

MINUTES
Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council
Friday, September 28, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 PM

USGS Building #3
2255 N Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Present

Mark Woodson, City of Flagstaff
Cynthia Stefanovic, Arizona State Land Department
Leslie Meyers, Bureau of Reclamation
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club
Pete Shearer, South Grand Canyon Sanitary District
Jim Duffield, Hopi Tribe
Jeanmarie Haney, The Nature Conservancy
Leo Manheimer, Navajo Nation
Charles Mosley, City of Sedona
Michael Foley, Navajo Nation
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation
John Davison, Coconino NRCD
Steve Rice, National Park Service
Mandy Metzger, Coconino County
Brent Bitz, City of Sedona
Tom Whitmer, City of Cottonwood
Ron Doba, CPWAC
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation
Joanne Keene, Coconino County
Don Bills, USGS
Diane Chung, National Park Service
Abe Springer, NAU
Sue Pratt, Coconino County
Keith Self, Arizona Water Company
Brad Hill, City of Flagstaff

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mark Woodson opened the meeting and introductions were made by all present.

2. Approval of Minutes – WAC Meeting of July 27, 2012

Mandy Metzger made a motion to approve the minutes from July 27, 2012. The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried.

3. Joanne Keene had to leave early and requested she be allowed to give her report for the Government Affairs Committee. Joanne indicated the “Save the date” email had gone out last night for the legislative Day to be held November 30th at the Prescott Valley Library.

The event is being co-sponsored by the CPWAC, NAMWUA and the Yavapai County WAC. Talking points will be provided by Ron and Joanne.

4. Action Items

A. Consideration of by-laws amendment no.1

Ron Doba indicated when the bylaws were approved at the July 27th meeting he was directed to come back with an amendment that identified the authorities and responsibilities of the WAC. The proposed amendments are as follows:

Section III.2

The powers and functions of the voting membership subject to the limitations hereinafter stated, shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. The formulation of policy decisions and determination of policy matters for the Council.*
- b. The initiation and/or request for studies to be undertaken either by inter-agency agreement, contract, or as they may deem appropriate.*
- c. Adoption a position of support or opposition to legislation related to the mission of the CPWAC.*
- d. The CPWAC may adopt rules governing the procedures of the meetings of the members.*

John Davison made a motion to approve the bylaws amendment. The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried.

B. Election of officers in accordance with adopted by-laws

Ron reported that interest has been expressed by Mandy Metzger, Mark Woodson, John Martinez and John Davison in the board positions. There are five positions open and he asked if anyone at the meeting has interest in being on the board. Ray Benally made a motion to nominate Mandy Metzger as chair, Mark Woodson as vice-chair, John Martinez as secretary/treasurer and John Davison as at-large board member. The motion was seconded by Mark Woodson and carried.

5. Non-Action Items

A. Connecting the Environment in Arizona Water Planning

Mark introduced Kelly Mott Lacroix from the University of Arizona. Kelly proceeded with her presentation. The intent of asking Kelly to give this presentation was to determine if this work could assist the CPWAC in developing its sustainable water budget. The project is just starting its second year for a three year grant that was obtained. Kelly's presentation is posted on the CPWAC website under "Presentations."

B. Public Outreach Conceptual Plan and Consideration of Willow Bend 5-Points Proposal

Ron reported this item was only on the agenda to provide closure to the WAC. The Public Advisory Committee decided to withdraw their request to fund this project and has notified Willow Bend accordingly.

C. Water Resources Development Commission

Ron Doba provided a presentation on the activities that the Water Resources Development Commission over the past two years. Final recommendations after two years of studying future water demands throughout the state include the following:

- Craft legislation that would allow for the formation of regional water augmentation authorities
- Modify the requirements to access the Water Supply Development Revolving Fund (WSDRF)
- Establish a statewide funding source for the WSDRF

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6. Committee Reports

A. Technical Advisory Committee

Leslie reported the TAC had met yesterday. They had an update on the feasibility work being done. The pipeline alignment is almost finalized. The areas that still need to be finalized are in Flagstaff and Page. The next year will involve the hydraulic design of the pipeline (sizing). Reclamation just funded an agreement with Flagstaff to do some additional work for Red Gap Ranch. The other thing the TAC is working on is the sustainable water budget. There has been a lot of interest since the strategic planning in developing a water budget that includes environmental water needs.

B. Government Affairs Committee

Previously given earlier in the meeting

C. Public Outreach Committee

John Davison reported the Public Outreach Committee had a booth in the Flagstaff Science Festival and will be having a booth at Willow Bend tomorrow for their sustainability tour. Don Bills reported the Public Outreach Committee was raising the teacher award to \$500 for the water ethics contest to increase teacher interest in participating.

7. CPWAC Roundtable Discussion

Ron reported the CPWAC has a new web site that is up and running. It is still under construction and if anyone has information they want to have added to the website they should send it to him.

Brad Hill reported the Inner Basin pipeline has been completely reconstructed and a closing ceremony is planned for next month. It was completed a month ahead of schedule.

Mark announced the next meeting will be Friday October 26th.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned approximately 12:00 PM