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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, May 27, 2022

10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Don Bills, USGS

Kira Russo, Global Water Policy Consulting

Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff

Sam Mossman, Kachina Village

John Martinez, Sedona

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

David Newlin, Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D

Nancy Steele, The Friends of the Verde River

Derek Duba, Rep. O'Halleran's Office

Kevin Black, Reclamation

Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County

Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River

Charlie Hendrix, Town of Tusayan

Simone Williams, University of Arizona

Zack Ferrie, Havasupai Tribe

Tom Lamkin, City of Sedona

Greg Clifton, City of Flagstaff

Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona

Pete Shearer, Town of Tusayan

Patrick Moore, USFS

Nadene Hubbard, ADWR

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 April 29, 2022**
Tom Lamkin made a motion to approve the minutes from April 29, 2022. The motion was seconded by Brent Bitz and carried.
3. **Action Items**
 - a. **None**
4. **Non-Action Items (this item was moved to after the committee reports)**
 - a. **Update on 4FRI**
Patrick Moore of the USFA provided an update on the 4FRI project. His 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 discussed the sponsorship for the State of the Verde Watershed Conference by the Partnership and the request from the AZ Hydrological Society to sponsor students for the North Rim Field Camp. The field trip for September is still developing and the coop agreement was discussed for the stream flow monitoring project. The USGS is moving forward with a seepage investigation for Clear Creek and Chevelon Creek including drone overflights for temperature sensing.
 - B. **GAC:** Greg Clifton reported on City of Flagstaff water infrastructure projects. A Citizen’s Bond Committee has been meeting weekly and finalized a project list that will be moving on to the City Council. Enhancements are planned for the Wildcat Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 - C. **POC:** Ron reported on behalf of Tamara that the 4th Grade Water Ethics Contest winners have been announced and the POC is in the process of making the awards. He shared examples of the entries. Supervisor Vasquez acknowledged all the young people that put in the work on the art contest. Don asked Ron if the teachers received awards and Ron replied the awards have been distributed. Brent reported on the State of the Watershed Conference coming up.
5. **Members Corner - None**
6. **CPWP Members Roundtable**

Greg Clifton reported on restoration work the Forest Service is doing on Mt. Elden. Supervisor Vasquez commented on all the water he saw in Alaska attending a conference. Kira Russo indicated the Friends of the Rio wished to make a presentation and she would be contacting Ron.

Karen Modesto reminded the group that ADWR does provide letters of support for grant applications.

Erin indicated she was asking for a letter of support for a City of Flagstaff WaterSMART grant from the CPWP. Ron asked if anyone had any questions or concerns if he drafted a letter of support for signature by the Board Chair. There were no concerns.

Pete Shearer recognized APS on their work with 4FRI to prevent forest fires. Tusayan will be adding additional reclaimed water hydrants for forest fire prevention.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:35 A.M.