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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership
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Friday, December 16, 2016

USGS Building #3

2255 N. Gemini Dr., Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Mandy Metzger, Coconino County
Jerry Nabours, City of Flagstaff
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Frank McNelly, City of Williams
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff
Don Bills, USGS
David Newlin, LCRP RC&D
Ron Doba, CPWP
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation
Amanda Acheson, Coconino County
Shelton Manakaja, Havasupai Tribe
Thomas Siyuja, Sr., Havasupai Tribe
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Tamera Lawless, City of Flagstaff
Sybil Smith, ADEQ
Abe Springer, NAU
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club
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 10:35 A.M.
Self-introductions were made by all.

2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of November 4, 2016

Jerry Nabours made a motion to approve the minutes from November 4, 2016.
The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried.

3. Action Items – None

Mandy asked for an update from the Havasupai on the recent legal claim. Shelton Manakaja and Thomas Siyuja updated the group. The tribe has filed a claim for a determination of their water rights in federal district court. They would like to make a future presentation to the CPWP regarding their claim. Thomas also reported on the Havasupai claim addressing mining concerns.

4. Non-Action Items

A. Governors Water Augmentation Council Update

Ron Doba gave a PowerPoint presentation updating the Partnership on what has been happening on the Governors Water Augmentation Council. His presentation has been posted on the CPWAC website.

B. Flagstaff Report to Water Commission

Erin Young gave a PowerPoint presentation overview of the City of Flagstaff report to the Water Commission. Erin's presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

5. Committee Reports

A. CPWP Technical Advisory Committee

Deborah reported the North Central report is completed and she is trying to do report production but is facing challenges. She hopes the report will be available in January. There are also no funds for Deborah to continue attending the CPWP meetings on a regular basis. The water source menu maps have been updated and the TAC is receiving final review comments. The next update will be in five years. The TAC is using an ecosystem services assessment as the sustainable water management plan.

B. Public Outreach Committee

Amanda Acheson gave a PowerPoint presentation updating the group on the progress of the POC for 2016. Much of this year's efforts have focused on the very successful 4th grade water ethics contest. The new restroom posters were made available to the participants. Amanda's presentation is posted on the CPWAC website.

C. Government Affairs Committee

Brad gave an update on the activities of the Government Affairs Committee. Priorities were developed for the committee during the year. A letter was crafted to the Forest Service addressing 4FRI watershed monitoring. Senator McCain was contacted regarding how the NCAWSFS "closure report" was to be titled. Brad will be reaching out to bring the group back together next month.

6. Member's Corner

At this time, Ron expressed his and the group's appreciation to Mandy and Mayor Nabours' service on the CPWP and CPWAC boards. Mandy and Mayor Nabours were presented tokens of appreciation by the City of Sedona and the CPWP.

7. CPWP Member Roundtable

Mayor Nabours indicated this would be his last meeting and the Flagstaff Council would be assigning someone to the CPWP.

Frank McNelly reported on the Polar Express and the logging operation near Williams.

David Newlin reported on the upcoming Little Colorado watershed conference.

Many in the group expressed their appreciation of Mandy and the Mayor's efforts.

John Martinez reported on Christmas activities in Sedona.

Don discussing the upcoming meetings at the Museum of Northern Arizona and the upcoming Arizona Hydrological Society Symposium in September.

Amanda discussed the tiny house building codes and construction project that will be built at Public Works.

Abe Springer made announcements regarding upcoming presentations focused on groundwater.

Tanya Owens indicated she was happy to have had the opportunity to work on the water source menu map updates.

Kira Russo gave an update on her intern coming from Great Britain and the update the Flagstaff Water Commission had on turf reduction.

Alicyn gave an update on the Sierra Club's involvement in the Havasupai legal claim.⁸⁷

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 P.M. for lunch provided by Archuleta Catering.