

MINUTES

Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Friday, November 4, 2016

USGS Building #3

2255 N. Gemini Dr., Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Mandy Metzger, Coconino County
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
Charles Mosley, City of Sedona
Don Bills, USGS
David Newlin, LCRP RC&D
Ron Doba, CPWP
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation
Amanda Acheson, Coconino County
Art Babbott, Coconino County
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
James Meza, AZ State Parks
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Brenda Smith, US Fish and Wildlife
Sybil Smith, ADEQ
Dalton Zanetti, Oak Creek Watershed Council
Ed Schenk, Grand Canyon National Park
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation
Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe
Hannah Griscom, AZ Game & Fish
John Graham, Museum of Northern Arizona
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club
Kayci Cook, NPS Flagstaff
Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting
Tom Klimas, Westland Resources
Tanya Owens, Westland Resources

Some attendees did not sign in

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mandy Metzger opened the meeting at approximately 10:05 A.M.
Self-introductions were made by all.

2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of August 26, 2016

John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes from August 26, 2016. The motion was seconded by Sybil Smith and carried.

3. Action Items - None

4. Non-Action Items

A. 1980 Groundwater Management Act

Ron gave some background on the video that was developed by Kathy Ferris. The group viewed the video. Sybil asked if the group could be sent a link so they could access the video. Ron will provide info on Kathy's web site.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Deborah summarized the field trip and Ron reported the photos and field trip information is posted on the website. Mandy thanked the Navajo and Hopi for their support for the trip. Deborah reported the North Central report has been completed and she will be providing copies to the participants. Deborah thanked Tanya Owens for the GIS services that have been provided for the water source menu map update project. She is sending a draft of the updates to the TAC for review next week. Deborah then described the ecosystem services assessment she is planning to serve as the sustainable water management tool for the partners.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Amanda Acheson thanked the POC participants for judging the 4th grade water ethics contest submittals. Six schools and eight classes participated in the contest. The POC intern has left and we have a new intern that is developing this year's display. The display will be a traveling display that is available to all. The theme again is the "water super hero." Bathroom water awareness signs are being updated (to be done by end of year). On November 15th, the teachers and students will be recognized by the County Board of Supervisors. The contest was a joint effort with Willow Bend.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Brad reported the Government Affairs Committee recently met and discussed six water proposals that were made by Mohave County. Todd Madeksza had asked for feedback from the group that could be used at an upcoming County Supervisors Association meeting. Mandy reported that, for the time being, the Mohave County initiatives have been tabled and the CSA is forming a water subcommittee to look closer at water legislation. Art Babbott commented on the need for a county forum to discuss water issues.

6. Member Corner – ADWR

Karen Modesto gave an update on the organization structure and programs of the Arizona Department of Water Resources. Karen's presentation will be posted on the CPWAC website.

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

Brad Hill reported on the City's participation on the panel reviewing contaminants of emerging concern. The final report will be available on the ADEQ website.

David Newlin reported on the New Mexico Water Resource and Research Center Conference. He also commented on a book by John Fleck from the University of New Mexico on water myths. He will forward the info to Ron for inclusion into the minutes. The book is "Water is for Fighting Over" by John Fleck. The 10th Winter Watershed Conference is also coming up.

Ed Schenk reported the Grand Canyon Park has a new superintendent from the Golden Gate National Recreation Area as well as a new division chief. Next week is the high flow event on the Colorado River (36,000 CFS).

Ray Benally reported the public meetings that are going on for the NGS.

Jim Duffield reported the Hopi recently attended the 24th Annual Tribal EPA meeting in San Francisco. He also thanked everyone that made the recent field trip up to the Hopi and Navajo Reservations.

Brenda Smith reported the biological opinion is being completed for the high flow event. The F&W Service has also published new regulations and policies about their process of trying to improve their implementation of the Endangered Species Act on their national website.

Deborah Tosline announced a WaterSmart water reuse opportunity from Reclamation.

Kayci Cook reported the parks are replacing water lines. A contract has been let for Wapatki and they are replacing old asbestos lines.

Charles Mosley reported Sedona is continuing to implement their two injection wells. They are still going through the ADEQ permit process.

Kira Russo reported Global Water Policy will be having their first intern starting in July. She has also been discussing the drought with the City of Atlanta.

John Meza reported State Parks is in the process of redoing much old infrastructure in the parks. They are also working with ADWR and NOAA on a rain gauge project.

John Graham shared information on the Future of the Colorado Plateau Forum project. The next three will be on water. He will be contacting some of the CPWP folks for help with the forums.

Art Babbott reported he provided community initiative funding to Larry Stevens for spring restoration during the past year. He also reported a LIDAR regional working group is being formed to share available resources to meet mapping needs by different groups.

Pete Shearer reported they had their annual financial review and came out strong. They are working on funding a new reclaimed water tank.

Dalton Zanetti discussed the cleanup projects going on along Oak Creek. They also recently came out with a commercial.

Alicyn Gitlin reported Colorado River Days reached out to approximately 1,000 people during the event.

Erin Young thanked Mandy for the letter to the Forest Service regarding the 4FRI monitoring plan. A new water conservation staff person will be starting in December.

Mandy Metzger asked the group to all come prepared on December 16th to discuss the greatest opportunities (or challenges) their organization is faced with for 2017.

Ron Doba reported on recent activities of the Governor's Water Augmentation Council.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 P.M.

Next meeting date has been changed to December 16th.