

# **MINUTES**

Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership  
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Friday, August 28, 2015  
10:00 A.M.

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

## **Present**

Mandy Metzger, Coconino County  
Jerry Nabours, City of Flagstaff  
John Martinez, City of Sedona  
Frank McNelly, City of Williams  
David Newlin, Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D  
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff  
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff  
Hannah Griscom, AZGFD  
Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP  
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation  
Trent Blanchard, Senator McCain's office  
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District  
Kayci Cook Collins, National Park Service  
Doug Toy, City of Chandler  
Amanda Acheson, Coconino County  
Todd Madeksza, Coconino County

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Mandy Metzger opened the meeting at approximately 10:15 A.M. Self-introductions were made by all present.

## **2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of July 31, 2015**

John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Nabours and carried.

## **3. Action Items**

### **A. Application for Nomination of CPWP as a Desert Landscape Conservation District Planning and Design Pilot Area (possible action)**

Ron Doba provided background information on the application. The item was discussed in the executive committee today. The TAC has recommended moving forward with the application. The executive committee is supporting moving

forward cautiously as long as it does not turn into an additional work effort for the TAC and/or staff. Ron and Deborah have spoken with Genevieve Johnson and she believes the DLCC could be of assistance to the TAC with their expertise and resources. There does not appear to be a “downside” to applying. It may put the CPWP in a better position to obtain some grants that could be useful in developing the sustainable water management framework. Applying to be a pilot area does not mean we would be selected. Deborah indicated the application needs to be submitted by October 1<sup>st</sup>. There were no objections to moving forward. Mandy suggested direction be given to move forward with the application and any formal action would be taken if we are accepted.

#### **4. Non-Action Items**

##### **A. Presentation: City of Chandler Water Allocation Policy**

Ron indicated a “model conservation ordinance” was one of the items that came up at the strategic planning retreat. Chandler has recently developed an innovative ordinance and Doug Toy, Water Resources Manager, has agreed to give us a presentation. Ron introduced Doug and a presentation was provided on the new Chandler policy. Doug’s presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

#### **5. Committee Reports**

##### **A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee**

Deborah indicated the Red Gap Ranch groundwater model has been distributed to the TAC for review. She is assessing our budget status and identifying a timeframe to put together the closure report. Mandy indicated there has been discussion on postponing the closure report and we would like this information as soon as possible. Deborah asked for a show of hands on how many people would attend a field trip to Clear Creek and Chevelon Creek. Everyone raised their hands. The day selected was Friday, October 30. Guests are welcome.

##### **B. Public Outreach Committee**

Amanda reported the 4<sup>th</sup> grade conservation posters for bathrooms are ready for distribution and asked folks to take them with them. There are ten different posters. We want to make sure the funding members get what they want and there are also posters available for other participants. Amanda indicated conservation tool kits (tote bags) are being assembled for 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers that will include pencils for students and items such as rain gauges and moisture testing devices. The POC is also recommending including a second and third place prize. Second place class will be getting an ice cream party and third place a popcorn party. Mandy suggested translating some of the posters into Navajo and Hopi for their distribution.

##### **C. Government Affairs Committee**

Brad Hill reported he had met with Mandy Metzger, Mayor Nabours and Todd Madeksza to discuss the priorities for the committee. He is planning to convene a meeting prior to next month to parse out tasks to committee members.

## **6. Member Corner**

David Newlin gave a presentation on what is going on with the Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D. David's presentation can be found on the CPWAC website.

## **7. CPWP Member Roundtable**

John Martinez reported on the National Monument Act and Human Rights activities taking place in Sedona.

Trent Blanchard reported he is trying to set up a meeting with Ron, Deborah and Washington staff for a project update. Also, yesterday a federal judge blocked the implementation of the Clean Water Act rule.

Kayci Cook Collins reported the National Park Service is ramping up to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and may implement free visits for all 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

Pete Shearer reported the sanitary district recently had their annual ADEQ inspection and no corrective actions were required. Also, there is a proposal to form a fire district by High Country Fire that would provide for insurance savings.

David Newlin Mentioned he has been selected to be on the board of the Hopi Tribal Economic Development Corporation.

Frank McNelly reported Williams is continuing to work on drilling water wells. It appears they are getting close to the zone where drilling may be easier (below 1,600').

Mayor Nabours indicated Flagstaff is making good progress with ADOT using the I-40 corridor for the Red Gap Ranch pipeline. They are currently considering a water rate increase.

Mandy Metzger reported on the proposed Glittering Mountain shopping center. The water will be coming from the gaming enterprise. Ron is trying to get someone to speak next month on the proposed Grand Canyon National Monument Act and if anyone has any ideas they should get with him.

## **8. Adjournment**

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