

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Date: July 9, 2015**

SUBJECT: Resolution for 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: a) Resolution No. 1923

SUMMARY BACKGROUND: The Town of Prescott Valley 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.

On June 11, 2015, the Town Council voted to approve the Coalition's application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for a Drought Resiliency Project Grant in the amount of up to \$300,000. The application was submitted on June 24, 2015. However, the Bureau has come back and requested that the approval be by formal resolution rather than simply a vote (as would otherwise be permitted under Town procedures).

Again, as fiscal agent for the Coalition the Town would be responsible for administering any grant received.

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.

OPTION ANALYSIS: The Council may vote to:

- 1.) approve Resolution No. 1923, **OR**
- 2.) not approve the Resolution.

ACTION OPTION: Motion to authorize the Mayor (or, in his absence, the Vice Mayor) to sign Resolution No. 1923 authorizing submittal of a Drought Resiliency Project Grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation as fiscal agent for the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Town staff recommends authorizing signature of Resolution No. 1923.

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 _____