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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, August 25, 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

Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff

Jennifer Dufresne, Coconino County

Nancy Steele, Friends of the Verde River

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Greg Nelson, Coconino County

Greg Clifton, City of Flagstaff

Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona

Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County

Alan Dulaney, Kachina Village Improvement District

Jen Pelz, Grand Canyon Trust

Kevin Lane, ADWR

Deborah Tosline, Reclamation

Zach Ferrie, Havasupai Tribe

Amanda Acheson, Coconino County

Jacob Phipps, U.S.E.P.A.

Ryan Mitchell, ADWR

Kira Russo, Friends of the Rio

John Martinez, Sedona

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff

Twenty three people were in attendance.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice Chair Pete Furman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 A.M.
All made self-introductions.

2. **Approval of Joint Meeting Minutes – Meeting of July 28, 2023**

Erin Young made a motion to approve the minutes from July 28, 2023. The motion was seconded by Nancy Steele and carried.
3. **Action Items**
 - a. **Consideration and Approval of Strategic Plan Update for 2023**

Ron reviewed the changes made to the Strategic Plan from last month's meeting. The participants wished to make more comments on the plan and have it back on the October agenda. Comments should be sent to Ron.
4. **Non-Action Items**
 - a. **Presentation (unconfirmed): Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni, Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument**

The presenter was unable to attend.
 - b. **Presentation: Declining Groundwater Levels By Basin – Ryan Mitchell, ADWR Chief Hydrologist**

Ryan gave an overview of the past 20 years of data for groundwater levels in all the basins in the State. He also gave information on the tasks the Governor has assigned the Governors Water Policy Council. His presentation can be seen on the ADWR website at https://new.azwater.gov/sites/default/files/20230817_Rural_GW_Committee_Meeting_Presentation.pdf.
 - c. **Presentation: Role of New EPA Section Office in Flagstaff – Jacob Phipps**

Jacob gave an overview of the activities the new Flagstaff off has been tasked with. They are to evaluate and determine necessary action to remediate contamination from abandoned mine sites, primarily on Reservation lands.
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. He went over the itinerary for the trip. He asked for a head count for who will be attending the field trip. Those who will attend were asked to put their names in the chat for Ron to count.
 - b. **GAC**

Greg reported Austin is with Representative Crane touring neighborhoods subject to storm flooding.
 - c. **POC**

Emily reported the Committee had met yesterday and is moving forward with a fall schedule for the water ethics contest. They are looking for ways to expand outside the Flagstaff area. Amanda has offered the services of a

videographer to put together a three-minute video to help promote the contest. She will be sharing a flyer with the group as well on the upcoming contest.

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Erin told everyone she is on the WIFA Water Conservation Grant Fund Committee.

Kevin mentioned ADWR will be releasing a funding opportunity notice shortly for water conservation grants. Non-profits, companies, and individuals may apply. It requires a 50% match.

Kira invited folks to the Friends of the Rio events on Thursdays. They usually meet at the Joe Montoya Center.

Alicyn mentioned the new national monument in Northern Arizona.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.m.