



## Proposed Special Election

### Ballot Measures Overview

Election Date: May 21, 2019

#### Question 2: Voter Permission to Purchase Water Utilities

**Q: Where can I learn more about this ballot measure?**

**A:** As we develop more materials, we will place them on our website home page at [www.chinoaz.net](http://www.chinoaz.net) or elections page at [www.chinoaz.net/245/Elections](http://www.chinoaz.net/245/Elections).

**Q: Where can I get general voter information?**

**A:** In addition to the above, registered voters will receive a voter information pamphlet about a month before the election. You can also obtain voter information from Yavapai County Elections & Voter Registration at (928) 771-3248 or [www.yavapai.us/electionsvr](http://www.yavapai.us/electionsvr).

There is one public and several private water companies operating within or very close to the Town of Chino Valley in addition to Chino Valley Municipal Water. If the Town wants to acquire any of these in the future, State law requires voter approval.



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**Q: Didn't the voters approve the Town establishing water and sewer services in 2000?**

**A:** Yes. However, subsequent to that approval, a legal ruling negated that approval and now requires very specific language to authorize the purchase of any water company. The language on this ballot will name the specific water companies that *could be* acquired.

**Q: How will the purchase of these water systems benefit the Town and its citizens?**

**A:** Most municipalities own their water and sewer systems. One major challenge the Town faces is the fact that we cannot offer municipal water and sewer to many new homes and businesses because we do not own all the systems operating within Town Limits. One system operating in Chino Valley is owned by the City of Prescott, which has fairly extensive infrastructure that could be extended; however, smaller private water companies serve specific neighborhoods and do not have the capital to improve and update infrastructure when needed.

A single Town-owned utility could save money for the customers of the smaller systems in Chino Valley if the Town could purchase these systems and consolidate service.

New businesses and developments tying into a system is significantly less expensive than drilling and maintaining a well over time.

**Q: When will the Town acquire other water companies?**

**A:** If voters approve this measure, it *authorizes* the Town to purchase these systems, but does not *obligate* the Town to purchase any system. When the owners of the other systems are interested in selling, the Town will appraise them to determine fair market value price and negotiate a price to purchase them. This is not an approval to purchase any system, but a directive.

**Q: What water companies would voter approval allow the Town to purchase?**

**A:** Water companies include Wilhoit Water Company (Acme Water), Appaloosa Water Company, Chino Meadows II Water Company, City of Prescott Water system located within Chino Valley Town limits, and the Quail Ridge Domestic Water Improvement District, just outside of the Town of Chino Valley corporate boundaries.

**Q: How will these systems be paid for?**

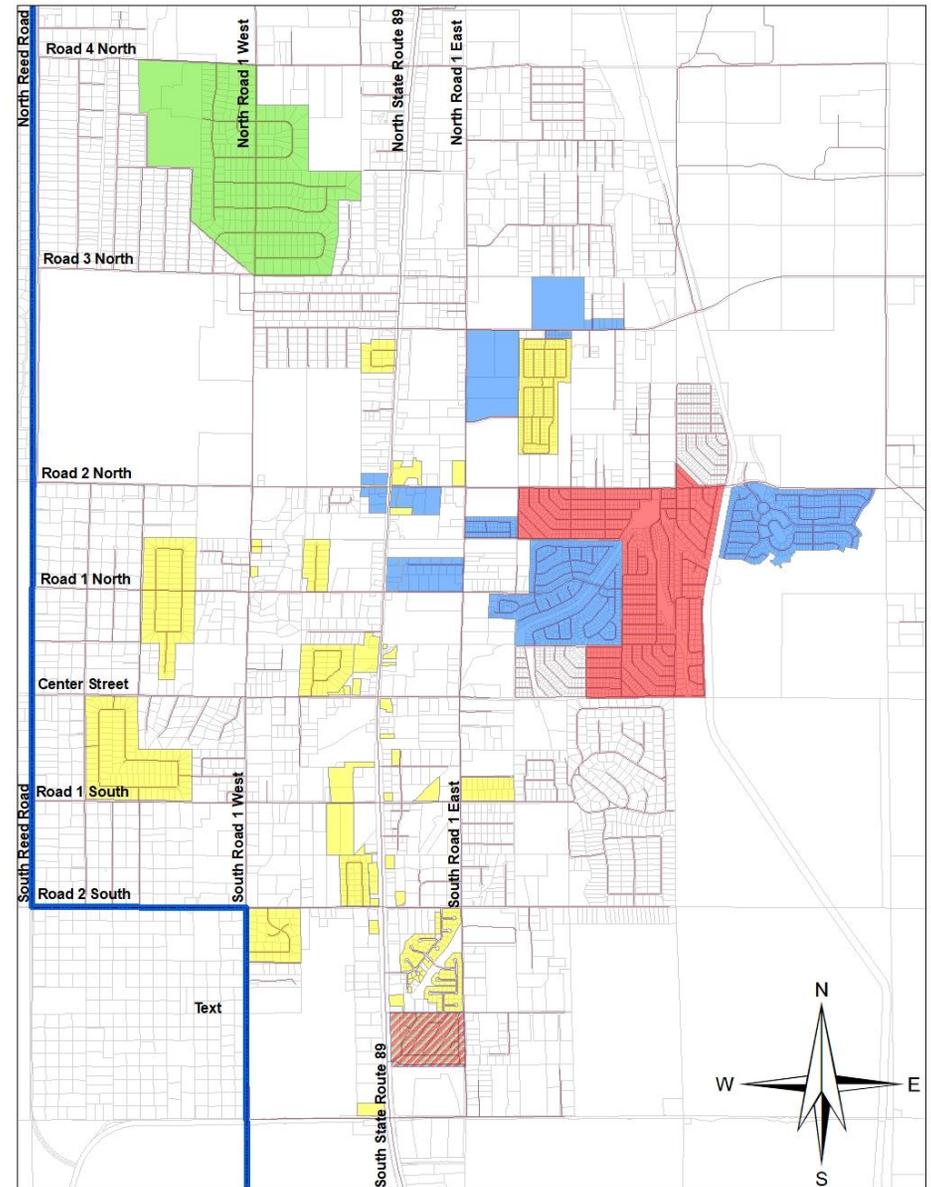
**A:** The Town would finance them with low interest loans from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA). The loans would be paid with the revenue paid by the residents served by the water companies paying current Town of Chino Valley water rates. There should be no additional taxes paid by residents.

**Q: If we acquire these water systems, will my taxes go up if they need to be repaired, upgraded and connected to the larger system?**

**A:** The Town would also finance needed improvements with low interest loans from WIFA. These loans would also be paid with the revenue paid by the residents served by the water companies paying current Town of Chino Valley water rates. There should be no additional taxes paid by residents.

**Q: What parts of Chino Valley are served by these water companies?**

**A:** The map to the right highlights the basic areas served by each water company with the exception of Quail Ridge, which is slightly outside current Town Limits south of Road 5 North and west of Reed Road.



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## Water Service Area

