

Position on Verde River Basin Partnership Stakeholder Participation



CWAG supports the components of Title II, the legislation that created the Partnership. Title II calls for a stakeholder group to be formed to direct research regarding the Verde Watershed and to recommend management goals. CWAG believes this stakeholder group must have voting representatives from a broad range of interests. In fact, the legislation passed by Congress and signed by the President directs that the stakeholder group consist of members that represent:

- (1) Federal, State, and local agencies, and
- (2) economic, environmental, and community water interests in the Verde River Basin.

Government entities represent their populations at large, but are not the only stakeholders. Only through wide representation can the stakeholder group best achieve the goals set forth in the legislation. All of the stakeholders should have equal voting power. (BD – 03/06)

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