

FACTS AND FIGURES

Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition

ESTABLISHED:

2006 as a regional group of government stakeholders

PARTNERS:

Yavapai County, City of Prescott, Towns of Prescott Valley and Chino Valley, Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- Collaboration is necessary for the development of management goals that protect the Upper Verde River.
- Partners have a responsibility to be stewards of the Upper Verde River Watershed.
- Adequate water resources are critical to the quality of life and economic well being of residents living in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the watershed.
- A regional forum for cooperative action is essential.

MISSION:

Protect the Upper Verde River base flow while balancing the reasonable water needs of residents who live and businesses that operate within the watershed boundaries.

GOALS:

- Integrate science-based planning to forward responsible utilization of water resources.
- Identify and promote effective conservation practices for all water users.
- Efficiently manage projects that lead to the safe yield or the long-term equilibrium between the amount of groundwater withdrawn from the aquifer, and the annual amount of natural and artificial recharge to the aquifer.
- Operate in an environment that fosters public participation and open and honest dialog.
- Support the attainment of Safe Yield by 2025

CURRENT PRIORITIES:

- Implementation of the Watershed Restoration and Management Project Plan
- Water conservation education
- Regional cooperation

LEADERSHIP:

- Executive Board: Comprised of one elected official from each partnering jurisdiction (Yavapai County, Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe, City of Prescott, Towns of Prescott Valley and Chino Valley); sets policy and provides direction to the Technical Advisory Committee
- Technical Advisory Committee: Implementation arm of the Coalition; comprised of scientific and engineering personnel from each partnering jurisdiction

MEETINGS:

All meetings of the Coalition Executive Board and Technical Advisory Committee are public and conducted in compliance with requirements of the open meeting law.

