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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, April 29, 2022

10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Don Bills, USGS

Tamara Lawless, City of Flagstaff

Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ

Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff

Casey Jones, USGS

Sam Mossman, Kachina Village

John Martinez, Sedona

Jocelyn Gibbon, Freshwater Policy Consulting

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

John Snickers, AZ Water Co.

David Newlin, Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D

Nancy Steele, The Friends of the Verde River

Derek Duba, Rep. O'Halleran's Office

Isaac Dudley, The Friends of the Verde River

Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona

Kevin Black, Reclamation

Approximately 20 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 March 25, 2022

Austin Aslan made a motion to approve the minutes from March 25, 2022. The motion was seconded by Nancy Steele and carried.

3. Action Items

a. Consideration of the Kachina Village Improvement District as a Voting CPWAC/CPWP Member

Ron Doba presented the request made by the district. Sam Mossman described the duties and responsibilities of the district and how they relate to the CPWAC/CPWP. Don Bills made a motion to approve the Kachina Village Improvement District as a voting member. The motion was seconded by Alicyn Gitlin and carried.

4. Non-Action Items

a. Presentation on River Friendly Living

Nancy Steele and Isaac Dudley gave a presentation on River Friendly Living that discussed how people could work together for a healthy, flowing Verde River system. The presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site.

5. Committee Reports

A. TAC: Don Bills reported on the previous day's TAC meeting. The upcoming field trip was discussed at the uranium mines. Most of the planning details have fallen into place. Lunch will be provided by the Town of Tusayan along with site visits at their reclaimed water sites. Alicyn will be bringing additional students and teachers on the trip from NAU. We are anticipating approximately 50 attendees on the trip. Don will verify if we will be able to go inside the Pinyon Plains Mine with the number of attendees we expect. The TAC will be developing a field guide for the trip.

Everything is in place for the Chevelon Creek monitoring agreement. Fish and Wildlife will not be participating this year.

The RMA and AWA legislation is stalled not but there may be a special session later this year to address them.

Alicyn asked if she could contribute to the handout for the field trip.

We are not sure if the Havasupai Tribe will be participating yet. They are only interested in attending if they can protest the mine operation.

Morgan asked if we could visit Red Butte but Don indicated he thought the agenda is pretty full for the trip.

B. GAC: John Martinez indicated there was no GAC report for this month.

C. POC: Tamara reported about half the team has evaluated the entries for the 4th Grade Water Ethics Contest. She shared an example of one of the entries

5. Members Corner - None

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Tamara reported there are 2 days left in the annual pledge for the water conservation competition.

Morgan thanked the group for the letter regarding the Pinion Plain Mine permit.

Erin reported on the Arizona Water Professionals event at the Rose Garden. There was also an AZ Water event in Flagstaff for Arizona Water Professionals.

Tom Lamkin reported on the Cinco de Mayo event coming up in Sedona. The chili cookoff is Saturday May 7th.

7. Adjournment

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