

Position on Safe Yield Workgroup Report of March 2010



The Safe Yield Workgroup of the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition in a Final Report, dated March 24, 2010 made the following recommendations:

1. The SYW recommends that the Coalition move forward with the next step toward creation of a regional Replenishment District. This next step should consist of assigning the TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) the task of outlining explicit details of how to successfully create one.
2. The Coalition should institute a public education program on the importance of reaching safe yield. The program should spell out the true challenges that the region faces in terms of the severity of not reaching safe yield.

CWAG concludes that the most assured method of achieving safe yield in the Prescott Active Management Area would be to have a Water District or Authority with taxing, regulatory and enforcement capabilities. CWAG recognizes that the political will at the state and local level for this type of management structure is highly unlikely. In recognition of this political reality, CWAG recommends that the Coalition approve the recommendations of the Safe Yield Workgroup as presented above.

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