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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 30, 2021

10:00 A.M.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff (Virtual)

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Don Bills, USGS

Tom Lamkin, City of Sedona

Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River (Virtual)

Sarana Riggs, Grand Canyon Trust (Virtual)

Tamara Lawless, City of Flagstaff (Virtual)

Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting (Virtual)

Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County (Virtual)

JoAnna Mendoza, Rep. O'Halleran

Deborah Tosline, Reclamation, (Virtual)

Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District

Casey Jones, USGS (Virtual)

Zach Stevens, Havasupai Tribe (Virtual)

Reuben Teran, ADWR, Virtual

Jocelyn Gibbon, Freshwater Policy Consulting, (Virtual)

Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona (Virtual)

Areina Contreras, Coconino County (Virtual)

Amanda Podmore, Grand Canyon Trust (Virtual)

Ed Schenk, City of Flagstaff

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Approximately 23 people were in attendance.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Austin Aslan 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 25, 2021**

Don Bills made a motion to approve the minutes from June 25, 2021. The motion was seconded by Tom Lamkin and carried.

3. Action Items

a. Election of CPWAC and CPWP Board Members and Officers

Chair Aslan asked if anyone had a desire to be on the board and if there were any members that wished to not be re-elected. Ron Doba indicated Joelynn Ashly had expressed interest in serving on the board but she was not present. Austin Aslan made a motion to re-elect the current slate of board members and officers for another term. The motion was seconded by Tom Lamkin and carried.

b. Consideration of Adoption of Land Acknowledgement

Chair Aslan discussed this item. He was hoping for discussion and possible stating of the acknowledgement at the start of each Partnership meeting. Discussion took place and several modifications were suggested to the draft wording. The following is a modified version of the Land Acknowledgement:

Recognizing that *Water is Life*, the Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership's area of interest sits at the base of the Sacred Peaks, on the homelands of more than 13 Tribal Nations and Indigenous Peoples. We honor them, their legacies, their cultures, their traditions, and their past, current, and future generations who will forever call this place home. We support their perspective of the land, water, and life of this region as a living entity that deserves all of our respect and stewardship to maintain balance and harmony now and into the future.

The draft will be sent to Sarana Riggs and Zach Stevens for further review. The item will be on next month's agenda.

4. Non-Action Items

a. Arizona Water Protection Fund Update

Reuben Teran from ADWR gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the Water Protection Fund for this year. Information on the FY 2022 AWPf Grant Cycle can be obtained on the web site at [FY 2022 Grant Cycle | Arizona Water Protection Fund \(azwpcf.gov\)](https://www.azwpcf.gov).

b. Discussion of CPWAC/CPWP Meeting Days and Times

Chair Aslan indicated the board discussed this item and unanimously determined we should maintain our current date and time for meetings.

5. Committee Reports

A. TAC: Ron Doba reported the TAC had met yesterday and discussed the upcoming field trip on September 24th. He will be sending out an email to all participants to determine who will be attending.

A. GAC: Ron indicated John Martinez has volunteered to co-chair the GAC with Greg Clifton. Greg and John are currently out of town.

C. POC: Tamara reported the POC met and are still receiving submissions for the story map. They are exploring whether to move forward with the 4th grade water ethics contest this year.

5. Members Corner - None

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Erin Young expressed appreciation of the comments from Sarana earlier on the Land Acknowledgement.

Pete Shearer will be sending cloud seeding information to Ron for distribution.

Alicyn Gitlin thanked Sarana for her comments and reminded folks that the comment period is still open for the Pinion Plains Mine APP. The deadline is August 7th.

Karen Modesto thanked Reuben for his presentation.

Zack Stevens echoed Alicyn's comments and reported the Tribe is under lockdown but there are no cases in the village.

Sarana reported the Grand Canyon Trust has been working with Save the Confluence families. Two permits have been pulled for hydroelectric dams.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 A.M.