

Northern Arizona Municipal Water User Association

NAMWUA is a 501 (c)(4) non-profit association representing Northern Arizona cities and towns on water issues. It provides lobbying services for federal and state level water issues as well as a venue for participant discussion of water rights, new regulations, new water projects, project funding and WIFA funding opportunities. It serves as a coordinator for joint funding opportunities whereby participants may leverage their funds with others to complete studies and evaluations that are beneficial to several water providers. Examples of this include work done on evaluating NIA water opportunities and an evaluation of surface water supplies that may be obtained from the Colorado River. The NAMWUA Program Manager represents members on the Governor's Water Augmentation Innovation and Conservation Council as well as associated committees. The City of Flagstaff has participated in NAMWUA since 2003 when it entered into an IGA with other NAMWUA member cities and towns, (Resolution No. 2003-02).

Benefits of being a NAMWUA member:

- Flagstaff should be considered in any rural water decisions that are made for Arizona. By maintaining active membership in NAMWUA, Flagstaff will be part of any water proposals and decisions that are taken forward to state legislators.
- Long term water supply is a concern of the Flagstaff community. It is important for Flagstaff citizens to know that its elected officials share the concern and take part in water planning efforts that may impact rural Arizona.

The new council member would be a voting board member. The board meets four times a year. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meets monthly. The Board elects its chair, vice chair and secretary treasurer annually in July.

Other municipalities represented are Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, Sedona, Clarkdale, Cottonwood and Coconino County. The Arizona Water Company serves as a non-voting board member.