

# **MINUTES**

Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council  
Friday, October 25, 2013  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 PM

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

## **Present**

Mandy Metzger, Coconino County  
Mark Woodson, City of Flagstaff  
John Martinez, City of Sedona  
Greg Bryan, Town of Tusayan  
Leo Manheimer, Navajo Nation  
Brent Bitz, City of Sedona  
Mary Reece, Bureau of Reclamation  
Ron Doba, CPWAC  
Karen Modesto, ADWR  
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff  
John Davison, CNRCD  
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation  
Judy Sulltrop, Congresswoman Kirkpatrick  
Mike Foley, Navajo Nation  
Jeanine Trupiano, Coconino County  
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club  
Tom Klimas, Westland Resources  
Rory Steinke, Coconino National Forest  
Kayci Cook Collins, National Park Service  
Matt Rinker, Arizona Game and Fish  
Pete Shearer, South Grand Canyon Sanitary District  
Brenda Smith, US Fish & Wildlife  
Deborah Tosline, USBOR  
Amanda Acheson, Coconino County  
Sybil Smith, ADEQ  
Deanna Greco, Grand Canyon National Park  
Margaret Vick, Havasupai Tribe  
Kelly Mott Lacroix, University of Arizona  
Christopher Fullerton, University of Arizona

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

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

## **2. Approval of Minutes – WAC Meeting of September 27, 2013**

Mark Woodson made a motion to approve the minutes from September 27, 2013. The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried.

**3. Action Items - None**

**4. Non-Action Items**

**A. 501 (c) (3) Affiliate Update**

Ron Doba reported the Board had approved the name “Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership” for the new 501 (c) (3) organization. The name has been reserved with the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Board approved the Articles of Incorporation at today’s Board meeting. Ron anticipates approval by the ACC in a couple weeks and the next step will be an application for a tax exempt status with the IRS.

**B. WRRC Focus Group Session**

Ron indicated the folks from the WRRC had not arrived yet and suggested we move ahead with the other items on the agenda until we are able to locate them. Mandy moved to the committee reports at this time.

At approximately 11:16 A.M. Kelly Mott Lacroix began the focus group session. The WRRC will be back in Flagstaff in spring after the conclusion of the focus group sessions to share the results. The purpose of the focus groups is to understand people’s views regarding water for natural resources in the State. Five questions were asked of all the participants and finally a response to specific terms.

**5. Committee Reports**

**A. Technical Advisory Committee**

Deborah Tosline reported presentations were given on the Red Gap Ranch modeling and the cultural & biological work that is being done for the environmental assessment at yesterday’s TAC meeting. The Power Point presentations will be posted on the CPWAC website under the Technical Advisory Committee. The recent Federal shutdown has caused a delay in the invoices going out to the cost share partners. Reclamation is finalizing the IGA with ADWR and Deborah is continuing to work with the Grand Canyon National Park on their concerns with the feasibility study work. The TAC is also continuing to work on the sustainable water framework.

**B. Public Outreach Committee**

Amanda Acheson reported the Public Outreach did not meet this month. An NAU class has taken on the film project for the CPWAC. John has been busy with the youth council project. John reported they have been busy with Terra Birds. They were not able to meet Wednesday as planned and hope to meet next month. Amanda reported the 4<sup>th</sup> grade water contest has received a lot of interest from the schools. Entries are due in March. The POC participated in the Flagstaff Festival of Science last month.

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

Mandy reported Joanne just returned from a fellowship in Europe and is not here today. Mandy also discussed the video conference recently held with Commissioner Connor. Mandy asked Ron to follow up with Reclamation.

#### **6. Member Corner**

John Davison provided a presentation on the Coconino Natural Resource Conservation District. John's presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

At the conclusion of John's presentation Mandy moved to item 4 b on the agenda. Next month's member corner should be Jim Duffield.

#### **7. CPWAC Member Roundtable**

Brenda reported Fish & Wildlife has issued a proposal to list the yellow-billed cuckoo as a threatened species and the gray wolf proposal has been extended till December 17<sup>th</sup> due to the Federal shutdown. There will be a hearing in Pinetop on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mark Woodson reported the Flagstaff City Council had a joint meeting last night with the Hopi Tribal Council that went well.

Alicyn Gitlin reported the Colorado River Day events went well. Tom Whitmer represented the CPWAC at the panel discussion.

John Davison indicated he wanted to invite the Good Earth representative to the CPWAC meeting.

Mandy reported she attended the Mayor's border town meeting that was recently held and it went very well.

Ron indicated there will not be a WAC meeting next month and we are not sure about the Board meeting. Ron asked all in attendance to sign in if they have not done so.

#### **8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:16 P.M.

**Next meeting date December 13, 2013, 10:00 A.M.**