

Arizona Watershed Partnerships

Name of Partnership	Watershed Area	Primary Objectives	Meeting Time and Location	Contact Info.
Bill Williams Watershed				
Upper Bill Williams	The Upper Bill Williams watershed area is approximately defined by the Kirkland Creek watershed, 405 square mile drainage, which is a tributary to the Santa Maria River.	Mission is to manage and protect the water resource, water quality, and water rights. Advocates local control over our water resources and land use. Objectives are: 1) ensure that surface and ground water resources are maintained at the current balance, to support irrigation, ranching, and domestic uses, as well as maintain excellent waterfowl and wildlife habitat; 2) disseminate information so that citizens are will informed of events and legislative activity that may impact them; and 3) cooperate with other rural watershed groups to influence favorable water legislation for rural areas.	Meet on an as needed basis.	Sondra Wilkening - Secretary, Ph: 928-925-6434, westwindsinc@yahoo.com . Troy Suter, Ph: 928-442-3885.
Colorado - Grand Canyon Watershed and Colorado - Lower Gila Watershed				
Northwest Arizona Watershed Council (also in Colorado - Lower Gila Watershed)	The area is defined by three groundwater basins: Hualapai Valley Basin and Sacramento Valley Basin in the Colorado - Grand Canyon, and the Big Sandy Basin in the Colorado - Lower Gila Watershed.	Protection and preservation of water and education of the public. The council recognizes the need for more information to adequately model supply and demand equations and relate these to general plans for development. Identify and cleanup of illegal dumping and other nonpoint source pollution.	3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm, Mohave County Public Library, 3269 N. Burbank St., Kingman, AZ 86401.	Elno Roundy, Ph: 928-757-2818; Earl Englehardt, Ph: 928-692-1068, imsprit@kingmanaz.net .
Little Colorado - San Juan Watershed				
Little Colorado River Watershed Coordinating Council	This immense watershed covers nearly 27,000 square miles in northeast Arizona and northwest New Mexico.	Projects committees include: Municipal Projects Committee; Irrigation Committee; Stakeholder Education Committee; Watershed Health and Restoration Committee.	Quarterly meetings - dates/times/locations vary (Holbrook, Show Low or Winslow).	David M. Newlin - Watershed Project Director, Ph: 928-524-9877, Cell Ph: 928-322-6146, DMNewlin@aol.com . Jim Boles - Chair, Ph: 928-289-2422. Larry Winn - Vice Chair, Ph: 505-879-3060.
Show Low Creek Watershed Enhancement Partnership (SLCWEP)	Show Low Creek drainage from Pinetop Springs and Thompson Springs down to and through Woodland Lake, Walnut Creek, Rainbow Lake, Lake of the Woods, Show Low Lake and Fools Hollow Lake.	A public/private partnership committed to enhancing and protecting a healthy and diverse watershed through specific projects and implementation of sound watershed resource management, public outreach, and conservation strategies.	1st Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm, Pinetop/Lakeside Town Office.	Al Crawford, Ph: 928-368-8034, abcrawford1@cox.net . Larry Whipple, Ph: 928-537-2223, whipleranch@wmonline.com . SLCWEP, Pinetop/Lakeside Town Office, 1360 N. Niels Hansen Ln., Lakeside, AZ 85929.
Silver Creek Advisory Commission	The Silver Creek drainage area, Taylor, AZ.		Meet on an as needed basis.	Ron Solomon, Ph: 928-536-7366 or ron@tayloraz.org . Kerry Ballard, Ph: 928-536-2539.
Upper Little Colorado River Watershed Partnership	The Little Colorado River drainage above Lyman Lake.		3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm, Eagar Town Hall, 22 W. 2nd St., Eagar, AZ 85925 or meet on an as needed basis.	Bill Greenwood, Ph: 928-333-4128, ext 226, bgreenwood@eaqar.com .

Middle Gila Watershed				
Tres Rios River Management Group (Federally sponsored by the US Army Corp of Engineers and locally sponsored by the City of Phoenix)	Watershed is the Salt River and Gila River drainage delineated by approximately Southern Ave. (north), Baseline Ave. (south), 83 rd Ave. (east), and Agua Fria River (west).	The issues identified by this group include: 1) stressors identified (inorganic and organic chemicals, pesticides, PBCs, and low dissolved oxygen); 2) flood flows; 3) agricultural storm water runoff; 4) agricultural irrigation drainage and dewatering; 5) concentrated animal feeding operation discharges; 6) wastewater treatment plant discharges; 7) landfill leachate; 8) ground water inflow; 9) sand and gravel area releases; and 10) degradation of wildlife habitat.	3rd Wednesday of first month each quarter. Meetings at Flood Control District offices at 2801 W. Durango St., Phoenix, AZ 85009.	Debbi Radford, City of Phoenix, Ph: 602-262-1828; debbi.radford@phoenix.gov .
Upper Agua Fria Watershed Partnership	Aqua Fria River drainage area, excluding the Prescott AMA and the Phoenix AMA.	Water quality and water quantity issues identified by this group include: fast growth and development in the Prescott AMA; ranching/grazing issues; leaking underground storage tanks; illegal dumping along streams and in the National Monument; and water legal rights.	1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am at Arcosanti.	Mary Hoadley, Ph: 928-623-7135, earthous@aol.com .
Southwest Strategy – Water Task Team	Pilot project on Upper Agua Fria within the Middle Gila.	Federal, Tribal, State and local entities in the Southwest recognize opportunities in jointly identifying and prioritizing the growing number of common, crosscutting water resource concerns. Clear, coordinated processes are needed for effective management of water quality and water quantity that reflect broad societal desires.	Meeting details are developed and distributed to members when available.	Mary Reece, Ph: 602-216-3884, mreece@lc.usbr.gov .

Salt Watershed				
Friends of Pinto Creek	Pinto Creek drainage, which is a tributary to the Salt River, that flows into Roosevelt Lake.	Dedicated to the preservation of Pinto Creek, Powers Gulch, and Haunted Canyon.	Meet on an as needed basis.	Tom Sonandres, Ph: 623 583-6764, pintocreek@asu.edu .
Northern Gila County Water Planning Alliance (aka Mogollon Water Alliance)	Watershed is bounded by the Mogollon Rim (north), Roosevelt Lake (south), the Sierra Ancha Mountains (east), and the Mazatzal Mountains (west).	The Northern Gila County Water Plan Alliance formed to develop water strategies for the area around Payson, Pine and Strawberry along the Mogollon Rim. The area also is known as the Tonto Creek basin.	Meet on an as needed basis.	Steve Besich, Assistant County Manager, Gila Co., sbesich@co.gila.az.us . Lionel Martinez, Rim Trail Water Improvement District, Ph: 928-474-2029. Howard Matthews, Pine-Strawberry WID, Ph: 928-476-2142.

San Pedro - Willcox Playa - Rio Yaqui				
Campomocho-Sacaton Watershed Group	Watershed is a 42,000 acre sub-watershed of the Willcox Playa including: Gillman Canyon, apache Canyon, Reservoir Canyon, Sacaton Wash, an unnamed drainage (referred to as Big Draw) and Campomocho Draw. This area falls almost entirely within the ranch boundaries of Hook Open A Ranch and Redtail Ranch.	The group's primary objective is to implement conservation practices that will improve watershed health, improve water quality, and reduce downstream flood damages. Practices are specifically aimed at reducing soil erosion and water runoff, increasing ground cover, and improving wildlife habitat to reduce negative economic impacts.	3rd Tuesday of second month each quarter. Meetings at USDA/NRCS Conference Room, 656 N. Bisbee Ave., Willcox, AZ 85643.	Donna Matthews, Ph: 520-384-2229, ext 122, donna.matthews@az.usda.gov . Dan Skinner – Chair, dskinner@goldtechind.com .

Upper San Pedro Partnership	1,875 square mile basin from the Mexico border north to "the Narrows." The Huachuca, Mustang, Whetstone, and Rincon Mountains form the basin's western boundary and the Mule, Dagoon, Little Dagoon, and Winchester Mountains form the eastern boundary. Boundaries of Hook Open A Ranch and Redtail Ranch.	Purpose of the partnership is to coordinate and cooperate in the identification, prioritization and implementation of comprehensive policies and projects to assist in meeting water needs in the Sierra Vista Sub-watershed of the Upper San Pedro River Basin.	2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am, Sierra Vista Public Library (Mona Bishop Conference Room), 2950 E. Tacoma St., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635.	Contact person: L.Hendrickson@co.cochise.az.us . Bob Strain - Chair, Advisory Council, Ph: 520-459-4763, 1011 N. Coronado Dr., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, Ph: 520-452-7087.
Community Watershed Alliance (Middle San Pedro)	San Pedro River drainage area, between "the Narrows" near Charleston, Arizona, and its confluence with the Gila River at Winkelman, Arizona.	This grass roots group works to affect changes that will benefit the water quantity and quality.	4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, Benson City Hall, 120 W. 6th St., Benson, AZ 85602.	Mary McCool, Ph: 520-798-0229; Al Turk, Ph: 520-586-7086; Anna Landis, Ph: 520-586-7310; Peter Moran, Ph: 520-586-4456; watergroup@aol.com .

Santa Cruz - Rio Magdalena - Rio Sonoyta Watershed				
Friends of the Santa Cruz River	Watershed includes the entire Santa Cruz River; however, the group generally focuses on the stretch from the international border to the Santa Cruz County - Pima County boundary.	FOSCR is a non-profit, 501c3 volunteer group focusing on the upper Santa Cruz River in southern Arizona. Since its beginning in 1991, FOSCR's mission has been to ensure a continued flow of the river's surface waters, promote the highest river water quality achievable, and to protect and restore the riparian ecosystem and diversity of life supported by the river's waters. We accomplish this goal through education, partnerships, and advocacy, for the benefit of present and future generations.	3rd Thursday of each month - various locations in Tubac, AZ.	Ann Phillips - President, Ph: 520-206-9900, admin@friendsofsantacruzriver.org ; www.friendsofsantacruzriver.org . Sherry Sass, P.O. Box 4275, Tubac, AZ 85646, Ph: 520-398-9093, sushis1@earthlink.net .
Pima Association of Governments Watershed Planning Subcommittee	Santa Cruz River watershed, focusing on the portion within Pima County.	Subcommittee provides a forum for exchanging information among stakeholders, conducting technical review of proposals/plans, and advising decision makers on matters affecting Santa Cruz River watershed. The subcommittee coordinates with PAG's Stormwater Management Working Group and reports to a broader Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC).	Meet on an as needed basis.	Claire Zucker - Watershed Planning Manager, Ph: 520-792-1093, CZucker@pagnet.org ; www.PAGnet.org ; http://www.pagnet.org/WQ/participation.htm .

Upper Gila Watershed				
Gila Watershed Partnership	Gila River Watershed is about 6,000 square miles, extending from the New Mexico border to the Coolidge Dam (San Carlos Reservoir).	Objectives: 1) conservation of natural resources and enhancement of the environment, while maintaining or improving the economy; 2) increase water quality and improve water quantity; 3) increase recreational opportunities; and 4) collaboration among partners and neighbors in New Mexico and the San Carlos Apache Tribe within the watershed.	2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm, Graham County General Services Building, 921 Thatcher Blvd., Safford, AZ 85546.	Jan Holder, Ph: 928-348-4577, watershedholder@yahoo.com .
Upper Eagle Creek Watershed Association	Eagle Creek is a sub-watershed within the Upper Gila Watershed.	Work together as a community to: 1) preserve the ranching heritage and traditions in Upper Eagle Creek; 2) improve and preserve the watershed and valuable resources; 3) protect, enhance and increase habitat and wildlife and domestic animals; and 4) to find a sustainable method of economic survival for the community.	1st Friday of each month at the Eagle Creek Schoolhouse or meet on an as needed basis.	Chase Caldwell - President, Ph: 480-635-1245, 480-529-2624, Fax: 480-632-1171, chase.caldwell@cox.net . Shirley Winkle - Treasurer, watershed_uppereaglecreek@yahoo.com .

Verde Watershed				
North Central Arizona Regional Watershed Consortium (NCARWC)	Verde River Watershed, largely defined by Yavapai County boundaries.	Formed to accomplish cooperative regional water management, rather than continue contesting each other's water rights. Believe that a unified and knowledgeable voter base in rural Arizona may be able to effect the needed changes in Arizona water laws and statues.	Meeting times and places vary.	Anita Rochelle - President, anitar772002@yahoo.com or riverwoman@verdenet.com ; P.O. Box 31, Sedona, AZ 86339.
Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee	Yavapai County	Mission Statement: The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee is committed to preserving sustainable water resources for future generations while enhancing the economic viability of our County. We are dedicated to meeting the long-term water resource needs of our customers - the citizens of the Yavapai County region. We will accomplish our goals by developing and enacting a total water management strategy through a consensus of our coalition members. Objectives: 1) develop regional Yavapai County water management and conservation strategies that ensure sustained use of water resources and that protect the base flows of the County's rivers and streams; 2) establish strong communication links among federal, tribal, state, county, local government, individual citizens and all other stakeholders; and 3) devise and promote enabling legislation that will provide a local basis for management of water resources.	3rd Wednesday of each month at 2:00-4:00 pm. The meeting locations change each month to a different host-community. The meeting locations and agendas are posted on the WAC website approximately one week in advance of the meeting.	John Rasmussen - Coordinator, john.rasmussen@co.yavapai.az.us , http://www.co.yavapai.az.us/orggroups/wac/wachome.asp .
Oak Creek Canyon Task Force	Oak Creek is a sub-watershed of the Verde River.	Task Force goals: 1) conserve natural resources and enhance the environment for wildlife and human uses; 2) sustain and improve recreational opportunities; 3) improve water quantity and quality; 4) reduce damage due to storms, floods, human activities, or natural disasters; and 5) engage public and governmental involvement through outreach and education.	2nd Friday of each second month at 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, Sedona City Hall, Vultee Room, 102 Roadrunner Dr., Sedona, AZ 86336.	Barry Allan, Ph: 623-551-8804, barry@oakcreekcanyontaskforce.org . Morgan Stine - Co-Chair, morgan@hughes.net . OAK CREEK CANYON TASK FORCE, P.O. Box 732, Sedona, AZ 86339. Canyon Office, Ph: 928-282-3151, Fax: 623-551-8804. Anthem Office, Ph: 623-551-8805.
Stoneman Lake Property Owners Association	This closed basin (no outflow from the lake) is a 900 acre lake drainage area, located 40 miles south of Flagstaff.	Mission is to preserve the pristine environment that is Stoneman Lake and to foster harmony and cooperation among neighbors to maintain the peace and tranquility so highly valued in our community.	Meeting times and places may vary.	Chris Estes - President, Ph: 480-585-5772, cklestes@msn.com ; Bill McPeters - Vice President, Ph: 602-431-1513, wediqit@juno.com .

Verde Watershed Association	Verde Watershed	<p>Mission: The Verde Watershed Association is founded on the principle that wise and sustainable use of water resources is best accomplished by a voluntary association of members of the watershed communities, working together to understand both the watershed and each other. Such understanding will be the basis for resolving conflicts and promoting cooperative use of the water resources. Goals: 1) conserve natural resources and enhance the environment; 2) sustain, improve, and diversify recreational opportunities; 3) improve water quality and quantity; 4) sustain, enhance, and improve the environment for wildlife; 5) reduce damage from storms, floods, and human-made activities and/or natural disasters; and 6) engage public and governmental involvement through public outreach and education.</p>	<p>3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am. Meetings in various Verde Watershed communities (Sedona, Prescott, Cottonwood, Camp Verde).</p>	<p>Ed Wolfe - Chairman, ewwolfe@commspeed.net; Dan Campbell - Vice-Chair; Carol A. Johnson - Secretary/Treasurer, Cjinsedona@aol.com.</p>
Citizens Water Advocacy Group	Upper Verde Watershed and Prescott Active Management Area	<p>Primary objective: To promote a sustainable water future in the Upper Verde River Basin and Prescott Active Management Area.</p>	<p>2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am, Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 882 Sunset Ave, Prescott, AZ 86305.</p>	<p>Citizens Water Advocacy Group, P.O. Box 13145, Prescott, AZ 86304. Ph: 928-443-5353, water@commspeed.net.</p>
Verde River Citizens Alliance	Verde River drainage area	<p>Mission: This non-profit corporation is formed for philanthropic, charitable, educational and scientific purpose, with its main objectives being to assure an adequate flow of water in all sections of the Verde River at all times. Preservation and restoration of the riparian habitat that borders the Verde River and its tributaries.</p>	<p>3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Greenway Studio, 2011-B Kestrel Rd., Cottonwood, AZ 86326.</p>	<p>Steve Kling - President, P.O. Box 3096, Cottonwood, AZ 86326. Ph: 928-634-7445, skling@msn.com; vrca@verdenet.com; www.verderrivervrca.org.</p>
Prescott Creeks Preservation Association (Prescott Creeks)	Granite Creek Watershed	<p>The mission of Prescott Creeks is to protect and celebrate the ecological integrity of the Granite Creek Watershed riparian systems and associated wetlands through conservation, restoration and education. This is accomplished through programs that include: Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, Prescott CreekWatch Network and Watershed Monitoring.</p>	<p>1st Tuesday of each month at 2:00 - 4:00 pm, The Grove, 119-A Grove Ave., Prescott, AZ 86301. Meeting dates and times vary - call to verify.</p>	<p>Prescott Creeks, P.O. Box 3004, Prescott, AZ 86302-3004. Ph: 928-445-5669, Fax: 928-445-5671; info@PrescottCreeks.org; mbyrd@prescottcreeks.org; www.PrescottCreeks.org.</p>
Stewards of Public Lands	Upper Verde Valley (Verde Watershed-- upper portion of the Middle Verde Sub-basin)	<p>Area citizen volunteers partner with businesses, municipalities, State Trust Lands Dept., and the Prescott and Coconino National Forests to clean illegal dumping off public lands and to keep our watershed and streams healthy.</p>	<p>1st Monday of each month at 6:30 pm, Cottonwood Public Safety Building, 199 S. 6th St., Cottonwood, AZ 86326. Cleanups generally the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.</p>	<p>Diane Joens, 312 W. Mesquite Dr., Cottonwood, AZ 86326, Ph: 928-634-4112, dianej@sedona.net; www.verdeconnections.com.</p>

<p>Hyde Mountain Vista Group</p>	<p>Upper Walnut Creek, Apache Creek, drainages of the Juniper Mountains and the Santa Maria Mountains northwest of Prescott. The Walnut Creek stream reaches between Apache Creek and Juniper Mesa Wilderness.</p>	<p>Maintain the diversity, ecological integrity, historic value and undeveloped nature of the public and private lands in and around the Santa Maria and Juniper Mountains, while maintaining the economic viability of the working landscape and the variety of recreational opportunities that are found there. Restoration of Upper Walnut Creek drainages, tributaries to Big Chino Wash and Verde River.</p>	<p>Meet on an as needed basis.</p>	<p>Amanda Beno - Admin. Assistant, Hyde Mountain Vista Group, 2151 C Resort Way North, Prescott, AZ 86301, AmandaBeno@aol.com.</p>
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