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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, June 24, 2022

10:00 A.M.

Meeting Location: City of Flagstaff Public Works Facility

Large Briefing Room

3200 W. Rte. 66

Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Karen Modesto, ADWR

Don Bills, USGS

Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Derek Duba, Rep. O'Halleran's Office

Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River

Zack Ferrie, Havasupai Tribe

Greg Clifton, City of Flagstaff

Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona

Pete Shearer, Town of Tusayan

Robert Kirk, Navajo Nation

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Deborah Tosline, Reclamation

John Snickers, AZ Water Co.

Mike Macauley, Coconino NRCD

Bill Diak, City of Page

Loren Bader, ADEQ

Elyssa Shalla, NPS

Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon Park

Tamara Lawless, City of Flagstaff

Approximately 21 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 May 27, 2022**
Brent Bitz made a motion to approve the minutes from May 27, 2022. The motion was seconded by Pete Shearer and carried.
3. **Action Items**
 - a. **None**
4. **Non-Action Items**
 - a. **City of Page Impacts from Water Level in Lake Powell**
Mayor Bill Diak made a presentation on the concerns Page has about the low water level in Lake Powell and the alternatives it is considering to be able to continue to provide water in the future at a reduced level. Mayor Diak requested a letter of support from the CPWP for Federal assistance to fund relocating the intake upstream of the dam. The project is supported by Reclamation and will cost approximately \$45 million. Mayor Diak will provide Ron with a template letter to go to Kelly, O’Halloran, Sinema and Stanton, to copy BOR. The letter will be on the next CPWP agenda for consideration. Mayor Diak’s presentation is posted on the CPWAC web site.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **TAC:** Don Bills reported on the previous day’s TAC meeting. The TAC discussed the upcoming field trip and the ongoing work on supporting the stream gaging needs by the USGS. Casey Jones will be providing the TAC with a draft of the new information they have collected using drone footage. Don asked if Ron could update the group on the status of the AWA and the RMA bills. Ron indicated the revised AWA bill (SB1740) recently passed both the House and Senate committees and we should know today if it passes. The RMA bill status is still unknown.
 - B. **GAC:** Greg Clifton reported on bills we have discussed previously and the status of the bills as well as SB1740. Greg also discussed the impacts of the recent forest fires on the area.
 - C. **POC:** Tamara reported the 4th Grade Water Ethics contest has just been completed. The POC will be starting the process for the next contest soon.
5. **Members Corner - None**
6. **CPWP Members Roundtable**

Robert Kirk reported the Western Navajo Pipeline and the intake project in Page. The Navajo just completed a new N-Aquifer well by Bodaway Gap that turned out very productive (300-400 gpm).
Pete thanked the Mayor for his presentation.
Loren thanked the CPWP for their support of the AHS field training.
Erin reported on Flagstaff’s Reclamation grant application for a water recharge project.
John Snickers reported on an exploratory hole drilled in Sedona that was not successful.
Tamara reported on the water restrictions in place in Flagstaff.
Jan reported on two community meetings next week for an update on projects.
Deborah announced Leslie Meyers is leaving Reclamation to go to SRP.

Derek Duba thanked the Mayor for pushing for his project and the CPWP for providing this venue. He also announced an upcoming meeting Rep. O'Halleran is holding on the Farm Bill.

Alicyn announced Colorado River Days are coming up.

7. Adjournment

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