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Inaugural Meeting of the Verde River Basin Partnership...

“In general...to coordinate and cooperate in the identification and implementation of comprehensive science-based policies, projects and management activities relating to the Verde River Basin...encompassing the surface water and groundwater ...with a hydrologic connection to the Verde River.”

Note: If it is the sentiment of the “Roundtable” group assembled on February 11 to go forward and host the first meeting of the Verde River Basin Partnership, a hall has been reserved:

When: 9:00-2:00 Saturday, **March 18** (including lunch)
-in the future meetings might be held on a different day and time

Where: Prescott College Crossroads Center
-the new building behind the main building at 220 Grove Street

Who: one representative from each of the groups initially invited to the Roundtable on February 11
-the person should be considered the “permanent” representative for that group and be prepared to devote a minimum of 3 hours per week to the Partnership and to report back regularly to his/her group
-there will be enough room to accommodate an “audience” around the Roundtable again, though they will not be considered active participants.

What: a facilitated discussion initiating the process for deciding a number of organizational issues:
-name: Verde River Partnership vs. Verde River *Basin* Partnership
-a mission statement and charter outlining authorities and decision-making model
-specific goals, outputs and timelines for achieving them:
“...water resource studies...to fulfill water resources planning and management needs ...and water supply management options...including Water Budget (14 months), Preliminary Report (16 months) and Final Report (4 years).
- size and composition of the Partnership
-leadership, committee structure, role of the WAC and salaried coordinator
-a structure for financial accountability in preparation for appropriations and/or member contributions

How Much: bring \$10 for lunch catered by the Crossroads Café

To reserve your lunch and place at the table, please call Jack Herring at 350-2227

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