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## Arizona Native Plant Rules Committee Meeting Minutes March 27, 2024

Call to Order. John Scheuring called the meeting to order at 3:02PM

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

Approval of February 15, 2024 Minutes. Mr. McGrew called for comment and discussion on the draft meeting minutes for the regular committee meeting held on February 15, 2024. With no discussion requested, Donna Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes and Cheri Boucher seconded the motion. All members present voted to approve the minutes.

Update on Arizona State Land Department Permit Issuance Policy. Jack Peterson, Associate Director, was able to provide information regarding the AZDA's CEO request to AZSLD for a point of contact that would be suitable to address the concerns regarding native plant permits on State Land. Jack would reach out to invite the person to the next ANPRC meeting so the Committee could ask questions.

Working Group Updates and Timelines. John Scheuring asked each of the working group leads for any new updates since the last ANPRC meeting. Mr. Scheuring reported on the Categories and Lists WG and reported that a lot of effort went in to reviewing and updating the list. Currently, the salvage restricted native plant list was reduced from 317 to 107. A lot of that was due to collapsing a number of species to the genus, and eliminating some species that didn't fit the scope of the rule. Mr. Scheuring also made special mention to two other stakeholders that contributed to the task, Sue Carnahan and Jack Dash. Some other outside sources would be given the list a final look. The other work groups had nothing new to report.

AZDA Native Plant Law Statement. Mr. Peterson asked if the committee had a chance to review the native plant law statement to be posted on the AZDA website regarding the native plant laws. The committee provided feedback and couple of modifications would be made.

AZDA Draft Rule Changes Mr. McGrew provided a brief overview of changes that had been made to the draft rules based on feedback from the Committee. Donna Ellis had a comment that the definition for "agent" appeared opposite of what was intended. Mr. McGrew agreed and said that it was noticed just before the meeting and would be corrected. The suggestion to use the term "authorized representative" would be defined and "agent" would be removed. The Committee and staff continued to review and discuss the changes.

Action Items. Mr. Scheuring reviewed a couple of action items for the next meeting. AZDA would draft additional changes to the rules based on feedback provided and have ready prior to the next meeting on April 18th. Mr. Peterson would send an invite to AZSLD to attend the next ANPRC meeting on April 18, 2024. Mr. Scheuring would obtain additional feedback on the native plant categories and lists. Mr. Scheuring asked if the AZDA could have a comparison of what was initially brought up in December and compare to where we are at today.

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

Next Meeting. April 18, 2024 at 2:30PM

Meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06PM