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## **Arizona Native Plant Rules Committee Meeting Minutes February 15, 2024**

Call to Order. John Scheuring, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:31 P.M.

Roll Call. Brian McGrew, Staff, called the roll of members. Members present virtually: John Scheuring, Jennifer Patton, Donna Ellis, Cheri Boucher, Wendy Hodgson, Willie Sommers @ 2:40 P.M.. Members absent: Wendy McBride.

Approval of January 12, 2024 Minutes. Mr. McGrew called for comment and discussion of the draft meeting minutes for the regular committee meeting held on January 18, 2024. Mr. Scheuring added that under the comments for the Framework Working Group Update to include a statement about the Framework Working Group's update that AZDA would provide a draft statement to explain the native plant laws to be posted on the AZDA website.

Working Group Updates and Timelines. The ANPRC Working Group leads provided a brief summary of their recent activity and overview of suggestions for rule recommendations. Mr. Peterson reported that, based on feedback from the Committee Working Groups and the discussions from today's meeting, an initial draft of rule recommendations and an initial draft of a "Native plant Law Statement" for the website would be made available for review prior to the next meeting of the ANPRC. Mr. Peterson also outlined some procedural changes that have happened since the last meeting of the ANPRC to hopefully mitigate some of the issues native plant salvage operators have faced recently.

Action Items. Mr. Scheuring opened discussions on what actions should be taken prior to the next meeting. Ms. Patton indicated that information would be provided to the AZDA for suggested changes to the native plant rules. Mr. Scheuring indicated that a first version of the changes to the lists and categories should be available by the next meeting. Mr. Scheuring revisited the request for Mr. Peterson to have an initial draft of rule changes based on comments so far and a draft copy of the Native Plant Law Statement for the AZDA website sent out to the Committee prior to the next meeting for review and comment and the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Peterson agreed. Mr. Peterson, would reach out to AZDA Director to contact the AZ State Land Director for engagement and identify a suitable point of contact.

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

Next Meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is for March 21, 2024 @ 2:30 P.M.

Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 P.M.