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Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership
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Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council
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Joint Meeting
Friday, May 31, 2024
9:00 A.M.

The meeting was a virtual Zoom meeting

Present

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
Will Gieser, Havasupai Tribe
Lisa Kim, BIA
Pete Furman, City of Sedona
Ace, Coconino County (for Jeronimo Vasquez)
Keith Brekus, Coconino County
Tracy Stevens, Friends of the Verde
Adam Hess, Coconino County
Jan Balsom, Grand Canyon Park
Izzie Speer, Springs Stewardship Institute
Kathy Flaccus, Friends of the Rio de Flag
Joanne Keene, City of Flagstaff
Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff
Lucero Radonic, NAU
Garrison Loope, Grand Canyon Park
Erin Young, City of Flagstaff
Lauren Hildebrand, ADEQ
Emily Melhorn, City of Flagstaff
Alan Dulaney, Kachina Village ID
Sam Wang
Keith Brekus, Coconino County

Approximately twenty-seven people were in attendance.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Austin Aslan called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M.

All made self-introductions.

Chair Aslan read the Land Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Joint Meeting Minutes – Meeting of April 26, 2024

Pete Furman made a motion to approve the minutes from April 26, 2024. The motion was seconded by David Gressly and carried.

3. Action Items

a. None

4. Non-Action Items

a. Grand Canyon Trust/Spring Observations

Izzie Speer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the work the Springs Stewardship Institute has been doing on a statewide basis as well as in the vicinity of 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. We have commitments so far from the Tusayan Sanitary district and Westland Resources. Normal ticket cost is \$120 per person. They proposed that a speaker be provided by the Friends of the Verde, Westland Resources, Clear Creek or Fuller Hydrology in lieu of the RR talk. The possibility of a winery visit after the train was also discussed. David Newlin indicated the new Hopi facility could provide rooms at a discounted rate for folks that wished to stay the night.

b. GAC

Greg Clifton updated the group on the recent DC trip made by the Council and the projects that were addressed. He also introduced Joanne Keene as the person that will be filling in for him on the GAC.

c. POC

Emily's service had broken up and Ron stated the POC was finishing up work on the Water Ethics Contest. Willow Bend has indicated their cost have been going up helping with the Water Ethics Contest and will be seeking additional funding from the partnership. More to come.

6. CPWP Members Roundtable

Kathy Flaccus commented on the wet/dry study being done in the Rio.

Kevin reported on the surface water conservation plan ADWR has been administering.

Erin reported on the revised rate structure going to the Council Tuesday.

Pete Furman recognized Auslin Aslan for his recent award.

Valerie commented on the WaterSMART grants that are open.

Jan commented on the water pipeline status at the Grand Canyon and the USGS fact sheet coming out on uranium mining.

Don mentioned the recent Navajo/Hopi/San Juan water rights settlement.

Tracy commented on the concluding Verde River vegetation monitoring.

Pete Shearer reported the TSD has been able to keep their rates study for twenty years.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 AM.