

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

Date: December 17, 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

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 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 Wells Fargo Bank/National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant for up to \$75,000, the Arizona State Forestry Biomass Enterprise Grant for up to \$30,000 and the USDA Forest Service Biomass Development Grant for up to \$250,000.

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

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

ACTION OPTION: Motion to approve the Coalition's proposal to apply for the Wells Fargo Bank/National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant for up to \$75,000, the Arizona State Forestry Biomass Enterprise Grant for up to \$30,000 and the USDA Forest Service Biomass Development Grant for up to \$250,000. **VOTE.**

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

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 _____