

Cobre Valley Watershed Partnership
Advisory Kick-Off Meeting Notes
Globe, Arizona
October 30, 2019

Attendance:

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| 1. Al Gameros | 8. Stanley Gibson | 15. Tim Ralston |
| 2. Sheryl Cormack | 9. Jessica Asbill-Case | 16. Chris Jones |
| 3. Joe Heatherly | 10. Victoria Hermosilla | 17. Dynell Palmer |
| 4. Mary Anne Moreno | 11. Michael Seronde | 18. Bryon Palmer |
| 5. Sandy Palmer | 12. Paul La Farga | 19. Ashley Hullinger |
| 6. Freddy Rios | 13. Paul Buck | |
| 7. Bryce Mares | 14. Ben Downer | |

- 2:30-2:35pm Introductions
- 2:35-2:50: Project Recap
 - Ashley gives background on project: recap what we have done to this point, what there is available for partnership to use, and what to do in future
 - Ashley introduces Ecosystem Services (ES) as stakeholder driven effort to allocate tangible values to ES assist local groups with economic development that is dependent on a healthy natural environment
 - Victoria recap: congratulates partnership, explains delay, expresses hope that previous steering committee members be part of Cobre Valley (CVWP) advisory committee to continue knowledge flow
 - Victoria begins discussion about advisory committee
 - needs advisory committee for 501(c)(3).
 - idealizes role of receiving and distributing money for projects
 - recommends odd number of committee member
 - Victoria outlines her expectations/needs for & from advisory committee
 - help reading drafts of reports--she needs different perspectives and constructive feedback
 - 2:47 Ashley interjects and asks Victoria to outline Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) administrative hallmarks (budgetary requirements of partnership)
 - Victoria outlines requirements and then returns to expectations:
 - Needs help putting prioritizing projects and work
 - Highlights need for **Fiscal Agent**
 - Needs help attending meetings
 - Needs help making connections
 - Needs help community footwork
 - Needs help promoting partnership
 - Needs help sustaining the partnership through hard and boring times
- 2:50 Bylaws Discussion
 - introduces ideas of subcommittees
 - recaps 7 goals, mission, vision from first Small Town Forum
 - Ashley suggests breakout group to markup goals and get feedback in a different meeting

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- start out broad and then hone to specifics
 - Victoria introduces c2E, functions and goals
 - Victoria introduces Gila Valley Partnership, likes its concise goals
 - Victoria mentions that these are just a couple of examples
- 2:52 Victoria talks meeting requirements
 - Must complete 12 meetings before December 2020
 - Suggests meeting every third Wednesday afternoon of the month for housekeeping like meetings
 - Suggests quarterly meetings for bigger decision-making, reviewing of reports,
 - Suggests annual meeting in October
- 3:02 Grant implication Review
 - Most important: group consensus and measurable indicators
 - Victoria mentions her idea of CWP's partnership to be a constant/stable place for other groups to come together
- 3:05 Ashley asks for Daphne's feedback
 - Look at everyone's water goals around and map out how they look.
 - Where are the commonalities? If we all have the same goals it is a strong point to be able to say there is consensus. Are there any glaring gaps in our goals?
 - Ashley highlights Daphne's vision of transparency:
 - finding a fiscal agent/stable partner to push along.
 - Ex) CVWP, the renewables group, Pinal creek, Bloody Tank Wash Miami, City of Globe regional recreational plans
- 3:10 Victoria introduces her list of priorities, and asks "how are we going structure the overall committee and subcommittee?"
- **3:11 Ashley pivots conversation to ask members about mission goals of the partnership that would benefit them personally or benefit their organization:**
 - **Paul Buck**: "big one is **ground water quality management** through surface management. Speaking specifically for **tribe, maintaining cultural integrity and maintaining access for cultural use.**"
 - Ashley helps Paul Buck with ideas: think about geographic scope of watershed partnership, but as Stan pointed out we get our water from the San Carlos Apache Tribe, it is important to keep them included.
 - Highlights recreation and connecting trails between Miami and Globe.
 - Mentions how Paul Buck was involved in farmer's market and eating locally, how can people get water and produce locally
 - **Ben Downer**: only been in Globe since January, main motivation is **BIKE PATH**
 - Focused on early childhood development with Gila County, but has a background in water and air quality
 - **Tim Ralston**: to help **identify and maintain sustainable water sources for economic development** for Globe Miami,

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- he would like to see if we can **work together** to find synergies to find bigger opportunities to support the community, rather than be separated, we could **work together** for long term benefit.
- **Chris Jones**: echoes what Paul Buck said, wants **bike creek trail**, and **willing to serve on steering committee**
- **Dynell Palmer**: first time here, just getting started with water, seeks vitality for community and **economic activity, bike path**, watershed stuff like that. Wants to see **something for future generations**
- **Bryon Palmer**: wants **to learn** (about getting involved, about resources for a small water district, and how that fits into bigger picture)
- **Mayor Al Gameros**: concerned about the **future of water**, refers to Stan's local expertise in the matter, mentions concern over **20-year water agreement with San Carlos Apache Tribe**, Mayor Gameros is concerned with how much water is being drawn. Mayor has concerns about **how economic growth connects to the agreement**.
 - Ashley inquires about information she has heard regarding institutional education programs/changes in relation to water.
 - Mayor asserts that it is time to pool together resources to combine Miami and Globe Schools
 - Mayor asks if we have study behind benefits of students?
 - Asks who has access to study
 - Mary Anne says that **Carmen Casillas has access to the study**
- **Sheryl Cormack**: Mentions that one reason why Tonto was formed was **water protection**, although today it has shifted towards **recreation**. USFS cares about the quality and access of **their trails**, also interested in user satisfaction and frequency of trail use. Would like to see Miami and Globe linked by **trail**
- **Mary Anne Moreno**: Tri-Cities Sanitary District interested in **infrastructure** in Miami-Globe, more broadly interested in **economic development, housing infrastructure, and water quality**. Emphasizes that everything that gets flushed gets to water table, therefore the goal is to intercept contaminants before they get there
- **Joe Heatherly**: Mentions ~ 80 percent of community doesn't understand the concept of a watershed and is not concerned because there is always water supplied to their homes. He is concerned about the **protection of water and says that he is most concerned with recreation**. Wants to see demonstrable, meaningful cooperation between Miami, Globe, Pinal County, and mines. Mentions there is not much available land in the region. Wants to see a more bottom-up (local residents) approach to water resources protection and management, versus a top-down approach from USFS and other Federal agencies.
- **Sandy Palmer**: highlights Stan's concern of 80% dependence on one water reservoir. Calls for **diversification of water sources**.
- **Freddy Rios**: Arizona Water Company has a requirement to do more than just provide domestic water services (must also provide quality water).

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- As a local representative of AWC, he mentions that goals are to create an **economic and community-based sustainability** with watershed and with potable waters.
 - **Water quality is key**
 - if water quality diminishes then AWC will revert to treatment, which is expensive
 - **these costs will be passed to consumers**
 - If water quality isn't managed well from the very beginning, it will be managed later through the expenditure of financial resources
 - Mentions some importance of water-use for recreational use, but then reiterates goal to maintain quality of water
 - Calls for **proactive preparation**
 - Look towards California as a model for action so that when it happens here, we know where we currently are, and which treatment sources are needed
 - Mentions **concern over Chromium**
 - Claims Chromium contamination is on the horizon
 - Calls for sampling to know where we are currently
- **Bryce Mares**: coming from mining company perspective and has nothing different to say, interested in **sustainable water resources for operational and remedial goals**.
 - Mine company here to stay and wants to help support goals of **economic development of area**.
- **Stan Gibson**: **Must begin process of renegotiating with tribe to both monitor San Carlos Apache's water use, and to ensure longer-term viability of use of Cutter Basin**.
 - Discussed how first agreement took 10 years to negotiate, and it will likely take just as long for a renegotiation; therefore should start now.
- **Paul** (on phone): **long term water-security** for city of Globe.
- **Linda** (on phone): Mentions that she met with MHP group yesterday, Zack being the primary contact
 - Old Dominion Mine Site activity happening needs to occur before first demonstration leg, hoping to apply for grants in Jan and Feb for a rec working group with an economic development focus.
 - 12/13th of November will be reconvening with intention to work on community identifiable pillars that will ultimately fund action plans that have been facilitated for the past year (Pinal creek work).
 - Ashley asks Linda if there is need for fiscal agent
 - Linda says group wants to form own 501(c)(3). Old dominion mine group is coming for consideration in addition to the extended fiscal agency of dog park committee.

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Victoria recaps conversation and mentions 4 topics that were frequently mentioned

1. Recreation
2. Economic development
3. Sustainability
4. Quantity and quality of water

Victoria asks what we want to do going forward, it is decided that members need time before decisions can be made.

- Doodle Poll will be sent out to decide next meeting's date/time

Suggestions:

- Paul suggests presence of cattle growers
- Chris suggests creation of **deliverables for community outreach**

Next meeting: CVWP voting: leadership structure and by-laws committee

4:00pm: meeting adjourned

Action Items:

1. Meeting participants will respond to Doodle Poll to finalize November meeting date/time
2. Individual phone meetings with Victoria to establish list of individuals interested in being on the advisory committee
3. In preparation for November's meeting, synthesize motivation and participation information gathered in 10/30 survey
4. Draft summary of survey and goal areas identified in 10/30 meeting to share with participants