

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Date: December 18, 2014**

SUBJECT: 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 objectives 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 the following grants:

United States Bureau of Reclamation Water and Energy Efficiency Grant

Will submit two (2) applications requesting up to \$450,000 over two years. Both proposals are implementation of projects included in the Coalition's Watershed Restoration and Management Plan.

1. Rainwater harvesting for aquifer recharge – \$150,000 (\$75,000/yr)
2. Infiltration enhancement, construction of gabions in stream beds - \$300,000 (\$150,000/yr)

United States Forest Service, Wood to Energy Grant

1. Up to \$250,000 to pay for engineering and other required studies to assist Drake Cement and other interested parties in converting wood to energy. The Coalition will administer the grant with the Town as fiscal agent. Funding will be included in the budget for project management and grant administration.

Walton Foundation

1. Up to \$300,000 to support implementation of the Coalition's Watershed Restoration and Management Plan – specifically related to vegetation management and monitoring.

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

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: On several occasions, 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: Motion to approve pursuit of the listed grants on behalf of Consent approval for the Coalition's proposal to pursue the listed grants. **VOTE.**

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

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.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____