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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 31, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Zoom Meeting

Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

John Martinez, City of Sedona,

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Don Bills, USGS

Tanya Owens, Westland Resources

Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River

Zach Richards, ADWR

Bruce Northern, Town of Tusayan

Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation

Jocelyn Gibbon, Freshwater Policy Consulting

Kayci Cook, National Park Service

Casey Jones, USGS

Zach Stevens, Havasupai Tribe

Bryan Bates, Flagstaff Citizen, candidate for District 4 Coconino BOS

Ruth Mortenson, Flagstaff Citizen

Max Evans, AHS awardee

Tamara Lawless, City of Flagstaff

Rachel Ellis, Grand Canyon Trust

21 people were in attendance

1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice-Chair John Martinez 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 26, 2020

Brent Bitz made a motion to approve the minutes from June 26, 2020. The motion was seconded by Don Bills and carried.

3. Action Items – None

4. Non-Action Items

A. HB 2896: Rural Management Areas vs. Irrigation Non-Expansion Areas

Ron reported the TAC has been reviewing HB 2896 and will be bringing it to the WAC for consideration. Prior to that, they wish to provide presentations on INAs and AMAs. Ron played a video of a presentation given to the Mohave County West Basin Water Users Study Committee by Ken Slowinski of ADWR on INAs. Key points from the presentation were the Director cannot take into account future potential water use in forming an INA and it only limits non-exempt wells that are for irrigation purposes.

5. Committee Reports

A. TAC: Ron Doba reported the TAC had met via Zoom yesterday. They will be starting to plan the educational forum/strategic planning session next month, hoping to have it after the start of next year. We will be having a presentation on the WRESA next month. The TAC is also trying to put a virtual field trip together in lieu of the September field trip but they have limited funds available for it. He discussed the funding agreement with the USGS for funding the startup and monitoring of the Chevelon Creek stream flow gage.

B. GAC: Ron reported he is still trying to find a chair for the Government Affairs Committee.

C. POC: Tamara reported the POC met yesterday and discussed the 4th grade water ethics contest. We will not be doing it this year, possibly having a community contest instead. The POC will be providing material for the “Parched” exhibition from previous 4th grade water ethics contest entries.

5. Members Corner - None

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Alicyn provided information on the Colorado River Days event coming up. It should be on the website next week.

Erin reported the City of Flagstaff is beginning a reclaimed water master plan and accepting applications from people to form a committee to work on the plan.

7. Adjournment

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