoming summit that will be held at the Twin Arrows Casino.

Karen Modesto reported the sub-flow zone maps were recently approved by the court for the Upper San Pedro and the Cochise Groundwater Flow Model Report will be released soon.

8. Adjournment

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