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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, August 30, 2019

10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3

2255 N Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Coral Evans, City of Flagstaff

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Don Bills, USGS

Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River

Zach Stevens, Havasupai Tribe (phone)

David Newlin, LCP RC&D

John Martinez, City of Sedona

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ

Ruth Mortenson, Citizen

Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon Park

Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe

Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe

John Snickers, AZ Water Co.

Tom Klimas, Westland Resources

Tanya Owens, Westland Resources

Joelle Wirth, Retired

Casey Jones, USGS

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Kayci Collins, National Park Service

Jocelyn Gibbon, Fresh Water Policy

Deborah Tosline, USGS (phone)

25 people were in attendance, all did not sign in

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Coral Evans 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 July 26, 2019**
John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes from July 26, 2019. The motion was seconded by David Newlin and carried.
3. **Action Items**
 - A. **Election of Board CPWAC Member**
Ron reported the CPWAC still needs to fill one At-Large Board position as a result of last month's election. He has checked with the Havasupai and they are not interested. Alicyn Gitlin is checking with her organization to see if it is legally ok for her to be involved on the board. Coral Evans asked Ron to check with our other funding partners and keep the item on the agenda until we find someone interested.
4. **Non-Action Items**
 - A. **Presentation: C Aquifer Monitoring – Casey Jones, USGS**
Casey Jones gave a Power Point presentation on the monitoring the USGS does for the C Aquifer and work that is going on identifying seepage on Chevelon Creek. Ron indicated the need for more data to develop accurate forecasts and asked if the Partnership would support the TAC looking at possible funding sources for continued data acquisition. The Partnership supported the TAC considering how funding could be obtained. Casey's presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site.
 - B. **Field Trip Update**
Ron reported the status of the field trip. As of this morning there is one vacant seat available and asked if there is anyone interested. There was none. We will be meeting at 6:00 AM at the USGS on October 4th. Everyone will need to sign a manifest. Everyone will need to bring their own lunch and should dress for sun and possible cold. It will be an all-day trip. We will pick up our vans the night before due to the early departure.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **CPWP Technical Advisory Committee**
Ron Doba reported the TAC had met yesterday and indicated the consultant working on the modeling project has asked for a 60-day time extension that the board approved.
 - B. **Public Outreach Committee**
There was no POC meeting info to report.
 - C. **Government Affairs Committee**
Erin reported that Brad has been in touch with the Chair of the Oil and Gas Commission to give a talk on fracking to the Partnership.
6. **Members Corner – None this month**
7. **CPWP Member Roundtable**
David Newlin suggested getting on the SNOTEL website to look at the weather predictions.
Morgan O'Connor said he left a fact sheet in the back on fracking.
Jan Balsom indicated there had been another waterline break at the Park.

Shelton reported on his work with FEMA on the switchback area to prepare for the monsoons.

Brent reported on the Waterways Exhibit in the Camp Verde Library. The Friends also have a water conference coming up in October 28-30 at the Cliff Castle Hotel.

Karen reported the Non-AMA Groundwater Committee will be meeting September 23rd.

Erin reported the conservation people have been extremely busy with the dry summer.

Jocelyn mentioned some of the activities she has been involved in.

Kayci reported this has been the driest monsoon season Wapatki has ever had.

Alicyn reported Colorado River Days is starting Wednesday and will last till the 12th.

Coral thanked Casey Jones for her presentation.

8. Adjournment

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