**SONOITA CREEK FLOOD and FLOW STUDY COMMITTEE**

MISSION: The watershed is a vital component of this community’s wellbeing.  The Sonoita Creek Flood and Flow Study Committee will (i) make recommendations to the Patagonia Town Council with respect to best practices within its jurisdiction to manage erosion, to enhance water flow, to create optimal flood mitigation and to promote the long-term health of the riparian corridor, (ii) look at the entire watershed area to influence upstream conditions and to mitigate downstream consequences, and (iii) educate the public.

**MINUTES for Zoom Meeting**

**Meeting I.D. 957-511-4862 Passcode 338501**

**10 a.m., Thursday, August 10, 2023**

1. Call to Order—There was no quorum, so discussion began at 10:05 am.
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Correction and/or Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2023, regular monthly meeting – postponed to next meeting that has a quorum.
5. Call to Public A. R. S. §38-431-01(H):  AT THIS TIME, ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE TOWN COMMITTEE, SUBJECT TO REASONABLE TIME AND MANNER RESTRICTIONS.  THE PUBLIC WILL ONLY BE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS LISTED FOR PUBLIC INPUT PURSUANT TO TOWN CODE SECTION 2-5-6.  PURSUANT TO THE ARIZONA OPEN MEETING LAW, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CALL TO THE PUBLIC, INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MAY RESPOND TO CRITICISM MADE BY THOSE WHO HAVE ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL, MAY ASK STAFF TO REVIEW THE MATTER, OR MAY ASK THE MATTER BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA.  HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BODY SHALL NOT DISCUSS OR TAKE LEGAL ACTION ON MATTERS RAISED DURING AN OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THE MATTERS ARE PROPERLY NOTICED FOR DISCUSSION AND LEGAL ACTION

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on working with the Coronado Forest Service to begin drafting Watershed Restoration Action Plans (Bob Proctor, Howard Buchanan, Tess Wagner). Not discussed.
2. School Canyon Failure of CCC Structures (Bob Proctor) Bob reported that he, Alan Sanchez the new County Flood Plain Manager and Denise Bowdon will go to the area of the School Canyon breach and determine a plan to repair it.
3. Updates on these Parking Lot items:
   1. Patagonia Regional Flood Control Project Feasibility Study (Bill O’Brien). Bill reported on the Stakeholder meeting held at the Town Council chambers on August 2, 2023. Good community turnout and questions. People are responding to the request by the consultants for data, flood observations and ideas for mitigating floods. Any input for the consultants can be sent to Kevin Payne, of Kimely-Horn, at

[Kevin.Payne@kimley-horn.com](mailto:Kevin.Payne@kimley-horn.com)

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and Possible Action to change the Flood & Flow Monthly Meeting date to the Third Thursday of the Month. Time to remain at 10:00 am. postponed to next meeting that has a quorum. Presentation by Ashley Hullinger about Drought Resilience in the Patagonia Area. Ashley is with the University of Arizona’s WRRC. Ashley wrapped up the Drought Resilience Study with a review of all that was accomplished.
2. Presentation by Chris Kuzdas and Morgan Ross of the Environmental Defense Fund Water Leadership Institute. They introduced the Institutes Program for training local stakeholders to help manage their own water resources and improve local ground water security. The presentation was educational. Morgan and Chris outlined how concerned members of the public and agencies like the Town of Patagonia can communicate with the state and others about seeking more local control of groundwater pumping. People with an interest in managing groundwater resources can form a community group. Morgan and Chris will set up a planning meeting in September in Patagonia.
3. Next Regular Monthly Meeting: Because there was no action on item 9, the next meeting will be on the Regular day. **Next Meeting date, September 14, 2023, at 10:00 am.**

1. Future Agenda Items
2. Adjourn

PARKING LOT (future agenda items)

Comprehensive Groundwater Study

Town of Patagonia Municipal Watershed Plan

Sonoita Creek Watershed Stakeholders Group

Community Database of Water Studies

RADAR SCREEN Hudbay property ownership