

## Minutes

*Tuesday, October 12, 2010*

### *Show Low Creek Watershed Enhancement Partnership Meeting and Rainbow Lake Coalition*

The last seasonal meeting of the above groups was held as noted. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM. The sign-in sheet is available. Nine members were present.

Jim Snitzer moved and Nick Scienski seconded to approve the minutes from the September 2010 Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Al Crawford committed to write a letter to the Navajo County Manager thanking them for the \$5,000 donation to the project.

A review of the weed applications process was made including:

- First application, 28 Sept
- Second application, 15 Oct
- Third and final application to be 29 Oct

These applications will include the entire lake up through the inlet. There have been no specific complaints or concerns about the matter, including those who had been fairly vociferous in the past.

According to Joe Nelson, the water level of the lake is as far as it will go.

A question arose as to how significant the weed control will be in three to four years.

Mike Lopez from AZGF indicated that, in the future, AZGF might be able to make the application of the herbicide, resulting in some cost savings.

Discussion was had on the older issues of degrading. The following comments were made about dredging:

- The cost of the dredge
- Where to put the sediment to dry
- Issues with property owners to put sediment on land.
- Sediment is not regulated – non toxic
- Antipollution permit of some kind is likely to be required from ADEQ
- Draining, dredging and creating an island has discussed many times
- Water Improvement District might be created to help pay for this

Discussion on funds followed. (NOTE: Fund Accounting Spreadsheet will be provided at the April Meeting).

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Jim Peterson said that he could contact Sen. Allen for some draft potential legislation on a Weed Management Agency or something similar. There is no one model. Different states manage noxious weeds in different ways. Some are governmental agencies some are NGO's.

Mike Lopez brought the Draft Rainbow Lake Manager Plan to the group (copies available).

Discussion followed. Mike Lopez noted that other issues would be contained and covered in the AZGF Area Management Plan.

Al Crawford was asked about other noxious weed issues on the lake. Coontail comprise about 67% of the weed population. The Eurasian Milfoil should be at the 20% level.

Other lakes in the area do not have the problem that Rainbow Lake does, for many reasons. The milfoil is not there in as large a quality.

Comments were made that the group needed to help the Show Low Irrigation Company in their efforts to pay legal bulls from the Navajo-Hopi Water Settlements. How to do this is a major hurdle.

Other issues discussed and mentioned:

- From Paul Horton, does the group want to be a C3, C4 or C6. Has Paul been able to address this issue
- Leslee Wessel mentioned the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside General Plan is online and would be finalized in May. Any of the group that wanted to make comments was welcome to do so.
- The Fourth Annual Winter Watershed Conference is to be held on from 26-28 January 2011 in Show Low. Everything about the Conference is available online at [www.winterwatershedconference.org](http://www.winterwatershedconference.org)
- ADEQ mentioned that Children's Health Month and World Water Day would be held in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted;

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|Co-Chair, Acting Secretary