

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

**Date: August 5, 2010**

**SUBJECT:** Presentation - Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition Safe Yield Workgroup Final Report (Presented by Workgroup member(s))

**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:** Safe Yield Workgroup Final Report

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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. In the spring of 2008, the Coalition appointed a Safe Yield Workgroup (Workgroup) to develop a plan for reaching Safe Yield. The Workgroup submitted its final report on the topic to the Coalition Board in March, 2010.

Methods evaluated by the Workgroup for reaching safe yield include 1) water conservation, 2) increasing groundwater recharge and 3) importing additional supplies. The Workgroup concluded that an organizational structure, with funding mechanisms, will be necessary to carry out the three methods for reaching safe yield.

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**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** 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.

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**OPTION ANALYSIS:** N/A

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**ACTION OPTION:** N/A

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**RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS:** None

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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 \_\_\_\_\_