

MINUTES

Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

Friday, December 14, 2012

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 PM

USGS Building #3

2255 N Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Mark Woodson, City of Flagstaff
Leslie Meyers, Bureau of Reclamation
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation
John Davison, Coconino NRCD
Mandy Metzger, Coconino County
Ron Doba, CPWAC
Don Bills, USGS
Abe Springer, NAU
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
Brenda Smith, Fish and Wildlife
Steve Rice, NPS
Sybil Smith, ADEQ
Matthew Wood, City of Page
Rory Steinke, USFS
Scott Russell, USFS
Art Babbott, Coconino County Supervisor Elect
Tom Whitmer, City of Cottonwood
John Grahame, Friends of the Rio de Flag

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mandy Metzger opened the meeting at 11:11 A.M. and introductions were made by all present.

2. Approval of Minutes – WAC Meeting of October 26, 2012

Mark Woodson made a motion to approve the minutes from October 26, 2012. The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried.

3. Action Items – None

4. Non-Action Items

Ron Doba was asked by Mandy to report on the presentation to the Williams City Council last night. Ron reported Leslie Meyers, Tom Whitmer and himself had met with the Williams City Council. Ron provided an overview of the CPWAC and Leslie had provided an update on the Feasibility Study. Williams had indicated

they did wish to stay involved and Councilmember Fritsinger was assigned to be their representative on the WAC. Williams was also asked if they would be able to provide matching funds of \$1,200 for this phase of the study and informed there would eventually be a greater amount as the study continues but they would have the option of staying in or opting out at that time. The Council did not seem to have a problem with the \$1,200 for this phase of the project.

6. Committee Reports

A. Technical Advisory Committee

Leslie gave a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the TAC activities for the year and the work that is anticipated for 2013. The sustainable water budget has regained momentum this year and Deborah Tosline has been chairing the subcommittee. Reclamation has a funding opportunity currently out in the Water Conservation Field Services Program that is a \$25,000 grant and must be matched 50/50. The goals for 2012 have been all accomplished by the TAC. In 2013, the Denver Reclamation office will be working on the hydraulic design for the pipeline and the NEPA work. Flagstaff will also be working on the Red Gap Ranch portion of the Feasibility Study. The presentation will be available on the CPWAC website under the Technical Advisory Committee link.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Don Bills gave a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the Public Outreach Committee activities for the year. The Committee now has six members which is the most they have ever had. The brochure has been updated with correct information and is frequently being used as an outreach tool. John Davison updated the group on the status of the Junior WAC, anticipated to get started in spring of 2013. The Water Ethic Contest was successful and a \$500 award is planned, this coming year, to encourage teacher participation. The presentation will be available on the CPWAC website under the Public Outreach Committee link.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Ron reported on the Legislative Day in Prescott Valley on November 30th. Approximately 74 people were in attendance. Presentations were given by Supervisor Mandy Metzger, Mayor Kenny Evans, Mayor Diane Joens, Representative Karen Fann, and ADWR Director Sandy Fabritz-Whitney. There was significant attendance by the public. A number of invitees showed that did not RSVP. There was also significant attendance by legislative staff. Overall, the Legislative Day was a success. Art Babbott asked if it would be a good idea to get the new District Representatives introduced to the CPWAC in case there is any legislation the group wishes to support. Ron discussed draft legislation that is being crafted for the authority to form a Regional Water Augmentation Authority. Mandy asked the draft legislation be brought to the WAC for a letter of support when it is ready.

7. CPWAC Roundtable Discussion

Members present were asked to provide brief reports on activities that were going on in their respective agencies. Scott Russell, Rory Steinke, Sybil Smith, John Martinez, Steve Rice, Mark Woodson, Brad Hill, John Davison, Leslie Meyers, Brenda Smith, John Grahame, and Art Babbott provided reports.

8. Adjournment

The next regular WAC meeting will be on 1/25/2013 at 10:00 A.M. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 P.M. for lunch.