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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, January 28, 2022

10:00 A.M.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Don Bills, USGS
Tom Lamkin, City of Sedona
Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River
Tamara Lawless, City of Flagstaff
Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting
Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club
Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ
Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff
David Newlin, LCRP RC&D
Becky Daggett, City of Flagstaff
Kristen Butcher, NPS
Sam Mossman, Kachina Village
Dennis Tomko, Audubon Society
Mannie Bowler, ADEQ
Henry Day, APS
Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon Park
Casey Jones, USGS
Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation
Charlie Hendrix, Town of Tusayan
Alan Dulaney, Kachina Village
Daniel Dialessi, WIFA
Lindsay Jones, WIFA
Lucas Minton, Flagstaff Area Monuments
John Martinez, Sedona
Greg Clifton, City of Flagstaff
Deborah Tosline, Reclamation
Kevin Black, Reclamation
Andy Bertelsen, City of Flagstaff

Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
John Bezdek,
Chris Phalen, Kyrsten Sinema's Office

Approximately 34 people were in attendance.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Austin Aslan 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 December 3, 2021

Tom Lamkin made a motion to approve the minutes from December 3, 2021. The motion was seconded by Brent Bitz and carried.

3. Action Items

a. Consideration of Adoption of Land Acknowledgement

Ron provided background on the proposed Land Acknowledgement. Comments were received from Robert Kirk of the Navajo Nation. Much discussion took place and Austin Aslan made a motion to approve the current wording while remaining open to any modifications if any tribal concerns arise. Brent Bitz seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Non-Action Items

a. Presentation on Infrastructure Funding Opportunities

Daniel Dealessi and Lindsay Jones gave a presentation from WIFA on the funding opportunities that are available as a result of the new federal infrastructure monies. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site.

5. Committee Reports

A. TAC: Don Bills reported on the previous day's TAC meeting. Don polled the participants to see what their preference was for this year's field trip, the uranium mines or the Verde Canyon Railroad trip. The group slightly favored the uranium mines due to the cost of the Verde Canyon RR. Ron will check to see if there may be a less expensive way to do it that is not first class. Alicyn asked that someone from the Sierra Club be allowed to speak on the uranium mine tour.

A. GAC: Greg Clifton reviewed a spreadsheet of various water related bills that have been dropped at the state legislature.

C. POC: Erin reported for Tamara that five schools would be participating in the 4th Grade Water Ethics Contest. Alicyn indicated the Sierra Club logo should be included on the posters being as they are a funding member of the Partnership.

5. Members Corner - None

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Greg Clifton reported Flagstaff is assembling a Citizen's Bond Committee.
Alicyn reported on the passing of Joe Shannon.

Deborah indicated she had asked Ron to place Reclamation on next month's agenda to present on funding opportunities.

Henry Day suggested everyone look at Rep. Cobb's Rural Management Area bill as it is an important piece of legislation this year.

Robert Kirk reported on the Navajo water well being drilled at Bodaway Gap.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 P.M.