

City of Prescott

City Council - Study Session



November 18, 2025 | 1:00 PM
201 N Montezuma Street
City Council Chambers, 1st Floor
Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goode called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Phil Goode - Mayor
Connie Cantelme - Mayor Pro Tem
Lois Fruhwirth - Councilwoman
Ted Gambogi - Councilman (Excused)
Patrick Grady - Councilman
Brandon Montoya - Councilman
Eric Moore - Councilman

3. DISCUSSION

- A. Presentation & Discussion Regarding an Update on the Draft Long-Term Water Management Plan.

Water Resource Project Manager Leslie Graser provided a presentation to the Council regarding the draft long-term water management plan and introduced Consultant Herb Dishlip and Water Resource Manager Brian Ruiz who will also present to the Council.

Plan for Remainder of 2025:

- * Consultants brought under contract
- * Consultant team kickoff meeting
- * Obligation mapping

Plan Timeline:

- * Plan Pre-work - November through December 2024
- * Planning Process - January through June 2026
- * Draft Report - July and August 2026
- * Final Report (for USBR Grant) - December 2026

Mr. Ruiz continued the presentation and discussed some of the big questions including: do we have enough water, when will we run out and what do we need to do to make sure we always have water.

First Steps:

- * Determine all city commitments for water (baselines)
- * Determine how city will grow (projected demand)

- * Determine what the city will need (projected usage)
- * Determine how the aquifer will react (hydrogeology)
- * Determine how to use water as efficiently as possible (demand management)

Mr. Dishlip continued with a discussion regarding the current regulatory environment and what is unique about Prescott related to water. There are a variety of regulations that have to be considered in water supply management including federal requirements, state (ADWR and ADEQ), as well as the city charter and water contracts. The city is in compliance with all laws and regulations.

Prescott Service Area:

- * ARS 45-402.31 defines the term service area as "the area of land actually being served water for non-irrigation use by a city, town or private water company plus additions to such area which contain an operating distribution system owned by the city, town or private water company primarily for the delivery of water for non-irrigation use"
- * City of Prescott serves areas beyond city limits throughout the County
- * Potable Service Areas (25,573 total accounts, 6,616 acre feet delivered)
 - 87.3% within city limits
 - 9.4% unincorporated Yavapai County
 - 3% Chino Valley
 - 0.3% YPIT Reservation boundaries
 - 56% single family
 - 34% non-residential usage
 - 11% multi-family
- * Non-Potable Demand Analysis
 - Customers: Antelope Hills Golf Course, Prescott Lakes Golf Course, Capital Canyon Golf Course and Marietta (sand/gravel)
 - Average 1,459 acre feet/year from 2015-2024
 - Lost and Unaccounted average 8% system wide from 2015-2024

Supply Analysis:

- * Groundwater, reclaimed water (effluent) and surface water
- * Prescott Active Management Area (AMA) - regulatory environment, sole source aquifer and multiple water providers/private wells
- * Pumping in 2024 (including recovered surface water and effluent/direct delivery effluent)
 - City of Prescott 37.8%
 - Other Municipal 35.7%
 - Domestic Exempt 14.5%
 - Irrigation 7.2%
 - Industrial 4.7%
- * Potable Water Withdrawals - average 6,988 acre feet per year between 2015-2024
- * Surface Water - a right to store 4,600 acre feet in Watson Lake and 5,980 acre feet in Willow Lake for a total combined storage right of 10,580 acre feet with the right to continuously fill and refill these lakes (per ADWR No. ST-98-001).

In Progress Analysis:

* City Water Obligations - what contracts has the city entered into to serve beyond what has been shown in the 2024 baseline analysis, and what additional demands can be anticipated beyond what can be seen in existing contracts

Forthcoming Aspects of the Project:

- * Outreach
- * Scenario Development
- * Infrastructure Analysis
- * Aquifer Analysis
- * Report

Councilman Grady asked about regional involvement in long-term water management planning.

Mr. Ruiz responded that there have been conversations regarding regional efforts on water planning. It is helpful to be clear on the Council and community objectives to create a base that is unique for Prescott and then come up with regional plans.

This item was for discussion only, no formal action was taken.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Goode adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

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CATHEY RUSING, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah M Thornhill

SARAH M. THORNHILL, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Voting Meeting of the City Council Voting Meeting of the City of Prescott, Arizona held on November 18, 2025. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sarah M Thornhill

Sarah M. Thornhill, City Clerk

