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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, March 25, 2022

10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: City of Flagstaff Public Works Facility

3200 W. Rte. 66

Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Also, by Virtual Zoom

Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Don Bills, USGS

Tamara Lawless, City of Flagstaff

Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting

Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County (Virtual)

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ (Virtual)

Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff

Casey Jones, USGS

Alan Dulaney, Kachina Village (Virtual)

John Martinez, Sedona (Virtual)

Greg Clifton, City of Flagstaff (Virtual)

Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District

Jocelyn Gibbon, Freshwater Policy Consulting

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Liane Giunta (Zoom)

John Snickers, AZ Water Co.

Ed Schenk, City of Flagstaff

Andy Bertelsen, City of Flagstaff (Virtual)

Keith Brekhus, Rep. O'Halleran's Office (Virtual)

Deborah Tosline, Reclamation (Virtual)

Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation (Virtual)

Approximately 23 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 February 25, 2022
Don Bills made a motion to approve the minutes from February 25, 2022. The motion was seconded by Pete Shearer and carried.
3. **Action Items**
 - a. **None**
4. **Non-Action Items**
 - a. **Presentation on City of Flagstaff Stormwater Monitoring System**
Ed Schenk gave a presentation on how the City of Flagstaff and County monitor storm water flows and communicate warnings to citizens about flooding dangers. Ed's presentation is posted on the CPWP web site.
 - b. **Presentation on BIL Opportunities**
Deborah Tosline gave a presentation on the BIL opportunities being offered by Reclamation. Her presentation is posted on the CPWP web site.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - A. TAC:** Don Bills reported on the previous day's TAC meeting. The TAC received a presentation from Andrew Lewis on the economic value of springs. Andrew is an NAU graduate student. Don discussed the proposed field trip to the uranium mines and took a poll of how many participants planned to attend. Approximately 10 to 20 are expected to participate. Peter said the Tusayan Sanitary District Board would like to attend. Tusayan has offered an opportunity to visit their infrastructure projects after the tour. Lunch will be provided either at Tusayan on a Grand Canyon overlook. Ron indicated he received an email from Zach Ferrie and the Havasupai are interested in attending the trip. Alicyn said Thomas Siyuja Sr. is now the Chair of the Havasupai Council and we should consider contacting him directly. Ron had also given an update on the WaterSMART Grant application being submitted.
 - B. GAC:** Greg Clifton discussed the status of the Rural Management Area bill. It appears to be dead.
 - C. POC:** Tamara reported we have received submissions from three schools for the 4th Grad Water Ethics Contest and we will begin judging them.
5. **Members Corner - None**
6. **CPWP Members Roundtable**

Alicyn Gitlin indicated the 4 FRI EIS is open for comment and the Colorado River Days is returning this fall as live and virtual. Looking for presentations. Sept 2nd to 12th.
Jocelyn Gibbon updated the group on the potential for the RMA bill still happening. Lobbying is still taking place for the bill. She also discussed the AZ Water Authority bill. Karen Modesto mentioned the efforts in the Wilcox Basin to form an AMA.
Tamara Lawless announced events during the April Water Awareness Month in Flagstaff.

Erin Young announced the AZ Water Professionals Appreciation event coming up.
Supervisor Vasquez discussed the redistricting work that is being finalized.
Peter Shearer recommended we visit some of the Grand canyons reuse facilities on the field trip.
Austin Aslan ended the meeting with the Land Acknowledgement.

7. Adjournment

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