

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION  
Date: February 12, 2015**

**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

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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 objectives include 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 WaterSMART Feasibility Studies for up to \$150,000
- United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Innovation Grant for up to \$1 million.

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

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**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** On several occasions the Town Council has previously approved the Coalition moving forward on grant applications. The 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 was approved on June 8, 2006. And, on February 22, 2007, the Council approved membership contributions for the Coalition of \$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:** Approve the Coalition's proposal to pursue the listed grants. **VOTE.**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Town staff recommends approval of this proposal for the Coalition to pursue the grants 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 \_\_\_\_\_