Proposed changes to WAC Resolution for BOS and WAC review (version 6-18-07)

RESOLUTION NO. 1425 - XXXX

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1425, WHICH AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 1347, WHICH AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 1163 ESTABLISHING THE YAVAPAI COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") is authorized under the general powers found in A.R.S. 11-251 to establish advisory committees; and

WHEREAS, a need exists in Yavapai County for a coordinated effort to deal with water issues that are of a regional nature; and

WHEREAS, the cities and towns of Yavapai County, along with private waterrelated organizations have expressed interest in the County acting as the facilitator for coordinated efforts related to regional water issues; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has agreed to act as the facilitator for this coordinated effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee ("Committee") is established, with the mission of the committee to be the review of information on water issues of a regional nature as may be provided by the Verde Watershed Association, the Groundwater Users' Advisory Council of the Prescott AMA, and other water related organizations or individuals, and report its findings and recommendations on a quarterly basis to the Board of Supervisors and recommend water management strategies to the appropriate entities.
- (2) The Committee shall meet on a regular basis to review information on regional water issues. The Committee shall be responsible for determining the issues and the priority of the issues it will consider. Any conclusions reached by the Committee regarding such issues shall be accomplished by consensus rather than voting. The Committee shall be subject to the provisions of the Arizona Open Meeting Law, and all records received by or generated from the Committee shall be public except to the extent that such records may be deemed confidential pursuant to applicable statutes
- (3) Committee members shall be appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of the entity they are to represent. Membership on the Committee shall consist of the three representatives from Yavapai County Supervisors to represent each of the

Supervisory Districts, one representative from each of the incorporated cities and towns in the County, one representative from each of the two Native American tribes in the County, and the Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources or his/her their designee. Members shall serve until replaced by the Board, upon the recommendation of the entity they represent. Appointments to the Committee shall be accompanied by official written notification of such to the Committee from the member entity. Notwithstanding the above stated ability for each member entity to replace their representative at any time, terms of representatives shall be two years. Unless official written notice of replacement is provided to the Committee upon completion of a term, the representatives' term shall be deemed automatically renewed. Appointments will not be subject to term limitations. The Committee shall may maintain a list of alternates who from time to time may sit in place of the Board appointed representative.

- (4) The Committee may establish policies and procedures for positions of Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.
- (4)(5) The Committee shall have the authority to establish subcommittees, as it deems appropriate, and may use such technical and legal resources as may be necessary subject to available funds. Subcommittees established by the Committee shall be subject to the provisions of the Arizona Open Meeting Law, and all records received by or generated from the Committee shall be public except to the extent that such records may be deemed confidential pursuant to applicable statutes.
- (5)(6) Recognizing that the committee membership primarily consists of duly elected representatives and/or their appointees, and that each entity contributes of their own funds to support the Water Advisory Committee's goals, the committee shall be allowed to respond to certain water resource issues after notifying the Supervisors, through the Clerk of the Board, of their response. A response or recommendation that may not elicit Board approval shall contain a notice that the recommendation of the Committee does not necessarily reflect the views of the Board of Supervisors. The Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the Board on water resource related matters. Funding to support the activities of the Water Advisory Committee is provided by the member entities. With the exception of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, each entity contributes their own funds based on population in the amount set forth in the Contribution Schedule established by the applicable Intergovernmental Agreement between the member parties.
- (6)(7) Staffing for the Committee with regard to the posting of agendas, taking of minutes, and keeping of official records shall be provided by the Board of Supervisors through the Clerk of the Board or her designee. Other resource needs may be requested through the County Administrator's office. Subcommittees of the Committee shall be responsible for their own staffing.
- (7)(8) The Board of Supervisors shall have the authority to suspend or dissolve the Committee if it deems such action to be appropriate.

(8) No single member of the Water Advisory Committee can make a statement that pretends purports to represent either the Water Advisory Committee or the Board of Supervisors. All requests for information shall be directed to staff for response.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of December, 2003.

A.G. "Chip" Davis Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

<u>Bev Staddon</u> Clerk, Board of Supervisors