

**COCONINO PLATEAU WATER ADVISORY COUNCIL
COCONINO PLATEAU WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
JOINT
BOARD/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, October 27, 2023**

Meeting Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order

Chair Austin Aslan called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT

Pete Furman, City of Sedona
Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club
Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County

OTHERS PRESENT

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

2. Approval of the Minutes from the 8/25/2023 CPWAC/CPWP Board/Executive Committee Meeting

Pete Furman made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jeronimo Vasquez and carried.

3. Consideration of Annual Funds Transfer in the Amount of \$25,000 from CPWAC to CPWP

Ron Doba explained the funds transfer was budgeted for by the Board when they approved the budgets for the CPWAC and CPWP. Pete Furman made a motion to approve the transfer. The motion was seconded by Alicyn Gitlin and carried unanimously.

4. CPWAC/CPWP Draft Budget Discussion

Ron discussed the draft budgets for the CPWAC and CPWP that were included in the agenda packets. The budgets will be on the December meeting agenda for approval. He showed a graph depicting projected revenues and expenses versus the Board's goal of maintaining one year's operating expenses in reserve. We will hit the reserve level in 2027 or 2028 unless funding increases are considered. If we wait that long, higher increases will be needed. The Board reduced funding in 2016 by 50% due to the funds that were in the bank at the time. It was recognized future funding increases would be needed to compensate for the large decrease if the CPWAC and CPWP wished to maintain current programs. Ron will be recommending a funding increase of 6% per year to the Board in December. This would be until the expenditures and revenues are back to being close to equal. There will be the opportunity for further discussion of funding levels and programs in December.

5. WaterSMART Grant Update

Ron Doba reported the groundwater modeling effort is on track and the RFP for the WRESA Dashboard is being advertised.

6. Financial Reports

Ron gave the financial reports for the CPWAC and CPWP. There were no questions.

7. December 2023 CPWAC/CPWP Agenda

The December meeting is normally a lunch meeting with reports from the committee chairs on the previous and next year's efforts/plans. It was suggested we have an update on the Pinion Plains Mine status.

8. CPWAC/CPWP Board/Executive Committee Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.