

RESOLUTION No. 2026-2463

STORMWATER INFILTRATION & RECHARGE

WHEREAS, stormwater is a valuable asset that, when managed at a local and regional level, can help positively impact the hydrologic resources of Prescott Valley, the Prescott Active Management Area, and greater Yavapai County; and

WHEREAS, precipitation that becomes stormwater is the only freely delivered water resource in northern Arizona that is currently not utilized to its full potential; and

WHEREAS, local and regional stormwater infiltration and recharge projects (along with grassland restoration projects) serve important roles in improving aquifers and surface waters while mitigating the potential negative impacts of erosion and flooding; and

WHEREAS, local and regional stormwater projects can also significantly reduce pollution of water resources (and, in fact, improve water quality) thereby improving the overall health of the watershed; and

WHEREAS, grassland restoration projects that increase soil organic matter serve an important role in improving the health of the landscape and watershed; and

WHEREAS, efforts to improve stormwater management can include quantification of increased runoff due to urbanization of a watershed, allowing municipalities to construct systems that infiltrate only urban enhanced runoff (“UER”) without impacting pre-development runoff flow volumes, with the goal of avoiding water rights issues for downstream surface water rights and claims; and

WHEREAS, collaborative planning, funding, and implementation of watershed restoration projects across jurisdictions (and in coordination with land managers and local stewards) are essential tools in restoring and maintaining watershed health across Yavapai County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Prescott Valley has established strategic plan goals that aim to address aquifer and watershed health and has

committed to innovative exploration of technologies to achieve these aims;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Prescott Valley hereby actively supports the development and implementation of local and regional stormwater and grassland restoration projects that positively impact the aquifer, local rivers, and watersheds.

RESOLVED this 8th day of October, 2026, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Prescott Valley, Arizona.

Kell Palguta, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fatima Fernandez, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ivan Legler, Town Attorney