



CWAG 2017 CANDIDATE FORUM QUESTIONS

1. **Please take 2 minutes to introduce yourself and very briefly state what measures related to water management and conservation, if any, you plan to propose to Council in 2018?**
2. Building a pipeline from northwest of the town of Paulden and importing water from the Big Chino aquifer is currently Prescott's strategy for increasing the city's declining water supply.

Before the Big Chino Pipeline Project proceeds any further, should the City of Prescott hire a consultant to prepare a comprehensive study of potential alternative water sources which would include aggressive conservation, direct potable reuse of effluent, stormwater runoff collection and extensive rainwater harvesting?

3. The Verde River, the last major perennial river in Arizona, provides numerous recreational and environmental benefits, including habitat for endangered species, as well as 40% of Phoenix's water. The current long-term study of the hydrological relationship between the Big Chino aquifer and the Upper Verde River is being undertaken (by the Salt River Project, Prescott Valley and the City of Prescott) to determine if implementation of the Big Chino Pipeline Project will require mitigation to prevent reduction in streamflow.

If the results of the study establish that the Pipeline Project will reduce the flow in the Upper Verde River, will you support a plan that will prevent the reduction, even if that protection doubles or triples the cost of the project?

4. Outdoor landscaping uses 27% of Prescott's water (even more during the summer). This is water that is lost to evaporation and can't be recycled. So far the City of Prescott has been quite successful in promoting conservation but CWAG has identified the potential for even greater savings through cost effective conservation measures.

Would you support changes to landscaping and construction guidelines that would result in additional water conservation?

5. In order to cover the significant costs of maintaining or replacing aging water and sewer infrastructure, the City of Prescott will soon need to substantially increase water rates.

If water rates go up, what can be done to ensure that the new rates are affordable for those residents who are already having a difficult time paying their utility bills? In particular, what do you think about applying most of any increase to the heaviest water users, thus keeping the base rate affordable?