

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

**Date: August 12, 2010**

**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 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. 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 an Arizona Water Protection Fund (AWPF) Grant. The grant requires no matching funds, but the application is viewed more favorably if matching funds are included. The amount of funds applied for will be approximately \$75,000, pending refinement of the project budget

The AWPF is a competitive state grant program that provides money for maintaining, enhancing and restoring river and riparian resources throughout Arizona. One of the eligible activities includes water conservation programs outside of the 5 Active Management Areas. A significant portion of the Coalition's project area includes the Big Chino sub-basin, which is located outside of the Prescott AMA.

As fiscal agent for the Coalition, the Town will be responsible for administering the grant, however the Coalition's Program Manager will provide services for the detailed aspects of administration. The Town Council must grant approval for the Coalition to pursue this grant. Any matching money that may be included in the grant application will be paid from the Coalition's budget, which will likely include in-kind services.

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**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** On June 10, 2010, April 22, 2010, March 11, 2010 and November 19, 2009, 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.

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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:** Motion to approve the Coalition’s proposal to pursue the Arizona Water Protection Fund grant. **VOTE.**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Town staff recommends approval of this proposal to pursue the Arizona Water Protection Fund Grant.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS:** If the Coalition obtains grant funding, the Town will administer the funds according to requirements of the grant.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_