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**Citizens Water Advocacy Group
Calendar of Meetings and Events
February 12, 2018**

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

>12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. – City of Prescott WaterSmart Drop by Drop free water education program. February topic: Prescott’s Urban Water Cycle. At least 20 minutes will be devoted to Q & A. More info at <http://www.prescott-az.gov/water-sewer/water-conservation/drop-by-drop/>. Location: Prescott Public Library, 215 E. Goodwin St.

12:00 noon-1:15 p.m. – U of Arizona's Water Resources Research Center (WRRC) hosts a Brown Bag Seminar/Webinar, “Binational Studies of the Transboundary San Pedro and Santa Cruz Aquifers: Results and Future Directions,” presented by Jacob Petersen-Perlman, Research Analyst, University of Arizona WRRC, James Callegary, Hydrologist, USGS Arizona Water Sciences Center, and Elia Tapia, Graduate Research Assistant, University of Arizona WRRC. The Santa Cruz and San Pedro aquifers are important sources of water for the Arizona–Sonora border region. Even though groundwater from these aquifers is an essential resource for social, economic, and environmental needs in both countries, assessments of these aquifers have not been conducted by a binational team until recently. The presenters will share information from binational studies conducted in partnership with the USGS, the University of Sonora, and others, and will also discuss future directions for studying these aquifers. For more information and to register for the webinar, please click [HERE](#). Meeting location: WRRC, Sol Resnick Meeting Room, 350 N. Campbell Avenue, Tucson.

Saturday, March 10, 2018

>10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – **CWAG monthly meeting. Presentation: “Interactive Discussion on a Pumped Storage Energy Solution for Our Area.”** Could using water to store energy and generate electricity work to our region’s advantage? The public is invited to take part in an interactive discussion on a pumped storage energy solution for our area with Brian Studenka, Andrew Jamieson, and Don Pool of ITC Holdings Corp., who will discuss and seek input on using energy storage technology as an approach to the region’s growing energy needs. Southwest states including Arizona are moving to adopt large-scale solar and wind energy to supplement other forms of energy generation to meet ambitious energy goals. This changing generation mix is creating concerns over future energy supply and grid reliability in a region already experiencing rapid population growth and increasing energy demands. Studenka, Jamieson, and Pool will describe how using water from the Big Chino aquifer to store energy and generate electricity could work to our region’s advantage. More info at www.cwagaz.org. Location: Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Davis Hall, 882 Sunset Avenue, Prescott (2 blocks behind True Value).

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Annual Conference of U of Arizona’s WRRC (Water Resources Research Center). This year’s topic: The Business of Water. The conference will explore the many facets of this topic, focusing on key questions such as: How will water exchanges, transfers, and market-based transactions figure into our water future? What is the role of the private sector, including public-private partnerships? What factors and forces influence what we pay for water. For information and updates over the next two months, please click [HERE](#). Location: the U of Arizona Student Union, Tucson.

NOTES:

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* If you have technical or financial analysis interest or skills, you can help the Science Committee as we assess the range of alternatives to groundwater pumping. Contact Peter Kroopnick at pete@kroopnick.com
Meetings: 4th Wednesday of month, 3 PM.

* If you are interested in educating the public and our decision-makers about water issues, join our Education Committee and help develop training and communication materials. Contact Ed Wolfe at ewwolfe@cableone.net.
Meeting: first Wednesday of the month, 3:30 PM.

* Help us ensure that CWAG positions and policies are on track! Members are encouraged to join our Policy Committee, now meeting regularly on the first Monday of the month from 4-6 PM at the GPUU Davis Hall. For more info, contact Gary Beverly at gbverde@cableone.net.

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The Friends of the Verde River announces the launch of their new website! Visit at www.verderiver.org.

The video of CWAG's September 9 program, "CWAG Answers Your Water Questions," is available at <http://cwagaz.org/resources/video-archive/269-2017-09-09>.

You can view past CWAG meeting presentations on our website at <http://www.cwagaz.org/videos>.

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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 at:

<http://cwagaz.org/join-re-new-donate?eventId=1&controller=event&task=individualRegister>.

Thanks to all CWAG members who have already renewed!

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

On January 3, **Gary Beverly** led a meeting of the CWAG Education/Policy Committee.

On January 8, **Gary Beverly** led a meeting of the CWAG Board of Directors.

On January 11, **Gary Beverly, Ed Wolfe, Michael Adcock, Peter Kroopnick, and Gordon Bond** met as the Strategy Group to modernize CWAG operations and goals.

On January 13, 42 CWAG members attended the CWAG Annual Member meeting. **Thank you to all our members who attended!**

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Outreach

On January 3, **Cheryl Turk Hill and Melvin Hill** attended a meeting of the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition Technical Advisory Committee.

On January 4, **Lois Case** attended a meeting of the Prescott Valley Planning & Zoning Commission.

Also on January 4, **Peter Kroopnick and Gary Beverly** visited the ADWR in Phoenix to discuss Prescott's water portfolio and recharge rules.

On January 9, **Ralph Hess** attended a meeting of the Prescott City Council. **Phil Goode** attended the study and voting sessions of the Council as a council member.

On January 17, **Roger Antony, Gary Beverly, Lois Case, Phil Goode, Cheryl Turk Hill, Leslie Hoy, Mike Lane, Dianne Oswald, Fred Oswald, and Greg Stein** attended the kickoff meeting for the **City of Prescott Drop by Drop education program**. Several CWAG members asked questions. CWAG members were over one-third of the attendees. **The next Drop by Drop session is on Feb. 21 from noon to 1 p.m. where City staff will discuss Prescott's Urban Water Cycle. At least 20 minutes will be devoted to Q & A. Please attend, if you can!**

On January 18, **Peter Kroopnick** gave a presentation as a member of CWAG's Speakers Bureau at the Granite Gate Senior Living Center.

On January 23, **Phil Goode** attended the City of Prescott Council Study and Voting Session as a council member.

On January 24, **Leslie Hoy and Dirk Stringham** attended a meeting of the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition Board. CWAG member **Craig Brown** is a Board member.

Also on January 24, **Gary Beverly** met with CD4 Candidate David Brill to brief him on local water issues.

On January 30, **Peter Kroopnick, Gary Beverly, and Ed Wolfe** gave a three hour presentation as members of CWAG's Speakers Bureau at the Highland Center, which was part of their Community Nature Study series.

Member Publications

On January 26, CWAG's column, "Talk of the Town: Does water conservation promote development?" was published in the Daily Courier. **Gary Beverly** was the lead author and was assisted by CWAG Writing Team members **Gordon Bond, Yoly Fivas, Leslie Hoy, Peter Kroopnick, Mike Lane, Fred Oswald, Ed Wolfe, & John Zambrano**. Read the column at <https://www.dcourier.com/news/2018/jan/26/column/>.

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

180 CWAG members have joined or renewed for 2018 as of 1/31/18.

Thank you all so much for your support!