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Arizona Native Plant Rules Committee Meeting Minutes January 18, 2024

Call to Order. John Scheuring, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:32 P.M.

Roll Call. Brian McGrew, Staff, called the roll of members. Members present virtually: John Scheuring, Jennifer Patton, Donna Ellis, Cheri Boucher, Wendy McBride, Wendy Hodgson, Willie Sommers.

Approval of December 6, 2023 Minutes. Mr. McGrew called for comment and discussion of the draft meeting minutes for the regular committee meeting held on December 6, 2023. With no comment or discussion, a call for motion to approve the minutes was made. Donna Ellis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the December 6, 2023 meeting. Cheri Boucher seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the motion.

ANPRC Progress Report. John Scheuring and Jennifer Patton provided a generalized re-cap of the tasks for the working groups and the Committee as a whole. The committee discussed and provided feedback on the related tasks.

Framework Working Group Update. Mr. Scheuring presented on the progress of the Framework for Native Plant Rules working group and the discussions that were had during the January 11, 2024 meeting of the working group. During the discussion everyone agreed that an overview summary of the Native Plant Law needs to be set forth in the AZDA website to give the public a factual and readable overview of the Arizona Native Plant Law's key components. Mr. Peterson volunteered to write the first draft of this overview. Mr. Peterson and other committee members provided some additional feedback based on the information provided.

Private & Public Lands Working Group Update. Jennifer Patton presented on the progress the Private and Public Lands Working Group and the discussions that were had during the January 11, 2024 meeting of the working group. Mr. Peterson and other committee members provided some additional feedback based on the information provided.

Moving & Salvaging Working Group Update. Donna Ellis presented on the progress of the Moving and Salvaging of Arizona Native plants Working Group and the discussions that were had during the January 12, 2024 meeting of the working group. Mr. Peterson and other committee members provided some additional feedback based on the information provided.

Categories & Lists Working Group Update. John Scheuring presented on the progress of the Arizona Native Plant Categories and Lists Working Group and the discussions that were had during the January 10th and February 2nd, 2024 meetings of the working group. Committee members provided some additional feedback based on the information provided.

Highly Safeguarded Native Plants. John Scheuring presented on the topic of "Highly Safeguarded Native Plants and the use of scientific permits and non-commercial salvage permits. Mr. Peterson and other committee members provided some additional feedback based on the information provided.

Action Items. Mr. Scheuring indicated that he would get the presentations provided today to Mr. Peterson for reference and that the working groups should continue to meet and, with a goal of trying to have a meeting prior the next regular meeting.

Call to the Public. There was no requests to speak during the call to the public.

Next Meeting. The next scheduled regular meeting of the ANPRC will be February 15, 2024 @ 2:30 P.M.

Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 P.M.