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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership
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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council
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Joint Meeting
Friday, February 23, 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
Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
Alan Dulaney, KVID
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District
Laney Meeker, ADWR
Greg Clifton, City of Flagstaff
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Michellsey Benally, Grand Canyon Trust
Don Bills, USGS
David Newlin, LCRP RC&D
Lauren Hildebrand, ADEQ
Tracy Stevens, Friends of the Verde River
Lori Mathews, City of Flagstaff
David Gressly, Friends of the Verde River
Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona
Katie Geyer, Coconino County
Greg Clifton, City of Flagstaff
Kira Russo, Global Water Policy
John Martinez, Sedona

Twenty-one 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 January 26, 2024

Greg Clifton made a motion to approve the minutes from January 26, 2024. The motion was seconded by Pete Furman and carried.

3. Action Items

- a. None

4. Non-Action Items

a. Update on ADEQ Northern Regional Office Activities

Lauren Hildebrand gave a PowerPoint presentation on the activities and responsibilities of her office. Her presentation will be posted on the CPWAC 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. Most of the meeting was working with Coconino County reviewing the Comprehensive Plan update. They are also reviewing the Strategic Plan and will be planning a joint meeting with the GAC and POC to go over the Plan's elements. Any suggestions for this year's field trip can go to Ron or Don.

b. GAC

Greg Clifton reported the Governor and Senator Mark Kelly recently visited Flagstaff. Ron updated the group on the Rural Groundwater Management Area Bill.

c. POC

Ron reported the winners have been selected for the 4th Grade Water Ethics Contest. They will be at the Youth Showcase at the Coconino Center for the Arts in March and on display at Willow Bend's Science Saturday on April 6th.

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Lauren Hildebrand indicated anyone in the meeting that has concerns about the uranium mining should get back to her.

Pete Furman said he was excited that Sedona had a winner in the 4th Grade Water Ethics Contest.

David Greesly indicated the Friends is working on improving the water quality of the Verde Watershed, the Verde River Report Card, and the State of the Verde Watershed Conference.

Tracy Stevens reported on the Watershed Monitoring Plan being developed for the Verde River. The plan should be finalized by the end of March.

John Martinez discussed the Sedona Film Festival that starts tomorrow.

Erin shared a link in the chat on water quality sampling that is being done around the State.

Valerie indicated she received an email last week on the status of the 270-day report approval. We should expect something in the next couple of weeks.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 AM.