

MINUTES

Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council/Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

12:00 PM – 2:13 PM

**Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort
22181 Resort Blvd., Flagstaff, Arizona**

Present

Mandy Metzger, Coconino County
Mark Woodson, City of Flagstaff
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Greg Bryan, Town of Tusayan
Mary Reece, Bureau of Reclamation
Ron Doba, CPWAC
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
John Davison, CNRCD
Ron Lee, Congresswoman Kirkpatrick
Jeanne Trupiano, Coconino County
Rory Steinke, Coconino National Forest
Deborah Tosline, USBOR
Amanda Acheson, Coconino County
Sybil Smith, ADEQ
Deanna Greco, Grand Canyon National Park
Matt Rinker, Arizona Game and Fish
Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe
John Baskett, Hopi Tribe
Max Taylor, Hopi Tribe
William Roberts, Hopi Tribe
Joanne Keene, Coconino County
Shannon Maho, Coconino County

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mandy Metzger opened the meeting at approximately 12:00 PM and self-introductions were made by all present. Ron Doba indicated the meeting format will be different for today's board and WAC meetings due to the luncheon and the attempt to hold both meetings while folks are enjoying their lunch.

2. Lunch

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:05 PM and the CPWP Board/Executive Committee was brought to order. The CPWAC/CPWP meeting was reconvened at approximately 12:45 PM.

3. Approval of Minutes – CPWAC Meeting of October 25, 2013

Mark Woodson made a motion to approve the minutes from October 25, 2013. The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried.

4. Action Items - None

A. Approval of Bylaws for Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

Ron briefly reviewed the need for the CPWP. He indicated invoices would need to identify monies that would be going to the CPWAC and the CPWP. John Martinez asked if there would be any IRS issues regarding the invoicing. Ron responded that the intent was to keep funds separate between the two organizations and he believed that is what is important to the IRS. The question was raised whether meetings should be held separately and if funds could be transferred from one organization to another. It was determined separate invoices should be sent out for each organization under one cover letter. A motion was made by Mark Woodson to approve the bylaws as amended to address the separate meetings and separate invoicing. The motion was seconded by Greg Bryan and carried.

5. Non-Action Items

A. Meeting Schedule for CY 2014

Mandy reviewed the revised meeting schedule for 2014 that was approved by the board. There were no comments.

6. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Deborah Tosline gave a PowerPoint presentation on the accomplishments of the CPTAC during 2013. The PowerPoint presentation is posted on the CPWAC/CPWP website. Ron Doba made copies of a letter available to the group that was received from Commissioner Connor referencing the video conference call held on August 6th, 2013.

B. CPWP Public Outreach Committee

Amanda Acheson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the accomplishments of the POC during 2013. The PowerPoint presentation is posted on the CPWAC/CPWP website. John Davison updated the group on the status of the youth council proposal.

C. CPWAC Government Affairs Committee

Joanne Keene reported the GAC has been working during the year on advocacy for the Rural Water Supply Program. An issue of concern is Senate Bill 715 that would sweep \$80 million to fund rural water construction projects. Feasibility studies are not included. Senator Flake has voiced opposition to the bill because it does not include funding for continuation of feasibility studies. Information has been provided to Senator Flake on our efforts and we believe he is crafting an amendment to the bill. Mandy

indicated the GAC is in need of participants and would be soliciting for assistance on the group in the future.

7. Member's Corner

James Duffield R.G. presented a PowerPoint presentation titled Hydrogeology and Water Resources of the Hopi Reservation, Arizona. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC/CPWP website.

8. CPWAC/CPWP Member Roundtable

Mary Reece reported Reclamation has two grant opportunities that are open. They include a Water Energy Efficiency Grant in the WaterSmart Program and a grant in the Water Conservation Field Services Program. Deborah has made the information available to the TAC and the deadline is early January.

John Martinez reported Sedona is now injecting 250 gpm into the aquifer from their WWTP. Today they "flipped the switch" to place solar panels on line at the WWTP.

John Davison suggested we send a welcome note to Good Earth who will be opening an office in Flagstaff. He also asked for interest in the youth council from other communities.

Erin Young reported on the Lake Mary/Walnut Canyon TAC. They have identified two projects that will be going to the Flagstaff City Council for approval. One is a photography project in conjunction with 4FRI and one is raising the Newman Canyon flow gauge.

Mandy introduced Jeanne Trupiano as Sue Pratt's replacement on the WAC.

Amanda Acheson announced the County would be installing solar on four of their facilities in conjunction with the APS incentive program.

Ron Lee mentioned the budget co-chairs have come to an agreement and the word is it will be heard on the House floor tomorrow. The deadline is Friday. Greg Bryan wanted to thank the Congresswoman for her work to protect the Grand Canyon from impacts of a future government shutdown.

Jim Duffield reported the Hopi are now a stakeholder in the Navajo Generating Station EIS.

Mandy reported the County is about to begin work on it's Comprehensive Plan.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:13 PM.