

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1275**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY, ARIZONA, EXPRESSING ITS DESIRE FOR AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE AND EXPLORE CREATING A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OR AUTHORITY CHARGED WITH IMPROVING THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS' WATER SECURITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Prescott, Town of Prescott Valley, Town of Chino Valley, and Yavapai County (collectively, the “Regional Governments”) have governing jurisdictions within the Little Chino and Upper Agua Fria Subbasins, also known as the Prescott Active Management Area (the “Prescott AMA”); and

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, the State determined that the Prescott AMA consisting of the Little Chino and Upper Agua Fria Subbasins were out of safe yield and in need of sustainable groundwater management; and

**WHEREAS**, despite having relatively heavy regulations, groundwater overdraft in the Prescott AMA exceeds 21,000 AF annually, adversely impacting Del Rio Springs and decreasing the baseflows of the Upper Verde River; and

**WHEREAS**, cooperation among the Regional Governments is essential to achieving safe yield in the Prescott AMA and sustaining the historic baseflows of the Upper Verde River; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Chino Valley (the “Town Council”) desires to establish a regional steering committee comprising representatives of the Regional Governments and other relevant stakeholders (the “Committee”) to explore creating a regional organization or authority focused on collaboratively achieving safe yield in the Prescott AMA and sustaining the historic baseflows of the Upper Verde River.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Chino Valley, Arizona, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The recitals above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2.** The Town Council hereby expresses its desire for an intergovernmental agreement among the Regional Governments to establish the Committee and explore creating a regional organization or authority focused on collaboratively achieving safe yield in the Prescott AMA and sustaining the historic baseflows of the Upper Verde River.

**SECTION 3.** The Town Council hereby offers to provide the governing boards of the other Regional Governments a presentation by the Town’s water advisor regarding the pressing need for the Committee.

**SECTION 4.** The Town Council hereby offers to contribute actual or in-kind funding or other resources to help recruit a professional facilitator and staff proficient in water resources to provide administrative support for the Committee and assistance with creating a final report and presentation regarding the Committee’s efforts to be shared with the Regional Governments.

**SECTION 5.** The Mayor, the Town Manager, the Town Clerk, and the Town Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Chino Valley, Arizona, this 12th day of November 2024.



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Jack Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



*Erin N. Deskins*

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Erin Deskins, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Andrew McGuire, Town Attorney

I hereby certify that the above foregoing Resolution No. 2024-1275 was duly passed by the Council of the Town of Chino Valley, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on November 12, 2024, and that quorum was present thereat and that the vote thereon was 7 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions. 0 Council members were absent or excused.

*Erin N. Deskins*

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Erin Deskins, Town Clerk