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YAVAPAI COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YCWAC)
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

NOTE: Presentations and attachments may be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.co.yavapai.az.us/meeting/WAC/2006/Attachments/Attachments.htm>

The Water Advisory Committee (WAC) met on February 15, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Verde Valley Manor, Godard Hall, 3400 E. Godard Road, Cottonwood, 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; Thomas Hintze, Town of Dewey-Humboldt; Mike Flannery, Town of Prescott Valley; Bob Kovacovich, Town of Camp Verde; Steve Estes, District 3, Verde Valley; Tom Whitmer, ADWR, Phoenix; Christopher Moss, Yavapai-Prescott Tribe; **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; David Smith, Yavapai-Apache Nation; Bob Hardy, City of Cottonwood

Members absent: Art Coates, District 1, Paulden; Diane Joens, City of Cottonwood; Charles Bonnaha, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Camp Verde; **Alternates:** Jerry Wiley, Town of Clarkdale; John Bradshaw, City of Sedona; Dorothy O'Brien, District 3, Verde Valley; Billie Garner, Yavapai-Apache Nation

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 Jane Moore]

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

ITEM NO. 2 Approve January 26, 2006 meeting minutes. [Committee]

- **Consensus** reached to approve the January 26, 2006 minutes as written.

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

- Mary Hoadley reported that the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers had supported a grant for studies in the Upper Agua Fria, however, Congress changed the rules so the court couldn't reprogram the money; so the momentum that was gained has been halted. Mary said they are in the process of writing a letter Renzi to see if something can be done to get things moving again. Hoadley also reported that they had a very successful cleanup in January in Mayer along Big Bug Creek and that another one is planned for Saturday, February 25th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Mayer along Big Bug and at sites along Antelope Creek Road.
- Co-Chair Moore announced that handouts from the Verde River Basin Partnership Forum are available if anyone is interested.

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

- **Please click** <http://www.co.yavapai.az.us/meeting/WAC/2006/Attachments/Attachments.htm> to review information regarding this agenda item.
- **Item No. 1 of Coordinator's Report:** Coordinator Rasmussen announced that at the upcoming March 15th Verde Watershed Association (VWA) meeting representatives from the Upper San Pedro Partnership (USPP) will attend to discuss the Partnership. More information about the USPP is available at <http://www.uspppartnership.com/>. The Coordinator made a plea to all WAC and TAC members to attend this meeting in order to gain a better understanding of how the USPP is organized and how it works. The meeting will be held at the Bradshaw High School in Prescott Valley starting at 10 a.m. Then on March 18th a meeting is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Prescott College Crossroads Center to begin initial organization of the Verde River Basin Partnership (VRBP).

- **Items No. 2 and 3 of Coordinator's Report:** Please click on above link. Some discussion took place regarding current and upcoming legislative bills. Also see <http://www.azleg.gov/default.asp>. Anita Goss strongly suggested contacting state representatives supporting water bills – she said the legislators have heard from the Prescott side but not much from the Verde side.
- **Item No. 4 of TAC Report:** The USGS Report, second presentation regarding water budgets – further discussed in Item No. 5 of agenda.
- **Item No. 5 of TAC Report:** Spikedace Minnow Critical Habitat, USFWS proposed rule to re-designate 633 miles of streams in Arizona and New Mexico as critical habitat for Spikedace and Loach Minnow. The Coordinator said that the consultant assured him that there will be an opportunity to comment on the draft economic analysis when it is published prior to finalizing.

ITEM NO. 5 Presentation – USGS Report: “Hydrogeology of the Upper and Middle Verde River Watersheds, Central Arizona” – Second presentation – Water Budgets. [Kyl Blasch, USGS and Leslie Graser, ADWR]

- **Please click** <http://www.co.yavapai.az.us/meeting/WAC/2006/Attachments/Attachments.htm> to view the power point presentation by the USGS.
- Co-Chair Moore introduced the agenda item and turned over to Coordinator Rasmussen. Rasmussen explained that today's presentation is the second of three presentations. Today's presentation addresses Water Budgets and the third presentation will discuss next steps. He introduced Kyl Blasch and Leslie Graser.
- Mr. Blasch commented that the Report proofs were still at the printer, but should be ready real soon. He said that as soon as they receive it they will deliver.
- Ms. Graser gave an outline of the presentation which included: Definitions; Terms of water balance equation; Basin water budgets; Aquifer water budgets and Trends. Graser outlined boundaries used during the studies saying that it is important to remember how the water moves. Graser then turned over the presentation to Mr. Blasch. **Please click on above link** to review remainder of presentation.

ITEM NO. 6 Updates and possible action: HB 2277: System Water Plans (workshop planning)
[Coordinator and Committee]

- **Consensus** reached for the Coordinator to finalize the tentatively scheduled workshop on March 20, 2006 in Cottonwood regarding HB 2277, System Water Plans for small water providers outside of an AMA.

ITEM NO. 7 Updates and possible action: Discuss Laurie Wirt presentation (and schedule) of USGS Report “Geologic Framework of Aquifer Units and Ground-Water Flowpaths, Verde River Headwaters, North-Central Arizona (OFR 2004-1411)”
[Coordinator/Committee]

- Coordinator Rasmussen told the WAC that he talked with Laurie Wirt and she indicated that she could be available to give a presentation to the WAC at their May meeting regarding her recently released USGS Report as titled above. She is requesting financial support for her travel from Denver to Yavapai County.
- **No consensus** reached completing discussion by the WAC to finance Laurie's trip to Yavapai County. If she can come on her own sometime in the future the WAC would be interested in hearing her presentation. Coordinator Rasmussen will contact Laurie and let her know that the WAC will not finance her trip to Yavapai County, but if in the future she is in Yavapai County doing some field work or for other reasons, the WAC would be interested in scheduling a presentation of her Report.

ITEM NO. 8 Updates and discussion: 1) Verde River Basin Partnership (Forum results and future planning) and 2) Dewey-Humboldt Well Monitoring Form

- Coordinator Rasmussen again reminded everyone about the March 15th VWA meeting that representatives of the USPP will be attending to talk about the organization of the USPP; how the organization works; challenges that they worked through and the overall process.
- Co-Chair Roecker presented a handout of an outline showing how the VRB Partnership might be structured. This handout was the result of a meeting held in Prescott as a follow up to the February 11th Forum. The handout consisted of an organizational concept that would include an Executive, Technical and Other Committees as established by the Executive Committee. The Executive

Committee would provide direction of the Partnership, meeting objectives defined in Title II, final disposition of action items and funding directives. Members would consist of elected officials of governmental jurisdictions in the Verde River Basin. The Technical Committee would assist the Executive Committee with technical issues and members would be appointed by members of the Executive Committee. Other committees would be established as needed by the Executive Committee and members could consist of organizations, agencies, and interested individuals with specific expertise. There was some general conversation about the handout and what stakeholders should be considered as part of the VRBP. Discussion about the size of the group continued and how this Partnership can be formed to include all stakeholders that need to be included. A question to ask and discuss is: What is the purpose of the stakeholder group according to Title II?

- Coordinator Rasmussen wants to know who is going to work on planning the March 18th meeting? He said that he, Carol Johnson, Leslie Meyer, and Greg Kornrumph volunteered but more help is needed. Tom Hintez said he would also like to participate in the planning of the March 18th meeting. The Coordinator thought that the March 18th meeting was to discuss the organization of the Partnership and what stakeholders should be included in the Partnership.
- The Dewey-Humboldt Well Monitoring Form Item was not discussed and will be held until the March meeting due to time running out.

ITEM NO. 9 Set date, time, location, and agenda items for the next meeting. [Committee]

- Possible agenda items for the next meeting: Well credit formula; Sedona water resources management strategy; Water providers; Hyde Mountain presentation; 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 4:45 p.m.
- Next meeting is March 15, 2006
- Agenda items for the March 15, 2006 meeting:
 1. Introductions
 2. Approve the February 15, 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"
 6. Updates and Possible Action:s. 161 Title II: Verde River Basin Partnership
 7. Set the date, time, location and agenda items for the next meeting.
(The next WAC will meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2006 to be held at)

***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***