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YAVAPAI COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YCWAC)
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WAC RETREAT
Wednesday, October 4, 2006

The Water Advisory Committee (WAC) met on October 4, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. at Mingus Springs Camp on Mingus Mountain for a group retreat. The retreat lasted all day with lunch served by Mingus Springs Camp staff.

WAC and TAC Members attending (including alternates): Co-Chair Jane Moore, Town of Jerome; Co-Chair Art Coates, District 1, Palden; Jim Williams, District 2, Dewey; Steve Estes, District 3, Verde Valley; Doug Von Gausig, Town of Clarkdale; Mike Flannery, Town of Prescott Valley; Diane Joens, City of Cottonwood; Brenda Hauser, Town of Camp Verde; Tom Whitmer and Leslie Graser, ADWR; Dorothy O'Brien, District 3, Verde Valley; Loyd Barnett, TAC, Sedona; John Munderloh, TAC, Town of Prescott Valley; Doree Christensen, Town of Jerome; Chris Moss, Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe; Jim Holt, TAC, City of Prescott; Roger Swenson, Town of Dewey-Humboldt

WAC Members not attending (including alternates): Bob Roecker, City of Prescott; Virginia Reid, Town of Chino Valley; Pud Colquitt, City of Sedona; Tony Gioia, Town of Camp Verde; Mary Hoadley, District 2; Mayer; Jerry Wiley, Town of Clarkdale; John Bradshaw, City of Sedona; Billie Garner, Yavapai-Apache Nation; Bob Rothrock, City of Cottonwood

Also attending: Facilitator Anne Browning-Aiken, Ph.D., Udall Center, University of Arizona; Assistant Facilitator Rebecca Kullman, Udall Center, University of Arizona; WAC Coordinator John Rasmussen, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors; WAC staff member Chris Moran, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors, District 3; Joanna Dodder, Daily Courier (arrived at 2:00 p.m.); Tom Adkins, private citizen (left early).

NOTE: *There is no tape recording of this meeting and notes will be brief..*

RETREAT GOALS

- Build trust and understanding about reasons for different perspectives among WAC members so can address issues more effectively.
- Develop/improve sense of community, collaboration, cooperation, acknowledge our stressors, and improve capacity to work together

AGENDA

(The agenda was formatted by Anne-Browning-Aiken, Facilitator for this retreat.)

8:30-9:00 - Sign-in, continental breakfast as opportunity for participants to talk with each other.

- Participants signed in and networked introducing themselves to those they didn't already know.

9:00-9:20 - Facilitator introduction, **agenda roadmap** with logistics and outcomes, ground rules.

- Coordinator Rasmussen introduced Henry, the owner of Mingus Springs Camp. Henry welcomed everyone to the facility, explained the layout of the camp grounds and announced that there was no phone access. Then the Coordinator introduced Facilitator Anne-Browning-Aiken giving a brief background history; also introduced the Assistant Facilitator Rebecca Kullman.
- The Facilitator briefly explained the layout of the retreat program. The key challenges that the Facilitator came up through prior interviews with members included but was not limited to: further develop trust and understanding; understand and interpret studies; develop management tools; advice and lobby towns/cities and legislature; clarify nature of relationship with the Verde River Basin Partnership; extend public outreach and other educational tools; balance growth with sustainability. Discuss how these challenges may be accomplished. Design educational outreach especially scientific findings.

9:20-10:00 - Participant introduction (1 minute please) with personal icebreaker ("What would I like to be remembered for?" or "Who am I?")

- The Facilitator asked that everyone introduce themselves and give a brief statement on why they are here and some personal background. There was one private citizen and when it came to his introduction there was discussion on how he should participate. Since this was a retreat it had been previously decided that the public was welcome but there would be no public participation. However, the citizen did not understand it that way and left the retreat.

10-10:15 - Brief summary of 2002 WAC retreat and report on phone calls (Anne).

- Previous retreat was briefly touched on noting that some of the same goals still remain with some of the previous goals accomplished.

10:15-10:30 - Break with coffee (15 minutes): introduce yourself to another person you don't know.

- Participants took a short break and networked.

10:30-12:00 - Breakout groups on trust building

- Step 1: *New mapping/visioning* the WAC's role/options in the Verde next 10-20 years. What do you want for your children and grandchildren? (20 minutes)
- Step 2: *Discussion: What are the pieces that the groups share?* (10 minutes)
- Step 3: *Brainstorm criteria to be used for selecting the strategies for implementing this vision* (30 minutes)
- Step 4: *Brainstorm the strategies/options that would enable the WAC to achieve this new vision* (30 minutes)

12:00-12:45 Lunch and talk to at least 2 more people you don't know very well.

- Participants enjoyed lunch and visiting.

Notes for the rest of the retreat are summarized below under the 3:45-4:15 agenda item.

12:45-2:30 Step 5: *Gather all the pieces: Breakout groups report to whole group* (30 minutes)

- Step 6: Whole group *Look for patterns in the group options & combine them* Each person: "Anything else to add to either options or criteria?"
Voting on criteria & options (25 min)
- Step 7: *Look for patterns in group criteria and combine those* (20 minutes)
- Step 8: *Creating a new world: Test new list of options against the new list of criteria* (30 min.)

2:30-2:45 Break with coffee and snacks.

2:45-3:15 Step 9: *Test for consensus*: "How do you feel about this list?" "What are your gut reactions?" and then individual vote for top 5 priorities (30 minutes)

3:15-3:45 Step 10: *Group construction of short WAC retreat summary* for purpose of press release. Group leaders work with facilitators to put this together after adjournment. (30 minutes)

3:45-4:15 Step 11: *Final remarks* for everyone (1 minute or less, can pass) could be something about your experience today—an idea, feeling or question—that you want to take with you and remember or think about some more? Is there a question or topic that you'd like to explore in a future meeting? (30 minutes)

- Participants completed the above breakout groups and then worked together to list priorities and work on a timeline to accomplish priorities. Some of the priorities discussed include: being more proactive; requesting of the Board that the group have more autonomy; implement some "pilot programs" in Clarkdale, Cottonwood and an unincorporated community be begin water management strategies using "tools" that the group already may have to coordinate development with water availability; to lobby for legislative changes as a group; to possibly change the consensus method of voting to allow the group to move forward without the 100% agreement of the group; to work with county regional plans and open space groups to preserve open space in the watersheds; and that the overall vision would be for sustainability of our water resources and economy. A timeline was started but not finished due to running out of time. The WAC will continue to work on this timeline. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

4:15-4:30 *Group plus/delta (change) evaluation*