

# MINUTES

**Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership**  
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**Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council**  
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Joint Meeting  
**Friday, April 26, 2024**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**The meeting was a virtual Zoom meeting**

## **Present**

Roxanne Holland, City of Sedona  
Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP  
Pete Shearer, Tusayan Sanitary District  
Don Bills, USGS  
David Newlin, LCRP RC&D  
David Gressly, Friends of the Verde River  
Kira Russo, Global Water Policy  
John Martinez, Sedona  
Valerie Swick, Reclamation  
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club  
Zach Ferrie, Havasupai Tribe  
Lisa Kim, BIA  
Hannah Chambless, NPS  
Kate Day, USFS  
Jen Pelz, Grand Canyon Trust  
Wiame Nazih, Coconino County  
Mattea Goetz, Sierra Club  
Taylor McKinnon, Center for Biological Diversity  
Pete Furman, City of Sedona  
Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County

Approximately twenty people were in attendance.

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Coordinator Ron Doba called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 A.M.  
All made self-introductions.  
Alicyn Gitlin read the Land Acknowledgement.

## **2. Approval of Joint Meeting Minutes – Meeting of March 29, 2024**

John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes from March 29, 2024. The motion was seconded by Don Bills and carried.

**3. Action Items**

**a. None**

**4. Non-Action Items**

**a. Grand Canyon National Park Hydrology Projects**

Hannah Chambless gave a PowerPoint presentation on the hydrology projects she has been working on at the Grand Canyon. The 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. The TAC is pursuing the Verde Canyon Railroad for this year's field trip. They will try to get the cost per person down to about \$50 by getting sponsors. Normal cost is over \$100 per person. They proposed that a speaker be provided by the Friends of the Verde or TNC so more technical information can be provided than the "canned" train presentation. Potential sponsors for the field trip include APS, Westland, and Matrix. The possibility of a winery visit after the train was also discussed. Emily suggested Jessica Johnson be contacted at the Flagstaff Visitor's Center for a discount on the trip. The TAC also met with Emily and reviewed the strategic plan. Development of the speaker's bureau and a "canned" CPWP presentation were discussed.

**b. GAC**

Ron gave an update on SB 1221, Basin Management Area Plan, and his recent meeting with the Governor's Staff. He believes the Governor will veto the bill unless there are significant changes that do not appear likely.

**c. POC**

Ron asked for interest in being on the speaker's bureau. Ron, Pete Furman, Don Bills, and David Gressly volunteered. Ron and some of the folks with CPWP history will work on the "canned" presentation for speakers to use.

**6. CPWP Members Roundtable**

John Martinez reported on a Navajo Flutist performing tomorrow night at the Sedona Arts Center at 7:00. Unfortunately, it is sold out.

David Gressly reported on the Verd Festival that is going on through the weekend.

Erin Young Gave information on the Water Professionals Event on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Collins Irish Pub.

Pete Furman reported Sedona has put the AZ Water Franchise Agreement on the ballot this fall.

Kira reported on next Thursday's Rio de Flag walk. They are meeting at 5:30.

Pete Shearer indicated there was interest by the TSD Board to go on the field trip and wanted to know if wives could be brought. Don and Ron did not see a problem with it but there will be a fee for all that attend.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 AM.