

# **MINUTES**

## **Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership**

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## **Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council**

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Joint Meeting

**Friday, December 8, 2017**

**10:00 A.M.**

USGS Building #3

2255 N. Gemini Dr., Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

### **Present**

Coral Evans, City of Flagstaff

John Martinez, City of Sedona

Don Bills, USGS

Tom Klimas, Westland Resources

Tanya Owens, Westland Resources

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting

Emma Hibbett, Oxford University

Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff

Mike MacCauley, CNRCD

Jocelyn Gibbon, Freshwater Policy Consulting

Brenda Smith, U.S. Fish & Wildlife

Hannah Griscom, AGFD

Jim Parks, Coconino County

Frank McNelly, City of Williams

David Newlin, LCRP RC&D

Brent Bitz, Friends of Verde River

James Holt, Southwest Groundwater

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe

Gil Arviso, Navajo Nation WRC

Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona

Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe

Steven Flanagan, Congressman O'Halleran

Abe Springer, NAU

Kayci Cook Collins, NPS Flagstaff Monuments

Amanda Acheson, Coconino County

Keith Self, Arizona Water Company

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Some attendees did not sign in  
30 people were in attendance

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Coral Evans 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 October 27, 2017**

John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes from October 27, 2017. The motion was seconded by Jim Parks and carried.

**3. Non-Action Items - none**

**4. Committee Reports**

**A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee**

Ron Doba gave a presentation on the 2017 activities of the TAC for CY 2017 and the planned activities for 2018. His presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

**B. Public Outreach Committee**

Amanda Acheson gave a presentation on the 2017 activities of the POC for CY 2017 and the plans for CY 2018. Her presentation is posted on the CPWAC website. Mayor Evans suggested a calendar be made from the student's artwork.

**C. Government Affairs Committee**

Brad Hill reported on the activities of the GAC during CY 2017. The group has been focusing on the Governor's Water Solutions initiatives. Three initiatives pertain to Northern Arizona. These include the rules change for the definition of an Adequate Water Supply outside of AMAs, emergency groundwater transfers between basins and monitoring and reporting groundwater pumping for non-exempt wells.

**5. Action Items**

**A. Letter of Support to ADWR Regarding Adequate Water Supply Rule Change**

Brad Hill discussed the physical availability for determining Adequate Water Supply outside AMAs. The current rule indicates after 100 years GWL cannot go below 1,200 ft. This does not work for much of northern Arizona. BLS. Brad has crafted a draft letter of support to ADWR for the Governor to lift the moratorium on rulemaking so this rule can be better defined. The suggestion is a percent saturation of the aquifer be included in the definition. The suggested percentage is 75%. John Martinez made a motion to approve the letter of support including amendments proposed by ADWR and Don Bills. The motion was seconded by David Newlin. Voting was 9-4 in favor. Ron Doba indicated according to the CPWP bylaws actions require consensus. Accordingly, the motion failed. Brad had two other initiatives to discuss that were tabled until next month. Mayor Evans asked Ron Doba to get with Brad and determine a method to respond to concerns held by participants opposed to the letter of support.

### **B. Partnership in 2019 Water Art Exhibition**

John Tannous gave a presentation on the 2019 Water Art Exhibition he has been working on. Included in the presentation were details on the grant application and the proposed budget. John's presentation is posted on the CPWAC website. Amanda Acheson discussed the need for a title for the exhibition and numerous suggestions were put on the white board. No formal action was taken on this item regarding participation in the exhibition.

6. **Member's Corner** – None this month
7. **CPWP Member Roundtable** – None this month
8. **Adjournment for Annual Luncheon**  
The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:40 A.M.