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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership
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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council
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Joint Meeting
Friday, January 26, 2024
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
Alan Dulaney, KVID
Jon Mason, USGS
Emily Melhorn, City of Flagstaff
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
Adam Hess, Coconino County
Laney Meeker, ADWR
Greg Clifton, City of Flagstaff
Nina Schmidt, Coconino County
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Kate Day, USFS
Jen Pelz, Grand Canyon Trust
Don Bills, USGS
Jess McNeely, Coconino County
Bill Diak, City of Page
David Newlin, LCRP RC&D
Katie Geyer, Coconino County
Melissa Shaw, Coconino County
Ellen Parish, Diablo Trust
Lauren Hildebrand, ADEQ
Keegan Donovan, USGS
Tracy Stevens, Friends of the Verde River

Twenty-six 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 December 8, 2023

Jeronimo Vasquez made a motion to approve the minutes from December 8, 2023. The motion was seconded by Emily Melhorn and carried.

3. Action Items

- a. None

4. Non-Action Items

a. Presentation on Coconino County Comprehensive Plan Update

Melissa Shaw gave a PowerPoint presentation on the process of updating the County's Comprehensive Plan. She will be providing the presentation to Ron for posting on the CPWP web site. The County is also requesting assistance with the water element from the Partnership. Ron will include Melissa on future TAC agendas.

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 are also reviewing the Strategic Plan and taking suggestions for this year's field trip. Any suggestions can go to Ron or Don.

b. GAC

Greg Clifton indicated he had nothing to report.

c. POC

Emily reported the Committee is receiving submittals for the 4th Grade Water Ethics Contest. Yesterday's meeting was postponed receiving additional entries and schedule judging.

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Supervisor Vasquez indicated the Board of Supervisors will be taking public comment on the Pinyon Plains Mine operations February 6th.

Pete Furman reported Sedona has a new City Manager.

Jen Pelz reported the Grand Canyon Trust has hired a new member for their water team, Michelle Benally.

Tracy Stevens reported that the Friends of the Verde River have replaced Nancy Steele's position with David Gressly.

Kate Day reported the Forest is hiring a new soil scientist and now has four hydrologists on staff.

Emily reported on her new AmeriCorps position.

Pete Shearer thanked the County for their assistance with their flooding issues in Tusayan. He also asked for funding suggestions for turf for their new parks.

Greg Clifton reported on a recent meeting with the County and Forest Service on Forest restoration in the upper reaches of the Rio de Flag Watershed.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 am.