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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, October 27, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Meeting Location:

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Present

Pete Furman, City of Sedona
Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club
Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County
Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
Will Gieser, Havasupai Tribe
Lauren Allison, ADEQ
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Kevin Lane, ADWR
Deborah Tosline, Reclamation
Alan Dulaney, KVID
Jon Mason, USGS
Emily Melhorn, City of Flagstaff
Greg Nelson, Coconino County
John Martinez, Sedona
Kira Russo, Friends of the Rio
Lori Mathews, City of Flagstaff
Coral Evans, Senator Kelly's Office
Jan Balson, Grand Canyon Park
Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona
Del Craig, Bridgestone USA
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
Dave Dierig, Bridgestone USA
Sam Wong, Bridgestone USA
Chris Lugenbuhl, Dark Skies Coalition

Twenty five 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 August 25, 2023

Pete Furman made a motion to approve the minutes from August 25, 2023. The motion was seconded by Jeronimo Vasquez and carried.

3. Action Items

a. Consideration and Approval of Strategic Plan Update for 2023

Ron reported he has not received any requested changes to the plan since the last meeting. Several suggestions were made by Alicyn that will be incorporated. Erin Young said her changes have not been included and will get them to Ron Again. The Plan will be on the agenda again at the December meeting for approval.

4. Non-Action Items

a. Presentation on Guayule Research, Dr. David Dierig and Dr Sam Wong, Bridgestone USA

Dr. Dierig and Dr. Wong presented on the work Bridgestone is doing to use Desert grown Guayule in Arizona for rubber extraction and manufacturing. Guayule is a low water use, drought resistant crop that may be just what is needed to take the place of high water use crops in Arizona and still offer the farmers a good financial return. Dr. Dierig will check to see if his presentation can be posted. It may contain some confidential material.

5. Committee Reports

a. TAC

Ron Doba reported on yesterday's TAC meeting. The TAC continues to work on the Reclamation grant projects and stream flow gages. The RFP for the WRESA Dashboard is posted on the CPWP web site and the contract will be on the December agenda for approval.

b. GAC

Erin reported on the recent panel discussion in Flagstaff regarding the proposed LGSA legislation.

c. POC

Emily reported the Committee had met yesterday and is moving forward with a fall schedule for the water ethics contest. A short video was shown that will introduce teachers and students to the 4th Grade Water Ethics Contest.

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Pete Furman expressed his pleasure regarding the field trip.

Erin reported Flagstaff has just received \$850,000 from WIFA for infrastructure efficiency improvements.

Alicyn reported she is resigning from the Sierra Club and is trying to still be able to represent them on the CPWAC Board. She would also like to discuss the Sierra Club accomplishments in the December Member's Corner.

John Martinez reported that rafts will no longer be allowed below the Glen Canyon Dam.

Kevin reported ADWR has new supervisors in Statewide Planning. He will be bringing them to the next in person meeting. He is also expecting to get a stakeholder newsletter out shortly.

Jan Balsom's report was inaudible on the recording.

Greg Nelson indicated they are going down to the legislature to support rural groundwater management.

Jeronimo reported Supervisor Ryan has resigned effective December 31st. The portal for application went live today. You must live in District 3 and be a registered Democrat to be eligible.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m.