

MINUTES
Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership
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Friday, September 26, 2014
10:00 A.M.

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

Present

Mandy Metzger, Coconino County
Mark Woodson, City of Flagstaff
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club
Greg Bryan, Town of Tusayan
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
Hannah Griscom, AZGFD
Margaret Vick, Havasupai Tribe
Brenda Smith, USF&WS
Kayci Collins, NPS – Flagstaff Monuments
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Gerry Walker, ADWR
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Mary Reece, Bureau of Reclamation
Ron Doba, CPWP
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation
Thomas Siyuja Sr., Havasupai Tribe
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation
David Newlin, LCRP RC&D
George Mase, Hopi Tribe
John Davison, CNRCD
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
Don Bills, USGS
Leo Manheimer, Navajo Nation (teleconference)
Joanne Keene, Coconino County
Charles Mosley, City of Sedona

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mandy Metzger opened the meeting at approximately 10:00 A.M.
Self-introductions were made by all present.

2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of July 25, 2014

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

3. Action Items

A. Consideration of Bylaws Amendment to Expand Board Membership

Ron Doba indicated this item was suggested by John Davison last month and it was on the agenda for possible action. The action would be to amend the bylaws to expand the number of Board members. John indicated it would facilitate meeting the quorum requirements. The Board discussed waiting until someone expresses interest in being a Board member before amending the bylaws to add Board members. Ron read the quorum requirement in the bylaws. Greg Bryan indicated it is important that the minutes reflect that the intent is to facilitate the Board being able to act in a responsible manner and not to facilitate skirting representation. The bylaws wording for a quorum appeared to need some clarification or modification and Ron was asked to look closer at it.

4. Non-Action Items

(Item B. was moved ahead of item A. at this time)

A. Presentation on Colorado River Water Entitlements

Gerry Walker gave a PowerPoint presentation titled *Water Supplies for Diversion from Lake Powell*. Gerry's presentation is posted on the CPWAC/CPWP web site.

B. Funding Status for NCAWSFS

Ron Doba discussed the current status of funding for the feasibility study. Flagstaff has decided to opt out of further funding for the main stem unless Federal dollars are available. Ron and Deborah have also made a presentation to the County BOS on the non-Federal cost sharing. Ron handed out four worksheets that were used and emphasized they include estimated numbers. The worksheets show the following scenarios:

- Complete feasibility study including the Cameron to Flagstaff segment
- Complete feasibility study without the Cameron to Flagstaff segment
- 30% design that includes the Cameron to Flagstaff segment
- 30% design without the Cameron to Flagstaff segment

Ron discussed to worksheets and how they were laid out. He also discussed the Corps of Engineers request for proposals for feasibility studies that would offer a 50/50 funding scenario. Ron had spoken with Lisa Kiefel in D.C. and she recommended we submit our project for possible assistance. The submittal will require a letter of support from the non-funding partners. Currently there are two

Federal bills that address funding for Rural Water Act construction projects but do not address feasibility studies.

Everyone agreed we should continue to try to determine additional funding for the NCAWSFS. Deborah indicated Reclamation has funding to complete the tasks that were identified for 2014. She indicated it was hard to say how long current funding would last. Mandy asked if January 1 was an adequate date to shoot for. Deborah said that was possible but she needs to have an interdisciplinary team meeting first to confirm.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Deborah provided an update on the previous day's TAC meeting. The group had a presentation from ASU on Flagstaff's Virtual Water Trade Network. The presentation was applicable to determining thresholds for social and economic wellbeing for the sustainable water framework. The TAC is also working on the water source menu.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Amanda Acheson was not present for the report.

6. Member Corner

Alicyn Gitlin provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Sierra Club's *Campaign to Restore and Protect the Greater Grand Canyon Ecoregion*. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC/CPWP website.

7. CPWP Roundtable

Mark Woodson indicated the Red Gap and forest restoration projects are moving forward.

John Davison reported the Conservation District will be having their outreach meeting October 23rd at the Mormon Lake Lodge.

John Martinez indicated there will be a wine festival in Sedona this weekend. Sedona also now has a "Dark Skies" designation.

Deborah discussed the water harvesting project at her home and a short video was shown.

Mary Reece reported it is National Public Lands Day this Saturday.

Brenda Smith discussed a condor release that would be taking place the next day.

Kayci indicated the National Monuments are looking at raising their entrance fees.

Pete Shearer reported the airport at the Grand Canyon has replaced much of its lighting working towards a "Dark Skies" designation.

Greg Bryan reported Tusayan is working on their application with the Forest Service on access.

George Mase indicated the Hopi are hosting an event downtown this weekend.

Don Bills said the USGS will be having an “Open House” this weekend with John Wesley Powell in attendance.

David Newlin indicated Valley Forward recently had a forestry conference that segues into an upcoming SRP conference in Scottsdale.

Alicyn reported in upcoming events in Flagstaff.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 P.M.