

Position on North Prescott Sewer Hook-up



At present, there are approximately 1200 homes in Prescott that are not hooked up to our sewer system. Many have failing septic systems that may threaten public health and damage our aquifer.

If the bulk of these homes were hooked up to our sewer system, Prescott would have additional water supplies as a result of treating the effluent and recharging into our aquifer. Considering sewer users pay monthly fees that cover almost 90% of the treatment process, Prescott would therefore receive something of value if these homes hooked up to the sewer system.

CWAG supports projects to hook up these homes to the sewer system. We believe the sewer fund should participate in part of the costs of the projects, based on the value of the treated effluent received. CWAG believes that in return for existing sewer rate payers participating in the costs of the projects, all treated effluent received from such projects should be dedicated to permanent recharge of our aquifer, in order to help us reduce our groundwater overdraft and reach safe yield.

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