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WATER POLICY AND CODE CHANGES

TOPIC: POLICY CHANGES

COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

JUNE 25, 2019

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PREVIOUS TOPIC REVIEW

OVERVIEW OF CHANGES, AND CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAM

On June 11, 2019, City Legal Department provided the following information:

- Simplify how the City provides water service
- Use of models that integrate multiple datasets, WRMM and Woodard's
- Continue and update the City water conservation programs
- Seek to balance (or reduce the disparity) of sewer to potable water connection
- Introduce conservation rebate program update

TODAY'S TOPIC

POLICY CHANGES

Title: City of Prescott Water Service Policy and Procedure

I. Scope

This policy is intended to be a long term plan to direct City staff in managing the City's finite water supplies and to assure potential applicants that they can rely on a consistent set of rules when applying for water service. This document applies to all new applications for water service of any type.

POLICY CHANGES (CONT.)

II. Water Conservation Policy

The City of Prescott should continue in its role as a leader in conservation of water resources and utilization of non-groundwater sources. City staff shall actively seek ways to improve the City's conservation measures and develop new ways for the City to reduce its net groundwater use.

III. Water Use Tracking Tools

1. Water Resources Management Model (WRMM)
2. Water Conservation Trends (Woodard Model)

POLICY CHANGES (CONT.)

IV. Water Connection Policy

1. Water service needs less than 5 acre-feet/year may be approved administratively.
2. A water demand analysis may be required for any project whose service needs are greater than 5 acre-feet/year. Performed at the applicants expense.
3. Water will be provided, but no specific amount of water will be allocated to any project through separate contract.
4. A cost/benefit analysis may be required, at applicants expense.
5. In the event a property applying for water service has an existing entitlement to water from the City, that entitlement must be fully utilized before the City will make additional water available for the property.
6. Water service will be subject to compliance with City Codes and Policies, including those requiring connection to the City's sanitary sewer system.

POLICY CHANGES (CONT.)

V. Water Application Procedure

Within City Limits:

A. Projects requiring less than 5 AF/yr shall:

- 1) Contact Community Development Department to verify the project can proceed to a building permit.
- 2) Submit all required applications and permits. If the project is otherwise approved, administratively or by Council action, water is also allocated to the project.
- 3) Abide by all City Codes and Policies.

POLICY CHANGES (CONT.)

V. Water Application Procedure

Within City Limits (continued):

B. Council approval for projects over 5 acre-feet:

- 1) Contact community development for instructions on how to proceed.
- 2) Attend pre-application conference (PAC).
- 3) Submit all required applications.
- 4) Complete the platting process, if required.
- 5) The City Council will vote on the proposed project and water use.
- 6) Abide by all city codes and policies.

POLICY CHANGES (CONT.)

V. Water Application Process (cont.)

2. Outside City Limits:

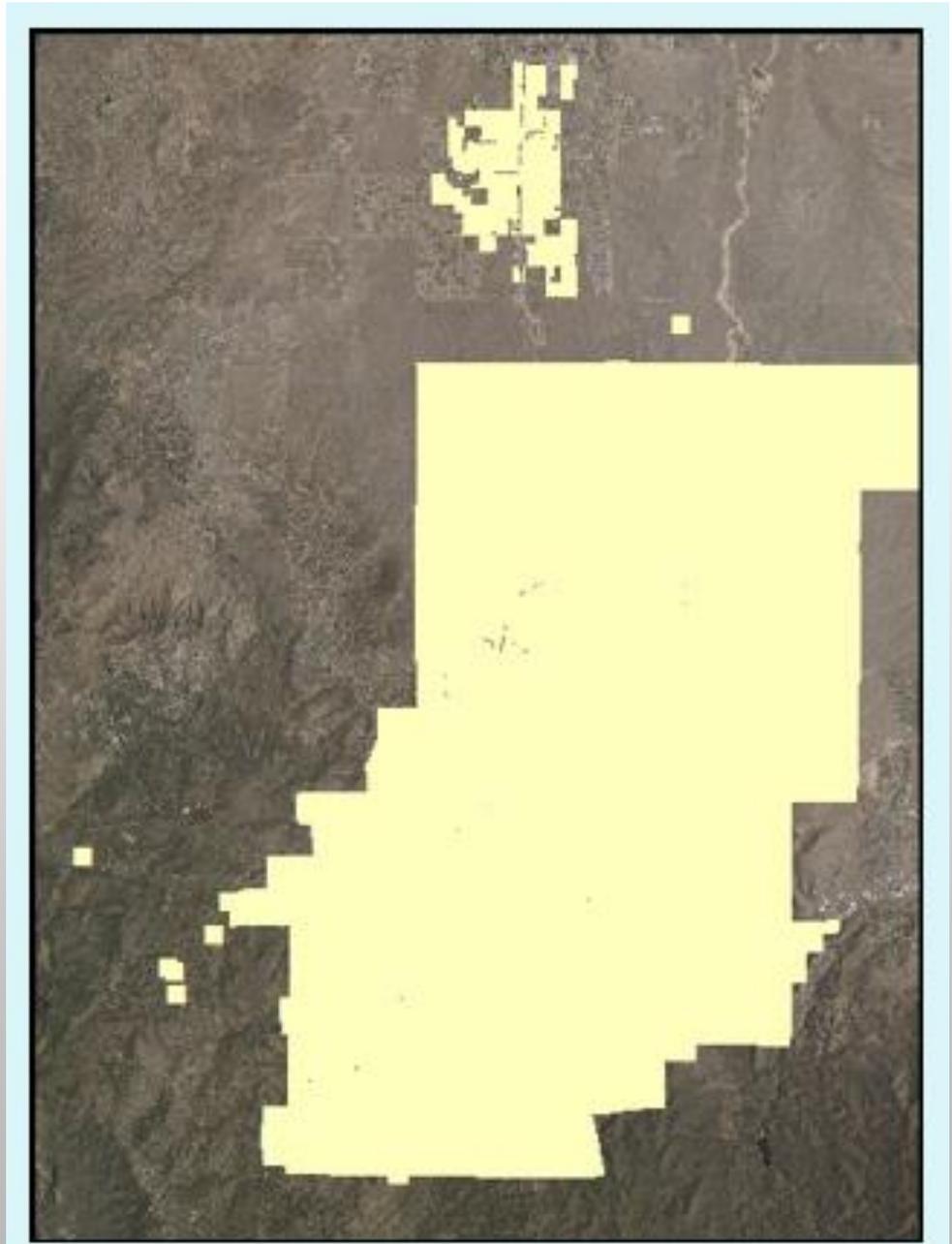
A. Contact Public Works Department.

- 1) If the project has an existing entitlement to water, such as a pre-existing contract, follow “City’s Within City Limits Process” .
- 2) If the project does not have an existing entitlement to water, water service may be available if the project is within the City’s Expansion Zone (Exhibit A).
- 3) Submit a PAC application that includes a feasibility analysis, and Cost Benefit Analysis (Exhibit B).
- 4) The PAC application will be reviewed by City Staff.

CITY'S EXPANSION ZONE MAP

Consisting of:

- Current City Limits
- Portions of Chino Valley
- Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe
- Contracted County Areas
- City's 2015 Land Use General Plan area



POLICY CHANGES (CONT.)

V. Water Application Process (cont.)

2. Outside City Limits: (cont.)

- B. After staff review is completed, the application will be forwarded to the City's Water Issues Subcommittee for a recommendation. Following its recommendation, the application will be forwarded to the City Council as a whole for approval determination. If approved, the project will be subject to the City's "Within City Limits" Process.

SUMMARY

- Conservation Policy Statement
- Use of two new models
- Water service processes for inside and outside Prescott City Limits

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