

## CWAG QUESTIONS

QI-A: Other than the City's new water management policy, which only manages the City of Prescott's water use, there is no regional water management policy that addresses the AMA as a whole. So lack of a regional water management plan is a major issue.

QII-B:1: Must be given a very high priority. I support an adaptive management plan with goals, targets, and is measurable. "If you can't measure it, you can't manage it."

QII-B-2: Education of the Public to understand the rationale of conservation, thereby increasing compliance, ie bringing back the Drop by Drop Program. Using separate meters for outside irrigation for multifamily housing complexes. Educate commercial landscapers as to the drought resistant plant palette. Work with big box stores to offer more regional, native drought tolerant plants. As an incumbent, have already implemented the following: Replacing plastic PVC water mains with ductile iron, in new developments, saving water with less water main breaks, sub metering of rental properties, The City is also going to replace thousands of aging water meters with Smart meters.

QIII-B-1: Yes: We will have to be the leader. If we don't do it nobody will.

2: Encourage Collaboration vs Competition, esp. since we are the major users and can make the biggest difference.

3. Absolutely. SRP is also committed to protecting the base flow of the Verde River. Legally, they can make us decrease our use if it is affected. It makes more sense to conserve.

4. I would suggest Prescott, PV, CV, SRP, CWAG, HOA's, NAMWUA, for a start. We should share in funding a full time person to work for the group.

QIV-B1: Yes, for now we are blending the water from different wells to meet the required levels. We have also taken the most contaminated well offline. We will be implementing a filtration system for redundancy and safety.

B-2: Yes. Public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens is the responsibility of the City Government and we don't take it lightly. There are grants available, and probably monies from class action lawsuits.

QV-B1: Yes. The voters put it in the charter by a 2:1 margin. And the voters will be the ones paying for it.

B2: Prescott and Prescott Valley, in my opinion, need to work together to protect the aquifer and the Verde, or SRP will do it for us. Prescott Valley pumps the Little Chino, but recharges to a different aquifer, thereby contributing to the overdraft. They want to be the biggest town in Northern AZ. It's time PV becomes part of the solution, instead of being part of the problem.

QVI-1: Yes 2: Yes 3: No 4: No and Yes

Thank You! Councilmember Cathey Rusing