

# **MINUTES**

Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council  
Friday, September 27, 2013  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 PM

**USGS Building #3**  
**2255 N Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001**

## **Present**

Mark Woodson, City of Flagstaff  
John Martinez, City of Sedona  
Leo Manheimer, Navajo Nation  
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation  
Mary Reece, Bureau of Reclamation  
Ron Doba, CPWAC  
Don Bills, USGS  
John Davison, CNRCD  
Tom Klimas, Westland Resources  
Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe  
Kayci Cook Collins, National Park Service  
Pete Shearer, South Grand Canyon Sanitary District  
Brenda Smith, US Fish & Wildlife  
Deborah Tosline, USBOR  
Thomas Siyuja, Havasupai Tribe  
Cynthia Stefanovic, Arizona State Land Dept.  
Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe  
Deanna Greco, Grand Canyon National Park  
Joe Mentor, Hopi Tribe  
Margaret Vick, Havasupai Tribe  
Art Babbott, Coconino County  
Malcolm Alter, City of Flagstaff

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Vice Chair Mark Woodson opened the meeting at approximately 10:00 A.M. and self- introductions were made by all present. Ron Doba reminded everyone to please sign in.

## **2. Approval of Minutes – WAC Meeting of July 26, 2013**

John Davison made a motion to approve the minutes from July 26, 2013. The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried.

## **3. Action Items - None**

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

##### **A. NCAWSFS Funding Update**

Ron Doba reported that Deborah is in the process of finalizing the agreements with the feasibility study partners. An issue that has come up is that the Grand Canyon agreement was not in place in time to prevent their funds from being “swept” this fiscal year. They have some questions regarding the study that Deborah is working on. We hope they will be able to participate with FY 14 funds. Issues such as the environmental process and pipeline location need to be resolved with the Park. There was a minor issue with the ADWR agreement that is also being resolved. Invoices are anticipated to be sent out in the near future.

##### **B. WaterSMART Grant Application Update**

Ron reported our application for the subject grant was not successful. None of the five grants awarded were in Arizona and all the grants had to do with water quality or endangered species issues.

##### **C. Report on Recent Flooding in County Areas**

The County was not able to attend.

##### **D. Report on Recent Flooding in Flagstaff/Inner Basin Waterline Road**

Malcolm Alter gave a Power Point presentation on this summer’s flooding in Flagstaff, the Inner basin and the increase in level in Upper Lake Mary. Flagstaff likely had the highest number of flooded structures on record this year. The runoff in some areas amounted to a 500+ year event. Upper Lake Mary increased in level by 12% which is unprecedented for this time of year. Malcolm’s presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

Art Babbott provided an update on some of the flood mitigation efforts the County and Forest Service have recently been involved in. Art also indicated some of the County areas that were impacted this summer by flooding. Similar to the City, a 500+ year event was experienced in some areas.

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

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

Deborah reported the TAC met yesterday. Flagstaff recently had a field trip with their Red Gap Ranch contractor at the site. Flagstaff will be giving a presentation to the TAC on the project in October. The geologist and engineer have been working on the Hopi pipeline alignment for the Feasibility Study. Deborah has been meeting with Wupatki National Monument, Grand Canyon Park, Kaibab and Coconino National Forests discussing the environmental

and right-of-way work involved in the Feasibility Study. Future meetings will be taking place with Glen Canyon and the State Land Department the first week in November. Updated demand volumes have been received from everybody except the Grand Canyon and Tusayan. Deborah asked if there was a summary report from the strategic planning retreat that will be available. Ron responded that we have a report from Holly Yeager and the strategic planning subcommittee is using it to formulate an updated strategic plan that will likely come to the WAC in November.

## **B. Public Outreach Committee**

John Davison reported on the activities of the Public Outreach Committee. The recent participation on the 21st in the Science in the Park was successful. Project Wet was in Flagstaff yesterday. The film project is still underway. We currently do not have a videographer for the project. John Grahame is interested if he can get assistance from NAU. Forty packets have been sent out to schools for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Water Ethics Contest. The submission date is March 30<sup>th</sup>. John Taylor has been working on the Youth Council project that will include 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

## **C. Government Affairs Committee**

Joanne Keene was not present. Ron indicated he had contacted Congresswoman Kirkpatrick's office to see how the effort can be pursued further to obtain Federal funding for the Feasibility Study. He has not heard anything back.

## **6. Member Corner**

Thomas Siyuja gave a PowerPoint presentation on some of the water sources and water development projects on the Havasupai Reservation. Most of the water on the Reservation is provided from the Redwall Aquifer. Thomas also reported on flooding events that occurred this summer. Discussion took place regarding the condition of the flow monitoring gauges on the reservation.

John Davison indicated he would be willing to do the Member Corner next month for the NRCD. Jim Duffield indicated they may be ready in a couple months as well.

## **7. CPWAC Member Roundtable**

John Martinez reported Sedona had a grand opening for the Sedona wetlands today. Their injection well has been drilled and they are awaiting their permit to discharge. Sedona also recently became a City that recognizes civil unions.

Jim Duffield reported the Hopi have completed a deep well near Hard Rock for arsenic mitigation. Another well is scheduled to be drilled. Cynthia Stephanovic reported the State Land Department is seeing an increase in development applications.

Pete Shearer reported the Forest Service is supposed to sign the EA for the flood infiltration basins today. The Sanitary District is in the process of monitoring their collection system.

Brenda Smith reported tomorrow is part of the Public Lands Day celebration and ten condors will be released at 11:00 A.M. tomorrow from Vermilion Cliffs.

## **8. Adjourn**

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

**Next meeting date October 25, 2013, 10:00 A.M.**