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April 11, 2013

Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee
c/o John Rasmussen
1015 Fair Street
Prescott, Arizona 86305

RE: Water Advisory Committee Transitional Year

Dear Committee Members,

The Town of Prescott Valley (Town) Council commends the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee (WAC) on its forward progress to address several structural and functional issues of the WAC (letter from Mayor Skoog, January 7, 2013). At the meeting on April 11, 2013, the Town Council reviewed the progress made by the WAC and is agreeable to the one-year trial period as the WAC tests a new meeting structure, including the separate sub-regional (i.e. Verde Valley and Prescott Area) water issue committees.

The Town also agrees that the core functions of the WAC are where it can provide the best service to the broader region. These core functions were identified at the planning meeting as 1) the hydrological data collection efforts, 2) the water conservation and education program, and 3) the regional water resource planning efforts. These core functions will require the on-going oversight by the WAC Coordinator and the professional-level staff that make up the Technical Advisory Committee.

Town staff members have reviewed the WAC's 2014 budget and determined that projected costs associated with the WAC's core functions and the Coordinator's expenses total approximately \$207,500, while the projected carry-over from past membership dues total in excess of \$130,000, or more than 60% of the core cost of operation. Given this substantial carryover amount, the Town proposes, and hereby requests, that the member dues for FY14 be reduced to one-half of the FY13 amount, with the unexpended prior-year membership dues balance applied to make up any operational difference; and further, that no new, long-term projects be commenced during the transitional period in FY 14

In the event that the WAC is not agreeable to the reduction of member dues by one-half for FY 14, this letter will serve as notice pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the Intergovernmental Agreement (for) Water Resources Cooperation dated September 13, 2000, that the Town intends to terminate its participation effective July 1, 2013

However, provided that this proposal is agreeable, the Town will contribute 50% of its 2013 member dues as well as the professional-level staff assistance that it has traditionally provided.

We look forward to working with the WAC on our joint water resource issues.

Sincerely,

Harvey Skoog,
Mayor