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Subject: Joint Letter of Support for Federal Funding for the Verde River Basin Partnership

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Harvey,

Per our telephone discussion I have attached the joint letter that I would like Prescott Valley consider signing.

Thank you for your consideration of this.

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Make it a GREAT day!
Mayor Jack D. Wilson



August 13, 2008

Dear Senator/Representative (Arizona Congressional Delegation);

The City of Prescott and the Town of Prescott Valley supports the mission of the Verde River Basin Partnership as stated in their Hydrology Science Plan.

We believe that the studies mandated by Public Law 109-110, also known as "Title II of the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005", are essential to our understanding of our local water resources. We also believe that these studies will produce valuable data that will be used to help create and institute meaningful water management in Yavapai County and the Verde River Basin.

In the two and a half years since the Verde River Basin Partnership was formed it has received no Federal funding, even though that funding is required by the act. It has relied upon contributions from several municipalities within the Basin; however those funds have been insufficient to perform any more than rudimentary studies. For the Partnership to truly succeed, as mandated in Federal law, it will need Federal funding.

We would like to encourage our Federal and State representatives to seek and support Federal allocations to be used to fund the Verde River Basin Partnership's Hydrology Science Plan. Such funding can be directed to the USGS, if necessary, as it will be the lead agency performing the studies spelled out in the plan.

Our community is proud to support the work of the Verde River Basin Partnership, as we understand that all of the Verde River Basin's communities must work together to gather the data necessary to understand and effectively manage our water resources.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jack D. Wilson
Prescott

Mayor Harvey Skoog
Prescott Valley

cc: Governor Janet Napolitano
Herb Guenther, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources
Senator Tom O'Halleran
Representative Lucy Mason
Representative Andy Tobin