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YAVAPAI COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YCWAC)
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 26, 2006

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The Water Advisory Committee (WAC) met on January 26, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Yavapai County Administrative Building, 1015 Fair Street, Prescott, Arizona.

Members present: Co-Chair Bob Roecker, City of Prescott; Co-Chair Jane Moore, Town of Jerome; Doug Von Gausig, Town of Clarkdale; Jim Williams, District 2, Dewey; Dick Ellis, City of Sedona; Virginia Reid, Town of Chino Valley; Diane Joens, City of Cottonwood; Art Coates, District 1, Paulden; Thomas Hintze, Town of Dewey-Humboldt; Mike Flannery, Town of Prescott Valley; John Rasmussen, YC Water Coordinator; Bob Kovacovich, Town of Camp Verde; Steve Estes, District 3, Verde Valley
Alternates: Carol Johnson, City of Prescott; Mary Hoadley, District 2; Leslie Graser, ADWR, Phoenix; Tony Gioia, Town of Camp Verde; Doree Christensen, Town of Jerome; Dorothy O'Brien, District 3, Verde Valley; David Smith, Yavapai-Apache Nation

Members absent: Tom Whitmer, ADWR, Phoenix; Billie Garner, Yavapai-Apache Nation; Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe; Charles Bonnaha, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Camp Verde; Alternates: Jerry Wiley, Town of Clarkdale; John Bradshaw, City of Sedona

NOTE: ***This meeting was tape recorded and the tapes are available in the Board of Supervisor's Office in Cottonwood, Arizona and may be reviewed upon request.***

ITEM NO. 1 Introductions [Co-Chair Bob Roecker]

- Co-Chair Roecker called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed those attending. Self introductions followed.

ITEM NO. 2 Approve December 14, 2005 meeting minutes. [Committee]

- Consensus reached to approve the December 14, 2005 minutes as written.

ITEM NO. 3 Informational reports [Co-Chairs and Committee]

- Doug Von Gausig reported that as of Tuesday, January 24th, Cottonwood and Clarkdale own their own water system. Diane Joens publicly thanked Bob Hardy with the City of Cottonwood for all the years of hard work he gave to help Cottonwood and Clarkdale obtain the water companies.
- Diane Joens reminded everyone that the Verde Watershed Association in conjunction with several other groups is busy planning an all day conference to address Title II – Verde River Basin Partnership. The conference will be held at the Camp Verde Multi-Use Center on Saturday, February 11, 2006. This conference is open to the public with a \$10 registration fee without lunch and \$20 if you want to have lunch at the conference.
- Diane Joens announced that Ed Wolfe was the newly elected President for the Verde Watershed Association. She also sincerely thanked Loyd Barnett for the time he dedicated as President of this organization. Loyd has every intention of staying active with the VWA.
- Diane Joens suggested sending letters to the Natural Resource Committee supporting the 2 water bills currently being heard: HB 2465, Water Resources, Regional Planning and HB 2462, Adequate Water Supply.

ITEM NO. 4 Coordinator and TAC Reports [Coordinator John Rasmussen]

- Please click on <http://www.co.yavapai.az.us/meeting/WAC/2006/Attachments/Attachments.htm> to review more information regarding this agenda item.
- No. 3 of the Coordinator's Report: Bob Hardy, City of Cottonwood and member of the TAC, identified a couple possible candidates for the vacant Verde Valley TAC representative but hasn't received a commitment from any candidate to date.
- No. 4 of the Coordinator's Report: Consensus was reached to disband the volunteer TAC/WAC representative group since this group was no longer necessary at this time. This group was going to work on a stakeholder list to form a Verde River Basin Partnership – this will be addressed at the February 11, 2006 Verde River Basin Partnership forum.
- No. 5 of the Coordinator's Report: Consensus reached by the WAC for the Coordinator to write a support letter for proposal by the University of Arizona to do geochemistry work in the Verde Basin at no cost to the WAC.
- No. 6 of the Coordinator's Report: If anyone has a comment about the Spikedace Minnow Critical Habitat, please send to the Coordinator and he will include in his comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service. Comment deadline is February 21, 2006.
- TAC Report: The Coordinator announced that a general overview of the USGS Report would be presented at today's meeting. He stated that everyone should keep in mind that the TAC has not thoroughly reviewed the Report and that questions are welcomed, but answers may not be available today until further and closer review of the Report takes place.

ITEM NO. 5 Presentation – USGS Report: “Hydrogeology of the Upper and Middle Verde River Watersheds, Central Arizona” – first presentation. [Kyle Blasch, USGS]

- Please click on <http://www.co.yavapai.az.us/meeting/WAC/2006/Attachments/Attachments.htm> to view the power point presentation by the USGS.
- The Coordinator introduced Leslie Graser with ADWR who gave some background and funding information on how the studies that comprise the Report started. Ms. Graser thanked Yavapai County, the WAC, USGS, all the well owners involved and John Munderloh for all the help ADWR and USGS received during the study process. Ms. Graser then introduced Mr. Nick Melcher, USGS District Chief. Mr. Melcher gave a little more background information and outlined the Report. He said that the Report is at the printer for completion and is hoping it is available February 11, 2006. He said that this is a big mile stone and that now the modeling effort can be started – numerical model for a starting point to answer questions about our water resources. Mr. Melcher then introduced Kyle Blasch also with the USGS and one of the main leaders in this project. Other leaders during this project included Betsy Woodhouse and John Hoffman. Mr. Blasch thanked Coordinator Rasmussen and past coordinator John Munderloh for their continued support and then gave his presentation.

ITEM NO. 6 Updates: 1) S. 161 Title II: Verde Basin Partnership; 2) HB 2277: System Water Plans and 3) Dewey-Humboldt Well Monitoring [Coordinator/Committee]

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ITEM NO. 7 Set date, time, location, and agenda items for the next meeting. [Committee]

- Possible agenda items for the next meeting: USGS update; Dewey-Humboldt monitoring wells; ADWR, well credit formula; Sedona water resources management strategy; Water providers; Hyde Mountain presentation; Title II – Verde River Basin Partnership; Drake Cement Plant (put on an agenda for TAC to review during the 30 day comment period); Verde Adjudication; San Pedro Partnership; Bureau of Reclamation grant application
- Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.
- Next meeting is February 15, 2006
- Agenda items for the February 15, 2006 meeting:
 1. Introductions
 2. Approve the January 26, 2006 meeting minutes
 3. Informational reports
 4. Coordinators and TAC Reports
 5. Presentation – USGS Report: “Hydrogeology of the Upper and Middle Verde River Watersheds, Central Arizona”
Second presentation (Water Budgets)
 6. Discuss and possible action: HB 2277: System Water Plans
 7. Discuss and possible action: Discuss scheduling Laurie Wirt (USGS) Presentation; Geologic Framework of Aquifer Units and Ground-Water Flowpaths, Verde River Headwaters, North-Central Arizona (OFR 2004-1411)
 8. Updates and discussion: Verde River Basin Partnership; Dewey-Humboldt Well Monitoring Form
 9. Set the date, time, location and agenda items for the next meeting.

(The next WAC will meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2006 to be held at the Verde Valley Manor, Hall, 3400 E. Godard Road, Cottonwood, AZ.)

Reviewed by: Co-Chairs Jane Moore, Bob Roecker and WAC Coordinator

Respectfully submitted by: Chris Moran, Board of Supervisors, District 3

Recording Secretary for the Water Advisory Committee