

MINUTES
Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership
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Friday, July 31, 2015
10:00 A.M.

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

Present

John Martinez, City of Sedona
Frank McNelly, City of Williams
Don Bills, USGS
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
David Newlin, Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D
Greg Bryan, Town of Tusayan
Sam Taylor, AZ State Parks
Shayla Woodhouse, Coconino County
Charles Mosley, City of Sedona
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Hannah Griscom, AZGFD
Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation
Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation
Brenda Smith, USF&W
Sybil Smith, ADEQ
Trent Blanchard, Senator McCain's office
Bob Sejkora, AZ State Parks
Kevin Eatherly, Global Environmental
Brett Danson, Global Environmental
Craig Ahrens, Global Environmental
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
Ed Schenk, Grand Canyon, NPS
Genevieve Johnson, Desert LCC

1. Welcome and Introductions

Secretary/Treasurer John Martinez opened the meeting at approximately 10:00 A.M. Self-introductions were made by all present.

2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of June 26, 2015

Brad Hill made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Don Bills and carried.

3. Action Items

A. Presentation/Possible Direction, Water Source Menu Maps

Deborah Tosline provided handouts and, along with Don Bills, gave a presentation on the water resource menu maps that were completed by the TAC. Deborah's presentation is posted on the CPWAC website. The maps are also being posted on the website in PDF form so they may be downloaded by participants. Deborah explained part of the presentation is for the Partnership to decide what they want to do with the maps and how the data sets should be maintained. The existing data is normalized to 2010 and some data has changed since the data was originally identified for the maps. Don Reiff (BOR) was estimating 60-80 hours of GIS effort would be needed for the next update. Ron Doba suggested the Partners decide what frequency they would like to have the maps updated. Based on the estimated hours provided, an updating could be a \$10,000 - \$12,000 GIS effort. The group thought 2015 data would be a good update. That would mean it could take place in 2016. It is also possible an existing agency may wish to handle the updating. This will be an action item on an upcoming agenda.

4. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation: Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative

Genevieve Johnson gave a presentation on the formation and roles of the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives. The CPWP could apply for a designation as a pilot area by the DLCC. Discussion took place on the potential of the Desert LLC to provide GIS services for updating the water menu maps. Ron suggested he look at the application form that is available online and talk to the TAC to determine if there is potential. Genevieve's presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Deborah reported the TAC had met yesterday. There was a presentation by the City of Flagstaff on the modeling work being done at Red Gap Ranch. The results will be used in the NEPA work for RGR and the presentation will be posted on the CPWAC web site. Deborah handed out forms for partners to use and asked for them to submit their in-kind costs involved for meeting attendance. The TAC is also planning a field trip to Clear Creek and Cheylon Creek this fall. The trip would be 6-8 hours and could be on a Friday or Saturday depending on the group's wishes.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Shayla Woodhouse reported the POC met July 16th at Kickstand Café. They had a fourth grade teacher that was present and indicated she would be willing to help with the fourth grade water ethics contest. Shayla passed out some samples of the posters for the bathrooms and asked if any partners are missing. Pete Shearer

indicated he could provide a logo for the Tusayan Sanitary District. Discussion took place on the proposed film project.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Brad Hill reported the committee is trying to determine how they want to meet. They will be discussing the AMAs first to determine if it is a priority.

Ron Doba went over the Committee priority list that was provided to the board at the board meeting.

6. Member Corner

Bob Sejkora gave a short presentation on what is happening with State Parks. Bob's presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site.

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

Frank McNelly reported Williams is still drilling wells, no water yet.

Shayla reported there was an article in the Sunday AZ Daily Sun on water harvesting. Amanda was quoted in the article.

Kevin Eatherly reported that Global Environmental was interested in working with the Partnership in any way they can.

Trent Blanchard indicated Senator McCain's office is interested in working with the group on any federal issues. Ron will provide Trent's email address to the group. Ron offered a presentation to the Phoenix staff to update them on the NCAWSFS. Trent indicated he thought they would appreciate that.

Charles Mosley reported the Forest Service has withdrawn their proposed groundwater management directive and there is still opposition to the recently published definition of "Waters of the United States."

8. Adjournment

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