

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date: August 22, 2013

SUBJECT: Arizona Water Protection Fund Grant Application - Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Management

PREPARED BY: John Munderloh, Water Resources Manager

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS: none

SUMMARY BACKGROUND: The Town of Prescott Valley (Town) is a founding member and fiscal agent of the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition (Coalition). Created in June, 2006, the Coalition's objective includes protecting the base flow of the Upper Verde River to the maximum extent possible and reaching Safe Yield in the Prescott Active Management Area. The Coalition wishes to leverage its budget, derived through membership dues, by applying for grants to fund Coalition projects. The Coalition would like to apply for a grant or possibly two (2) grants from the Arizona Water Protection Fund for up to \$50,000 to supplement costs for the Coalition's Water Smart Water Education and Conservation program and for up to \$200,000 to possibly assist the Yarnell Community and Yavapai Flood Control with watershed improvement efforts.

As fiscal agent for the Coalition, the Town will be responsible for administering the grants. The Town Council must give approval before the Coalition can pursue these grants.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: On January 10, 2013, June 14th, 2012, March 22, 2012, April 14, 2011 August 8, 2010, June 10, 2010, April 22, 2010, March 11, 2010 and November 19, 2009, the Town Council approved the Coalition moving forward on a number of grant applications. On June 8, 2006, the Town Council entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Yavapai County, the City of Prescott, the Town of Chino Valley and the Town of Dewey-Humboldt to create the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition.

On February 22, 2007, the Town Council approved membership contributions for the Coalition for \$55,000 per year.

OPTION ANALYSIS: The Council may vote to:

- 1.) approve this proposal, **OR**
- 2.) not approve this proposal, **AND/OR**
- 3.) direct staff to pursue other options.

ACTION OPTION: Consent approval for the Coalition's proposal to pursue the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation grant. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Town staff recommends approval of this proposal to pursue the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Grant

FISCAL ANALYSIS: If the Coalition obtains grant funding, the Town will administer the funds according to requirements of the grant.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____