



A MEETING OF THE UPPER VERDE WATERSHED PROTECTION COALITION WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2012, in PRESCOTT CITY HALL, 201 SOUTH CORTEZ STREET, Prescott, Arizona.

**ITEM NO 1. Introductions, Awards, or Presentations**

Chairwoman Nye called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Chairwoman Lora Lee Nye, Town of Prescott Valley  
Vice-Chairwoman Carol Springer, Yavapai County  
Member Steve Blair, City of Prescott  
Member Ernie Jones, Prescott-Yavapai Tribe

**Members Absent:**

none

**Staff present:**

Carl Tenney, Vice Mayor, Town of Chino Valley  
John Munderloh, Town of Prescott Valley  
John Rasmussen, Yavapai County  
Ed Mucillo, Program Manager  
Dana Biscan, Project Manager  
Kim Webb, City of Prescott  
Leslie Graser, City of Prescott  
Melody Reifsnnyder, Sage Consulting  
Rick Shroads, Assistant Program Manager  
Don Tjiema, Vice Mayor, Town of Prescott Valley

**ITEM NO 2. Communications**

**ITEM NO 3. Call to Public**

*Consideration and discussion of general unscheduled comments from the public: Those wishing to address the Coalition need not request permission in advance. Any such remarks shall be addressed to the Coalition as a whole and not to any member thereof. Such remarks shall be limited to three (3) minutes unless additional time is granted by the Chair.*

*At the conclusion of the unscheduled comments, individual members of the Coalition may respond to the item addressed at the discretion of the Chair, or they may ask Staff to review the matter or ask that the matter be placed on a future agenda.*



**ITEM NO 4. Discussion & Possible Action – Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – July 25, 2012**

**BOARD MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2012 WERE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.**

**ITEM NO 5. Discussion – TAC Meeting Summary for September 5, 2012 and October 15, 2012**

Mr. Mucillo noted the items were in the packet and covered in the agenda.

**ITEM NO 6. Discussion – Old Home Manor Project Update**

Mr. Mucillo said the project was ready to bid. He noted the City of Prescott had some concerns which had delayed their signing. Leslie Graser said they would have the answers to their questions in the next few weeks and there would be direct communication between the City of Prescott, Burgess & Niple and Civiltec.

Member Blair asked who would be in charge of the clean up and if that cost was in the budget. Ms. Graser said that she understood there needed to be a clear understanding of the project.

**ITEM NO 7. Discussion – Watershed Restoration and Recharge Policy Initiative**

Mr. Mucillo said the Coalition had been awarded a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation for \$49,000 in first year with no match. He noted that there would be an in-kind match the second year for the same amount of money. He said there were requirements and boundaries and the project schedule was being developed.

**ITEM NO 8. Discussion – Project WET**

Mr. Mucillo defined Project WET and noted the money allotted for the year was under the amount pledged. He said 5 groups applied for the grant and all would be funded.

They may be exhausting their supply of schools that wanted to do something for the following year and would rework the project with the technical advisory committee (TAC).

**ITEM NO 9. Discussion & Possible Action – Prescott National Forest Draft EIS and Draft Land and Resource Management Plan**

Mr. Mucillo said the TAC wanted to provide comments to the forest service and have Chairwoman Nye sign the drafted letter, upon approval from the Coalition. Vice Chairwoman Springer asked about the wilderness designation and if it only involved forest service land. Mr. Munderloh said it did. Ms. Springer said that she was leery of



determining wilderness lands. Mr. Munderloh said that he would like to look into how the land functioned as watershed land.

Mr. Munderloh said there was nothing around Big Black Mesa, but they did want to increase the footprint between Camp Wood and Walnut Creek. He noted that it could be a big driver for the Big Chino recharge.

Member Blair said that he would like an update on the area and he was concerned with road closures. Mr. Munderloh said the comment period ended in mid November and they needed to get the letter sent. The main just of the letter was that the Coalition was interested in the watershed and they wanted to strengthen their relationship with the forest service. He noted that the forest service concerns were different from the Coalitions.

Ms. Springer said the language in the letter should be stronger and talk about developing a plan for the area. Mr. Tenney noted that there should be a date on the letter.

Mr. Munderloh said that he would make the changes and get it back to Chairwoman Nye for her signature. The Coalition agreed.

**ITEM NO 10. Discussion & Possible Action – Program Management Contract and Budget Update**

Mr. Munderloh said the TAC met to review the contract with Burges & Nile. He recommended an amendment to extend the existing contract until June 30, 2013 with changes. Some of the changes could be to reduce their hourly fees in some areas, reduce some of the involvement in administration, go to four board meetings per year, and conduct some TAC meetings via phone.

He said the various Boards and Councils involved would have to approve the contract separately. Mr. Mucillo said the money was in place and this would allow them to be synced up with the fiscal year.

Members Blair and Jones said they would like to have a presentation regarding the contract to their Councils that involved the projects the Coalition was working on, including the forest service plan.

**ITEM NO 11. Discussion – Next Meeting Time / Location / Agenda Items**

Mr. Mucillo said the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting was on **December 26, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.** at the City of Prescott City Hall, Council Chambers, 201 South Cortez Street, Prescott, Arizona. He suggested rescheduling the meeting to **January 23, 2013**. The Board agreed. Mr. Mucillo said they would try to go to four meetings per year.



The Coalition asked Ms. Springer to come back to the January meeting for her good bye party.

The next TAC meeting would be Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting would be held at the Town of Prescott Valley, Community Room #331, 7501 E. Civic Circle, Prescott Valley, Arizona.

**ITEM NO 12. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be discussed, the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition Board Meeting of October 24, 2012, adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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LORA LEE NYE, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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KIM WEBB, Deputy City Clerk