

RESOLUTION NO. 3688

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A COUNCIL POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF WATER RIGHTS FROM THE RETIREMENT OF HISTORICALLY IRRIGATED ACREAGE ON THE BIG CHINO RANCH.

WHEREAS, the City of Prescott is entitled to transport groundwater from the Big Chino sub-basin into the Prescott Active Management Area pursuant to ARS Section 45-555(E); and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Water Resources has quantified the City of Prescott's right pursuant to the foregoing statute to be not less than 8,717 acre feet of water per year, and

WHEREAS, the City of Prescott is entitled to transport additional groundwater from the Big Chino sub-basin into the Prescott Active Management Area pursuant to ARS Sections 45-555(A) and (B) based upon the number of historically irrigated acres which have been retired by the City of Prescott; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Prescott wishes to adopt a policy to set aside water and water sources in order to address safe yield issues and which are available for mitigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That any additional water rights to which the City of Prescott would be entitled as a result of the retirement of historically irrigated acreage in the Big Chino Ranch will not be used for development or growth, but will be reserved by the City and dedicated for mitigation and/or safe yield purposes within the Prescott Active Management Area to the extent needed for same.

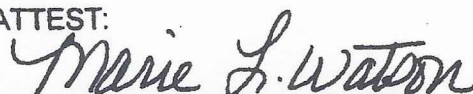
Section 2. That this Resolution shall become a part of the Council Policy Booklet.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Prescott, Arizona, on this 12th day of JULY, 2005.



ROWLE P. SIMMONS, Mayor

ATTEST:



MARIE L. WATSON
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JOHN R. MOFFITT
City Attorney