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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, February 25, 2022

10:00 A.M.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
Karen Modesto, ADWR
Don Bills, USGS
Tom Lamkin, City of Sedona
Nancy Steele, 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
Lucas Minton, NPS
Sam Mossman, Kachina Village
Mannie Bowler, ADEQ
Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon Park
Casey Jones, USGS
Robert Roling, Desert Mountain Energy
Alan Dulaney, Kachina Village
John Martinez, Sedona
Greg Clifton, City of Flagstaff
Kevin Black, Reclamation
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
Derek Duba, Rep. O'Halleran's Office
Taylor McKinnon, Center for Biological Diversity
Jocelyn Gibbon, Freshwater Policy Consulting
Adam Shimoni, City of Flagstaff
Miranda Sweet, City of Flagstaff
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice Chair Tom Lamkin 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 January 28, 2022

Alicyn Gitlin made a motion to approve the minutes from January 28, 2022. The motion was seconded by David Newlin and carried.

3. Action Items

a. None

4. Non-Action Items

a. Presentation from Desert Mountain Energy

Robert Roling gave a presentation on how Desert Mountain Energy conducts exploration for helium. Robert will check with his counsel whether the presentation may be posted on the CPWAC web site. If it is alright, he will send it to Ron Doba.

5. Committee Reports

A. TAC: Don Bills reported on the previous day's TAC meeting. The TAC received presentations from Deborah Tosline (Reclamation) on funding opportunities for environmental water resources projects/programs and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Funding for the Chevelon Creek Stream Gage should be secured for FY 2023. Fish and Wildlife may have funding available again as well. This year's field trip will be the Uranium mines with a stop at the Tusayan Sanitary District. Don is currently making arrangements for speakers. Ron is also applying for a WaterSMART grant to complete Phase 2 of the Coconino/Redwall-Muav Aquifer modeling work as well as other projects Ron identified.

B. GAC: Greg Clifton reviewed various water related bills and their progress. John Martinez added information about Governor Ducey's water funding proposal, including desalination. Jocelyn Gibbon gave an update on the Rural Management Area Bill and the hostile amendment that was introduced by Rep. Cobb to keep it going.

C. POC: Tamara reported submissions for this year's water ethics contest will be coming in soon and we are including funding for the contest in our WaterSMART grant application that Ron is working on.

5. Members Corner - None

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Tamara reported we will be doing much outreach in the upcoming month.

Nancy Steele announced the upcoming State of the River Watershed Conference at the Cliff Castle Hotel in Camp Verde. They are looking for folks to be on a stormwater panel. Her email address was put in the chat box.

Kira indicated the RMA bill was indicated as important in the Water Related Ecosystem Services Assessment.

Greg Clifton reported on the Citizen's Bond Measure Committee working on water and storm water issues. The committee is made up of about 20 citizens.

Supervisor Vasquez announced dates for redistricting district meetings coming up being held by the county.

Derek Duba announced he would be sending one pagers to Ron on Federal funding opportunities for distribution.

Erin Young provided information on the DPR bill moving through the State Legislature.

Pete Shearer indicated Tusayan Sanitary District was happy to be involved in this year's field trip. Tusayan is considering a pilot cloud seeding program.

Tom Lamkin announced the next meeting will be March 25th and we will have a presentation on Flagstaff's stormwater program.

Ron indicated we will be trying to have a live meeting in Flagstaff next month.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 A.M.