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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, October 25, 2019

10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3

2255 N Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Don Bills, USGS

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

Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff

Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon Park

Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe

John Snickers, AZ Water Co.

Casey Jones, USGS

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Jocelyn Gibbon, Fresh Water Policy

Amanda Acheson, Coconino County

Amber Reimondo, Grand Canyon Trust

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona

Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District

Eric Gueillaz, Citizen

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

John Snickers, Az Water Co.

Cynthia Seelhammer, Town of Tusayan

Alexander Wood, NAU

Roger Clark, Grand Canyon Trust

28 people were in attendance, all did not sign in

1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice-Chair John Martinez 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 August 30, 2019

Don Bills made a motion to approve the minutes from August 30, 2019. The motion was seconded by Thomas Siyuja 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. Pete Shearer and Alicyn Gitlin have indicated they would be willing to serve. Pete has indicated he supports Alicyn Gitlin for the position. Brad Hill nominated Alicyn for the board position. The motion was seconded by Roger Clark and carried.

B. Presentation and Consideration of Letter to ADEQ Regarding Canyon Mine Aquifer Protection Permit

Amber Reimondo and Alicyn Gitlin gave a Power Point presentation on the Canyon Uranium Mine. The "ask" is for the CPWAC to submit a letter to ADEQ requesting an Individual APP be issued instead of a General APP. The Individual Permit would require greater monitoring of groundwater quality to protect the aquifers. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site. David Newlin made a motion to submit a letter to ADEQ requesting an Individual Permit be issued instead of a General Permit. The motion was seconded by Austin Aslan and carried. Don Bills abstained from the vote.

4. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation: Hydrological Seasonality of the C Aquifer on the Kaibab Plateau – Alexander Wood, NAU

Alexander Wood gave the subject presentation that is posted on the CPWAC web site. The presentation was on his master's thesis for Dr. Springer.

B. LCR Pumped Storage Project Update

Roger Clark gave an update on the proposed pumped storage projects that are under feasibility study. They involve two dams on the Little Colorado River and could have impacts on T&E species as well as other concerns from Native Americans.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Ron Doba reported the TAC had met yesterday and had a presentation from Matrix on the modeling work being done. They will need a 60-day time extension due to concerns that have come up from running the model. The River Component may need to be removed from the model. Ron said the TAC yet has to discuss any cost increase. Ron asked for approval of the time extension but not a cost increase at this time. There were no issues expressed and a vote was taken. There were no nays. The NAU students gave a

presentation on the work done in the Ft. Valley area. It was determined the presentation might be good to bring to the CPWP.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Amanda reported the POC met yesterday and was delaying the 4th Grade Water Ethics Contest until Spring to coincide with Parched. We are also involved in the programming for Parched. Ron, Alicyn and Don attended the last Parched meeting.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Brad updated the group on the EPA seeking comments on their draft water reuse plan. There is also a meeting coming up at CCC on November 7th hosted by ADEQ regarding changing the definition of Waters of the United States and 404 Permit administration.

6. Members Corner

Roxanne Holland gave an update on the disposal of treated effluent for Sedona. Her presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site.

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

David Newlin reported on an upcoming ADEQ Fracking webinar on 11/6/2019 at 9:00 A.M.

Roger Clark reported American Heritage month is being recognized on the Park Service web site.

Jan Balsom reported November 5th and 6th there will be a Public Lands for all symposium. Registrations are still available.

Thomas reported on his recent travels and the Tribal/EPA conference he had attended in Maricopa.

Brad Reported ADEQ has been invited to talk to staff on how they permit and their process for their helium permits.

Alicyn reported on November 12th thru the 16th they will be coordinating a series of talks on uranium mining in the region.

John Martinez reported they are trying to improve the exit out of the canyon into uptown by installing additional roundabouts. A light will have to be installed during construction that will cause some slowdowns.

John Snickers reported the State of the Verde Conference is coming up.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:05 P.M.