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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council

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Joint Meeting

Friday, December 8, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Meeting Location:

Highlands Fire District Hirsch Center/Community Room

3350 Old Munds Hwy, Flagstaff, AZ 86005

Present

Pete Furman, City of Sedona

Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff

Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club

Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County, virtual

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP

Kevin Lane, ADWR

Deborah Tosline, Reclamation, virtual

Alan Dulaney, KVID

Jon Mason, USGS

Emily Melhorn, City of Flagstaff, virtual

Greg Nelson, Coconino County

Kira Russo, Friends of the Rio

Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District

Adam Hess, Coconino County, virtual

Laney Meeker, ADWR

Greg Clifton, City of Flagstaff, virtual

Nina Schmidt, City of Flagstaff, virtual

Erin Young, City of Flagstaff, virtual

Kate Day, USFS

Jon Mason, USGS

Jen Pelz, Grand Canyon Trust, virtual

Twenty-one 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 October 27, 2023

Austin Aslan made a motion to approve the minutes from October 27, 2023. The motion was seconded by Kate Day and carried.

3. Action Items

a. Consideration and Approval of Strategic Plan Update for 2023

Ron reported requested changes have been made to the plan and the TAC will be monitoring the plan on a regular basis. Pete Furman made a motion to approve the plan as written. The motion was seconded by Alicyn Gitlin and carried.

4. Non-Action Items

a. Presentation on Rural Groundwater Management Area Proposal

Ron gave a Power Point presentation on the proposal from the Governor's Water Policy Council that was sent to the Governor. Greg Clifton asked how it would work with a provider such as Flagstaff that has a source of water supply outside its city limits, such as Red Gap Ranch. Ron indicated if a RGMA boundary included Red Gap Ranch the City would be a landowner and water user, thus a necessary stakeholder in the formation and administration of a RGMA. Ron indicated the proposal has yet to be crafted into proposed legislation and will undergo more scrutiny before something is in place. Ron's presentation will be posted on the CPWP web site.

5. Committee Reports

a. TAC

Don Bills reported on yesterday's TAC meeting. The TAC continues to work on the Reclamation grant projects and Chevelon Creek stream flow gage agreement. They will also be recommending a succession plan for the organizations.

b. GAC

Greg Clifton indicated he had nothing to report.

c. POC

Emily reported the Committee had met yesterday and gave the status of the 4th Grade Water Ethics Contest. The deadline for the contest has been extended to allow more time for entries.

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Alicyn Gitlin gave a Power Point presentation updating the group on the activities of the Sierra Club. Her presentation will be posted on the CPWP web site.

Updates were provided by numerous participants. The room acoustics caused the recording to be hard to understand.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM for lunch.