

CWAG MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING (This Saturday!)

CWAG Monthly Activity Report - October, 2017

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of CWAG!

Participation in committee work and/or volunteering for specific activities is the best way to get more involved with CWAG.

Reminder to Renew your Membership! It is time to renew your membership! Dues are only \$25 per household. Download the membership form and mail it in, or renew online: [CLICK HERE](#) Thanks to all CWAG members who have already renewed!

CWAG Meetings (General, Board, Committee, Task Force)

On October 4, **Gary Beverly** chaired a meeting of CWAG's Education & Public Policy Committee.

On October 5, the CWAG Future workgroup met. The workgroup is focusing on future planning for the Organization and includes **Gary Beverly, Michael Adcock, Ed Wolfe, and Gordon Bond.**

On October 14, CWAG held its monthly General Meeting. The program focused on the Deep Well Ranch Project. **Gary Beverly** presented on impacts to water resources of the proposed Deep Well Ranch and other development. 92 people attended.

On October 17, the CWAG Future workgroup met. The workgroup includes **Gary Beverly, Michael Adcock, Ed Wolfe, and Gordon Bond.**

On October 24, **Peter Kroopnick** chaired a meeting of CWAG's Science Committee.

Outreach

On October 3, **Bill Gauslow, Phil Goode, Leslie Hoy, Peter Kroopnick, George Sheats, and Deb Pastor** attended a meeting of the Prescott City Council Water Issues Committee. Among the topics discussed were the 2018 Water Management Policy and the study in conjunction with Salt River Project and Prescott Valley. City Water Resources Manager Leslie Graser stated, "Pumping Big Chino water impacts the Verde River."

On October 4, **Dirk Stringham** attended a meeting of the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition Technical Advisory Committee.

Also on October 4, **Gary Beverly** participated in the Sustainable Water Workgroup to lobby the Arizona Department of Water Resources and Governor Ducey to recognize environmental water problems.

On October 10, **Craig Brown, Phil Goode, and Dirk Stringham** attended the All Hands, All Lands Conference.

On October 13, **Gordon Bond, Bill Gauslow, J.D. Greenberg, Leslie Hoy, Ellie Laumark, Larry Meads, Fred Oswald, Craig Brown and Roy Smith** attended a special Planning & Zoning Commission on the Deep Well Ranch. CWAG members **Phil Goode and George Sheats** sit on the commission. **Phil Goode** voted against the Deep Well Ranch rezoning and master plan.

Also on October 13, **Phil Goode** mentioned CWAG membership on Sanford Cohen's KQNA Talk of the Town interview radio show.

On October 18, **Bill Gauslow, J.D. Greenberg, Chris & Leslie Hoy, Haryaksha, Gregor Knauer, and Larry & Valerie Meads** attended a forum for Prescott City Council candidates. CWAG member **Phil Goode** participated in the forum as a candidate. He mentioned CWAG membership and growth policies.

On October 19, **Phil Goode** mentioned CWAG membership on Terry Lovell's KYCA PM interview radio show.

Also on October 19, **Gary Beverly** screened the film Viva La Verde in Carefree, Arizona.

On October 25, **Gary Beverly** made a presentation to the Democratic Women of Prescott as a member of CWAG's Speakers' Bureau. He discussed the impact of the Deep Well Ranch and other development on local water resources.

On October 30, **Phil Goode** attended the City of Prescott Strategic Planning meeting.

On October 31, **Gordon Bond, Bill Gauslow, Phil Goode, J.D. Greenberg, Cheryl Hill, Heryl & Pete Kroopnick, Fred Oswald, Russ Pilcher, and George Sheats** attended a Prescott City Council Study Session on the Deep Well Ranch.

Member Publications

On October 7, a CWAG column by **Leslie Hoy**, "4 things you can do about Deep Well Ranch, AED," was published in the Daily Courier. CWAG Writing Team members **Fred Oswald, Peter Kroopnick, Ed Wolfe, and John Zambrano** contributed edits. Read the column at <https://www.dcourier.com/news/2017/oct/07/column-4-things-you-can-do-about-deep-well-ranch-a/>.

Fred Oswald has put together a presentation on Rainwater Harvesting and a water budget spreadsheet. If you would like to see these, go to <http://www.cwagaz.org/outdoor/rwh> or contact Fred at: fredoswald@gmail.com.

William Park created a report on Domestic Water Conservation that was published in the Pine Lakes August issue of PLAMHO, which goes to 300+ homes in Pine Lakes. To request a copy, please contact William at bobnthea13@gmail.com.

Membership and Subscriber Statistics

210 members have joined or renewed as of 11/4/17. Welcome new members **Jan Anderson, Ed & Lois Case, Mike & Donna Lane, Bonnie McMinn & Greg Stein, Mike Moyer & Suni Sommers, Eric & Linda Myren, and Patti Sheaffer**. Thank you all so much for your support!

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**UPCOMING GENERAL MEETING – THIS SATURDAY!
FRIENDS OF THE VERDE RIVER DESCRIBE VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

What are Verde Valley residents doing to protect the Verde River? How can Prescott area residents help?

On Saturday, November 11, Friends of the Verde River President Chip Norton and Board member Brent Bitz will answer these questions and more when the Citizens Water Advocacy Group (CWAG) meets from 10 a.m. to noon at the Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation building, 882 Sunset Avenue, Prescott.

Norton and Bitz will discuss Friends' merger with the Verde River Basin Partnership and the Verde River Valley Nature Organization and its renaming as Friends of the Verde River. In a recently adopted strategic plan, Friends identified three major themes for its future: Restoring Habitat, Sustaining Flows, and Promoting Community Stewardship. Norton and Bitz will explain how Friends' various programmatic activities and recently increased organizational capacity will help to achieve these goals.

In 2018, the Friends of the Verde River hopes to collaborate with CWAG and other Upper Verde River partners on threats to the future of the river, the most serious of which is groundwater pumping. What can citizens working together accomplish? Whether or not you're a member of one or more of the groups, come join the discussion.

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