

MINUTES

Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

Friday, October 26, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 PM

USGS Building #3

2255 N Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Mark Woodson, City of Flagstaff

Leslie Meyers, Bureau of Reclamation

John Martinez, City of Sedona

Pete Shearer, South Grand Canyon Sanitary District

Jeanmarie Haney, The Nature Conservancy

Charles Mosley, City of Sedona

Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation

John Davison, Coconino NRCD

Mandy Metzger, Coconino County

Ron Doba, CPWAC

Ray Benally, Navajo Nation

Don Bills, USGS

Diane Chung, National Park Service

Abe Springer, NAU

Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff

Brenda Smith, Fish and Wildlife

Patricia Cox, Bureau of Reclamation

Don Watahomigie, Havasupai Tribe

Grey Bryan, Town of Tusayan

Amanda Acheson, Coconino County

Gerry Walker, ADWR

John Swett, Bureau of Reclamation

Eric Volkman, Bureau of Reclamation

Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff

Kevin Burke, City of Flagstaff

Carl Taylor, Coconino County

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mandy Metzger opened the meeting and introductions were made by all present.

2. Approval of Minutes – WAC Meeting of September 28, 2012

Mark Woodson made a motion to approve the minutes from September 28, 2012. The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried.

3. Action Items - None

4. Non-Action Items

A. City of Flagstaff Forest Health and Water Supply Project

Mandy introduced Kevin Burke, City Manager for Flagstaff. Kevin presented the two bond proposals going to the voters, the Forest Health and Water Supply Protection Project and the Core Services Maintenance Facility. Both proposals do not include increases in taxes to the voters as a result of current debt that is being retired.

Kevin reviewed the areas of focus and the uncertainty of current funding for forest restoration to protect the Lake Mary Watershed. Kevin's presentation will be posted on the CPWAC website.

B. Lower Colorado River Multi Species Conservation Program

Mandy introduced John Swett from the Bureau of Reclamation. John gave a presentation on the work he has been managing on the Colorado River. He provided a history of events on the Colorado River up to the present, and the administration and components of the Conservation Program. The program components include fish augmentation, species research, system-wide monitoring, existing habitat maintenance and conservation area development and management. Lower Colorado River Multi Species Conservation Program covered species include 6 T&E species, 20 other species and 5 "evaluation" species. John's presentation will be posted on the CPWAC website.

6. Committee Reports

A. Technical Advisory Committee

Leslie reported the TAC meeting was yesterday afternoon. The three main focuses include the feasibility study, the sustainable water budget (resurrected project from the strategic plan) and the debriefing from Reclamation on the WaterSmart grant application. The feasibility study is on track.

B. Government Affairs Committee

Joanne was not available to report on the Government Affairs Committee. Ron provided information on the scheduled Legislative Day to be held at the Prescott Valley Library on 11/30/2012. Ron, Joanne and John Rasmussen will be holding a conference call Monday at 4:00 to finalize plans. Response has been minimal so far (10) and it will be necessary to send out an additional invitation.

C. Public Outreach Committee

Amanda Acheson reported the committee had not had a chance to meet this month. John had a table at the Sustainable Building and Water Conservation event at Willow Bend. The Executive Committee approved the \$500 teacher award for the school Water Ethic Contest to increase teacher participation. The Junior WAC is still under development as well as the water ethic video contest. These items will be brought back next year.

7. **CPWAC Roundtable Discussion**

Members present were asked to provide brief reports on activities that were going on in their respective agencies. John Davison, Carl Taylor, Mark Woodson, Brenda Smith, Pete Shearer, John Martinez, Don Watahomigie, Mayor Greg Bryan, Brad Hill, Abe Springer and Ron Doba provided reports.

8. **Adjournment**

The next meeting will be the Legislative Day on 11/30/2012 and the next regular WAC meeting will be 12/14/2012 at 10:00 A.M. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM.