

# **MINUTES**

## **Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership**

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## **Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council**

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Joint Meeting

**Friday, October 26, 2018**

**10:00 A.M.**

USGS Building #3

2255 N. Gemini Dr., Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

### **Present**

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Liz Archuleta, Coconino County

John Martinez, City of Sedona

Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting

Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River

Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe

Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon Park

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Tristin Dicke, City of Flagstaff

Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe

Mike Macauley, CNRCD

Brian Studenka, ITC

Mark Holmes, ITC

Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona

David Newlin, LCRP RC&D

Amanda Acheson, Coconino County

Don Bills, USGS

Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation

John Snickers, AZ Water Company

Mandy Metzger

Nat White, CC Community College

Paul Beier, NAU

Sharon Masik Lopez, H2O Consulting

Ruth Mortenson, MMP

Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ

Todd Madeska, Consultant

27 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 31, 2018**

Erin Young made a motion to approve the minutes from August 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Don Bills and carried.

**3. Action Items - None**

**4. Non-Action Items**

**A. Presentation: Big Chino Pumped Storage Project**

Brian Studenka gave a Power Point presentation on the proposed Big Chino Pumped Storage Project by ITC. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

**B. Presentation: Sinclair Wash Joint Groundwater Recharge/Riparian Habitat Project**

Erin Young and Paul Beier gave a Power Point presentation on potential managed recharge sites that could provide environmental benefit along the Sinclair Wash. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

**C. Presentation: Proposition #417 for the Community College**

Mandy Metzger and Nat White discussed Proposition #417. The Proposition asks the voters to continue Community College funding for the next seven years with no tax increase. Mandy suggested Colleen Smith from the Community College be invited to talk to the CPWP about how outreach can be expanded more into the County and made more significant.

**5. Committee Reports**

**A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee**

Ron Doba reported the TAC met yesterday. The Water Related Ecosystems Services Assessment Phase 1 is near completion and will be presented at the December CPWP meeting. The funding from the Reclamation grant will not be available until March of 2019. This will move the schedule for the Ecosystems Services Assessment Phase 2 and groundwater modeling out a few months.

**B. Public Outreach Committee**

Amanda reported we have a new intern, Xavier Randolph, helping with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade water ethics contest. The Water Art Exhibition planning group will be meeting next week.

**C. Government Affairs Committee**

There was no report.

6. **Member's Corner** – Morgan O'Connor provided a Power Point presentation on ADEQ activities in Northern Arizona. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site.

7. **CPWP Member Roundtable**

Erin Young indicated snow play has been a topic of discussion between the City and County.

David Newlin reported on fracking concerns.

Morgan indicated ADEQ is working on a fact sheet regarding fracking.

Mike Macauley reported the NRCDC is working with Camp Navajo to work with veterans suffering with PTSD.

Jim Duffield reported Lionel Puhuyesva moved on to a new position for the Inter-Tribal Council.

Thomas reported they have been funded for the GAP Program to include water sampling and testing. They have also received a new habitat grant.

Jan Balsom reported another break in the water line to the north and south rim.

Liz Archuleta discussed her role with the CPWAC and the use of reclaimed water for recreational purposes.

Don Bills reported on the availability of the Assessment of Environmental Flows in the Middle Verde River Watershed, Arizona report.

Robert Kirk reported on upcoming elections in the Navajo Nation.

Brent Bitz reported the Friends of the Verde River are in their habitat restoration season.

Mandy indicated the federal land managers have been meeting in a public forum and provided information on the next meeting.

Amanda indicated the County is working building code updates.

John Snickers reported the Sedona Council approved a water storage tank to be constructed in the future.

Alicyn reported on numerous projects taking place.

Ruth Mortenson reported on a book on springs she is working on.

Kira reported on City Water Commission activities.

Sharon Masik Lopez reported she had submitted the draft task 2 of the ESA to the TAC for review.

8. **Adjournment**

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