

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION  
Date: July 10, 2014**

**SUBJECT:** USDA 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

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**ATTACHMENTS:** none

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**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 from the US Department of Agriculture Regional Conservation Partnership Program. The Coalition will be cooperating with the Arizona Department of Game & Fish and the Prescott National Forest on this grant application.

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

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**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** On several occasions, the Town Council has approved the Coalition moving forward on a number of grant applications. On June 8, 2006, the 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.

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**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.

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**ACTION OPTION:** Motion to approve (as agent for the Coalition) the proposal to pursue the U.S. Department of Agriculture grant and to authorize appropriate staff to sign related documents for such application. **VOTE.**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Town staff recommends approval of this proposal to pursue the grant listed.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS:** If the Coalition obtains grant funding, the Town will administer the funds according to requirements of the grant. Any additional grant expenditures, such as matching funds, will come from the Coalition's budget.

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**REVIEWED BY:**

Management Services Director \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Town Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Town Manager \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNCIL ACTION:**

Approved    Denied    Tabled/Deferred    Assigned to \_\_\_\_\_