

# MINUTES

## Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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## Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

**Friday, August 27, 2021**

**10:00 A.M.**

### Virtual Zoom Meeting

#### Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Don Bills, USGS

Tom Lamkin, City of Sedona

Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River

Sarana Riggs, Grand Canyon Trust

Tamara Lawless, City of Flagstaff

Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting

Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County

Deborah Tosline, Reclamation

Casey Jones, USGS

Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Mallory Rakowski, AZ Hydrological Society

Jarret Calnimpewa, Hopi Water Resources

Kurt Schonauer, USGS

Laura Crosse, University of New Mexico

Mike Macauley, Perrin Ranch

Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ

Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon Park

Steve Finch, Northern Arizona Lodging, Restaurant and Tourism Association

Keith Brekaus, Congressman O'Halleran Office

Approximately 24 people were in attendance, some not listed.

#### 1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Vice-Chair Tom Lamkin called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 A.M. Self-introductions were made by all.

#### 2. **Approval of Joint Meeting Minutes – Meeting of July 30, 2021**

Brent Bitz made a motion to approve the minutes from July 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Don Bills and carried.

**3. Action Items**

**a. Consideration of Adoption of Land Acknowledgement**

Ron provided background on the proposed Land Acknowledgement. Comments were received from Don Bills and the Havasupai Tribe. It was decided to wait until the October meeting to allow more time to obtain input from the Hopi and Navajo and find out where the City of Flagstaff was with adopting the language. Ron was asked to make contact by telephone.

**4. Non-Action Items**

**a. Potential Discontinued Streamflow-Gaging Stations 2021/2022**

Kurt Schonauer from the USGS gave a presentation on the status of the streamflow gages the USGS has been maintaining and monitoring. He indicated ones that have been shut down due to lack of funding and those that are in danger of being shut down. Kurt's presentation is posted on the CPWP web site.

**5. Committee Reports**

**A. TAC:** Ron Doba reported the TAC had met yesterday and discussed the upcoming field trip on September 24<sup>th</sup>. He will be sending out an email to everyone next week with the list he has of attendees and the trip details. There will not be a meeting in September due to the field trip.

**A. GAC:** There was no report from the GAC but Ron shared information on the proposed legislation to form Rural Management Areas (sponsored by Gina Cobb). He will keep Greg and John.

**C. POC:** Tamara reported the POC will be moving forward with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade water ethics contest. Ron indicated Tanya is completing the story map and needs another \$1,800 that was approved by the board earlier today.

**5. Members Corner - None**

**6. CPWP Members Roundtable**

Tamara indicated she has a vacancy coming up for a 20 hour/week position.

Joelynn reported on the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act that has funding in it for Indian Water Settlements.

Erin reported her tenure as Director will end September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Deborah reminded folks about the recent Reclamation Declaration on the shortage.

Tom Lamkin discussed the recent water rights case.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:38 A.M.