

# **CWAG Position**

## **CYHWRMS**

### **Feasibility Level Study**



Yavapai County communities working under the auspices of the Bureau of Reclamation are in the final stages of completing an Appraisal Level study that evaluates options for satisfying the projected shortfall between current water supplies and demand to the year 2050 for the Prescott and Verde Valley regions. The Central Yavapai Highlands Water Resources Management Study (CYHWRMS) draft report presents eight viable water supply options that can partially or completely satisfy the projected shortfall. Further pursuit of a few of these options could be undertaken by a Feasibility Level study, again, under the auspices of the Bureau of Reclamation. A Feasibility Level study is likely needed to more accurately evaluate certain large-scale projects for satisfying the projected shortfall.

The Citizens Water Advocacy Group urges the communities and water providers, individually and collectively, to fully evaluate and select the options that warrant a Feasibility Level study. We further urge any options selected for further study provide for the achievement of safe yield in the Prescott Active Management Area and protection of river flows, including the base flow of the Verde River.

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