



TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 8, 2022

TO: Mayor & Town Council

THROUGH: Gilbert Davidson, Town Manager

FROM: Neil Wadsworth, Utilities Director

DEPARTMENT: Utilities

AGENDA TYPE: New Business (for Review, Comment, And/or Possible Action)

SUBJECT: Agreement Munderloh Consulting UVRWPC - Consideration & Possible Action (Approve) [Tracy Lund, Water Resources Project Manager]

STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREA: Water Stewardship- Development of an Upper Verde Watershed Stormwater Management Plan with the goal of enhancing recharge within the basin through improved stormwater management.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

The Town of Prescott Valley (Town) is a founding member and fiscal agent of the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition (UVRWPC). Created in June 2006, UVRWPC's objective includes protecting the base flow of the Upper Verde River to the maximum extent possible and reaching Safe Yield in the Prescott Active Management Area.

A grant agreement for a grant award to UVRWPC of \$150,000 from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for a Stormwater Management Plan for the Upper Verde River Watershed was approved by the Town Council on August 25, 2022. The project period is two years. Implementing this grant now requires contracting with a local consultant to develop final specifications for the rainwater harvesting for aquifer recharge and conduct outreach to local government jurisdictions. Munderloh Consulting has the experience to provide this service and has agreed to do so at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Note that this funding from TNC will be leveraged as match for additional federal grants that UVRWPC will apply for over the next year. Potential grants include the Bureau of Reclamation Drought Contingency Fund and Water Environmental Resource Projects (among others). TNC is committed to a long-term relationship with

UVRWPC. We expect that additional grant funding will be made available for joint TNC-UVRWPC projects in the future.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Motion to approve on behalf of UVRWPC a contract with Munderloh Consulting in the total amount not to exceed \$10,000, **OR** Motion to not approve this contract.
VOTE.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval on behalf of UVRWPC of a contract with Munderloh Consulting as part of the development of the Upper Verde River Stormwater Management Plan.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no direct cost to the Town. The Town will administer the funds according to requirements of the grant in collaboration with TNC, and with assistance from UVRWPC's Grant Manager

Council Action at the Meeting:

ATTACHMENTS: Yes