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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, July 28, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Meeting Location:

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Present

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Don Bills, USGS

Pete Furman, City of Sedona

Lauren Allison, ADEQ

Will Gieser, Havasupai Tribe

Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff

Jess McNeely, Coconino County

Nancy Steele, Friends of the Verde River

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Melissa Shaw, Coconino County

Greg Clifton, City of Flagstaff

Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona

Jon Mason, USGS

Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County

Blaise Caudill, Governor's Office

Nizhoni Tallas, Grand Canyon Trust

Alan Dulaney, Kachina Village Improvement District

Jen Pelz, Grand Canyon Trust

Kevin Lane, ADWR

Deborah Tosline, Reclamation

Twenty people were in attendance.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Austin Aslan called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 A.M.
All made self-introductions.

2. Approval of Joint Meeting Minutes – Meeting of May 26, 2023

Ron indicated Nancy's last name was misspelled and it will be corrected. Pete Furman made a motion to approve the minutes from May 26, 2023. The motion was seconded by Greg Clifton and carried.

3. Action Items

a. Nomination and Election of Officers and Board Members for CPWAC and CPWP

After discussion, Pete Furman made a motion to re-elect the current officers and at-large board members for another term. The motion was seconded by Jeronimo Vasquez and carried.

b. Consideration and Approval of Strategic Plan Update for 2023

Ron reviewed the changes made to the Strategic Plan from last month's retreat. Alicyn asked that we include getting back with our tribal partners to renew their participation. She suggested inviting tribal managers and asking what they would like to see on our agendas of interest to them. Suggestions were also made to improve the mission statement. Ron will "clean up" the plan and have it back on the agenda for next month's meeting.

4. Non-Action Items

a. Presentation on Governor's Office of Resiliency

Blaise Caudill gave an update on the Governor's Policy Advisors' activities and grants being worked on and received having to do with energy and water.

5. Committee Reports

a. TAC

Don Bills reported on yesterday's TAC meeting. The TAC continues to work on the Reclamation grant projects, stream flow gages, and field trip.

b. GAC

Greg reported on the emphasis on GAC at the retreat and that we will have more involvement to keep the Council updated on potential legislation. Ron indicated he plans to communicate with Greg as potential legislation comes out of the Governor's Water Policy Council.

c. POC

No report from POC this month.

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Amanda discussed the water conservation grants Coconino County is applying for from WIFA.

Greg reported on intergovernmental partnerships in Flagstaff as well as the improvement that has been made to a culvert crossing Highway 180.

Jeronimo reported on an Eco-Flight he did with the Grand Canyon Trust. The State Transportation Board gave the county \$3.7 million for drainage work along

Hwy 89 and the Copeland Corridor issues. He also suggested bringing in a speaker to present on the proposed Grand Canyon National Monument.

Jon Mason reported on the recently published USGS report on using the alluvial aquifer near Leupp for crop irrigation. The link was put in the chat.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:36 a.m.