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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership
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Friday, October 31, 2014
10:00 A.M.

USGS Building #3
2255 N. Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona

Present

Mark Woodson, City of Flagstaff
Greg Bryan, Town of Tusayan
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
Hannah Griscom, AZGFD
Shaula Hedwall, USF&WS
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Mary Reece, Bureau of Reclamation
Ron Doba, CPWP
Thomas Siyuja Sr., Havasupai Tribe
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation
David Newlin, LCRP RC&D
George Mase, Hopi Tribe
John Davison, CNRCD
Don Bills, USGS
Joanne Keene, Coconino County
Charles Mosley, City of Sedona
Buzz Walker, Town of Payson
Rory Steinke, USFS
Art Babbott, Coconino County
Sybil Smith, ADEQ
Travis Hamidreck, Havasupai Tribe
Malinda Andrews, Hopi Tribal Council
Charles Mosley, City of Sedona
Leroy G. Kewanimpewa, Jr., Hopi Tribal Council
Kate Morley, Coconino County
Julio Alvarado, Water Stewards

1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice Chair Mark Woodson opened the meeting at approximately 10:00 A.M.
Self-introductions were made by all present.

2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of September 26, 2014

Mayor Bryan made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by John Davison and carried.

3. Action Items

A. Consideration of Bylaws Amendment No.2

Ron Doba presented the item. Last month discussion took place regarding the section of the By-laws that identifies the number of Board members required for a quorum. It needed refinement and this amendment clarifies that a majority of the Board members are required for a quorum to conduct business. Greg Bryan made a motion to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Art Babbott and carried.

B. Consideration of Proposal to US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for NCAWSFS Funding Assistance

Ron Doba presented the item. Spreadsheets were distributed last month that identified non-federal cost share contributions for various scenarios. Ron is submitting a proposal to the USACE to have the feasibility study included in their annual report for 50% funding assistance. Ron asked the group for guidance whether to go forward with the proposal and include the pipeline segment from Cameron to Flagstaff. Art Babbott clarified that the expectations, should the segment from Cameron to Flagstaff be deleted, should not take County participation for granted. John Davison made a motion to move forward with the proposal to include the segment to Flagstaff. Art Babbott seconded the motion. The motion carried with the full reach to Flagstaff.

Ron then discussed the need for letters of support and asked if there would be any of the non-Federal partners that would not be providing a letter. There was no response. Ron also asked for letters of support from participants that are not non-Federal partners to show community support and handed out sample letters. The letters are due by the end of next week to Ron.

4. Non-Action Items

A. Presentation on C.C. Cragin Project

Buzz Walker gave a PowerPoint presentation on the C.C. Cragin Project. His presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Ron gave an update on the TAC meeting held on 10/30/2014. The calibration of the Flagstaff groundwater model was presented by the Flagstaff consultant. Don

Pool will be providing a presentation in January to the group. The TAC will likely be having a conference call in November.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Amanda Acheson was not present for the report. Don Bills said they had not had a meeting but the school contest is moving forward.

6. Member Corner

Rory Steinke provided a presentation on the Slide Fire mitigation work done by the Forest Service. Rory's presentation will be available on the CPWAC website.

7. CPWP Roundtable

Mary Reece reported on two funding opportunities that are available. She will send them to Ron for distribution.

Rory Steinke indicated the 4FRI EIS has been completed.

Jim Duffield reported the Hopi Water Resource Team had recently attended the Annual Tribal EPA conference in Sacramento. They are in the process of creating water quality standards for wetlands.

Don Bills indicated a high flow experiment on the Colorado River would be upcoming November 6th through the 16th.

David Newlin shared the Winter Watershed Conference in Show Low is coming up and the LCR RC&D has been approved as a White Mountain Apache Tribe not for profit.

Erin Young said reclaimed water would be going to the Snow Bowl November 1st. Amanda and Erin met at Kachina Village to share information on their water conservation programs.

Mark reported on a meeting the City of Flagstaff had with the Hopi Tribe at the Snow Bowl. The Snow Bowl recently went through a change of ownership.

Ron reported the next Partnership meeting will be December 12th at the USGS.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 P.M.