



# Arizona Department of Water Resources Prescott Active Management Area

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## Prescott AMA Office to Close

The Arizona Legislature recently passed the fiscal year (FY) 2011 budget. ADWR did not fare well, receiving a general fund appropriation of approximately \$7 million, a 60% decrease from FY 2010. Additionally, approximately \$500,000 of other program funds will be swept.

While the agency has been authorized to raise permitting fees, the low volume of current permitting activity suggests this will not provide a sufficient source of revenue to mitigate the severity of the reduction.

**As a result, all Active Management Area offices will be closed, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Additionally, all state employees will have a reduction in pay by about 5%, half of which will be achieved through mandatory furlough days.

At this point, this is all of the information available. We do not know yet how this will impact the Prescott AMA staff or regulated communities in the region. ADWR will do its best to keep you informed as the agency continues to prepare for the future.

ADWR is challenged like never before. Thank you for your patience and support during this very difficult time.



## Reports, Maps, Books — (Almost) Everything Must Go

Still need your very own copy of the Prescott Active Management Area 2003-2004 Hydrologic Monitoring Report? Here's your chance.

During the week of April 12—16, the Prescott AMA will make available many of the surplus reports and materials from the AMA library and bookstore—at no cost and while supplies last.

The list of what will be offered is too long to include. Please come by during the designated hours to see what's available.

**WHAT:**  
We-Can't-Take-It-With-Us Giveaway

**WHEN:**  
April 12—16, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:**  
ADWR—Prescott AMA Office  
2200 East Hillside Road, Prescott

The office is located on the west side of HWY 89 just north of the roundabout at the intersections of HWY 89 and Willow Lake Road.



# Get to Know... Leslie Graser



Leslie Graser is the new Water Resource Specialist for the City of Prescott, a position vacated by Connie Tucker last fall.

As a member of the City's water management team, Leslie is working to complement their existing efforts and enhance future projects.

Leslie's teamwork extends beyond the City to regional partners and the public.

Prior to joining the City in December 2009, Leslie worked as a hydrologist for the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

In her twelve years with ADWR, she worked in the Rural Strategic Planning, Recharge and Surface Water, and Basic Data sections.

Leslie shares her knowledge by mentoring a local college student in water studies (conservation, science and law).

On several occasions, Leslie has been spotted enthusiastically teaching the concepts associated with the Groundwater Flow and Watershed Models at Make a Splash with Project WET Water Festivals for local 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

Leslie completed her studies at the University of Arizona receiving a B.S. in Engineering and Mines – Hydrology.

## Leslie's Regional Committee Work

Technical/Administrative Committee, Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee

Technical Advisory Committee, Northern Arizona Municipal Water User's Association

## Highlight Reel

Just a couple of the major regional studies and reports to which Leslie has made significant contributions:

Central Yavapai Highlands Water Resources Management Studies (CYHWRMS)

Hydrogeology of the Upper and Middle Verde River Watersheds, Central Arizona

**"I have worked and lived in many areas of the state. The beauty of the people and the landscapes have shaped my life. I'm proud to say that Prescott is now my hometown."**

# April is Water Awareness Month

Water Awareness Month provides a great opportunity to focus on ways we can all be better water stewards. The Arizona Department of Water Resources asks you to do your part in educating, celebrating and taking action to save water.

This year's message – Plants don't waste water, people do. – reminds us all about the importance of using water efficiently in our yards.

For information on how to design, water and maintain a beautiful and water-efficient landscape, visit ADWR's Water Awareness Month web page: [www.azwater.gov/WAM](http://www.azwater.gov/WAM).

**During Water Awareness Month, we invite you to check out our new and improved conservation site: [www.azwater.gov/conservation](http://www.azwater.gov/conservation).**

After your visit, we encourage you to place a link to the site from your water-related or conservation web page.

**We're counting on you to do your part to save water – in April and every month!**

# Jayne Lee

## Outstanding Water Educator of the Year



Jayne Lee has played a pivotal role in furthering water education in the Verde Valley.

Perhaps most impressive is her role in piloting the University of Arizona's (UA) School Water Audit Program (SWAP). The SWAP was designed to teach standards-based content through relevant, project-based learning that empowers students to be responsible water stewards.

One hundred and twenty 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in Jayne's class at Cottonwood Middle School participated in the 4-week audit. Students worked in volunteer-led groups to audit school fixtures—indoor and out.

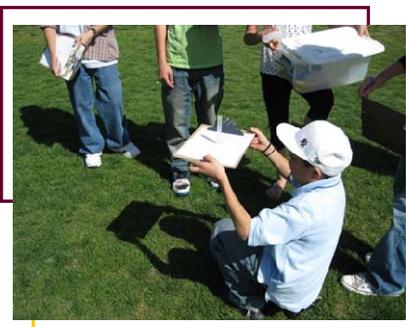


Students were also given faucet aerators to install at home and toilet dye tabs to check for leaks in household toilets. This component engaged parents who reported that the activities led to additional water conservation efforts around the house.

**Through minor retrofits, Jayne's students realized a water savings of 274,750 gallons per year at the school and 3,340,480 gallons in their homes.**

Six students presented their findings to the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee. Jayne accompanied those same students to receive the **2009 Governor's Excellence in Economic Development Award for Future Leaders** for the SWAP program in Cottonwood.

As a result of this project, the official **School Water Audit Program (SWAP) Curriculum** was developed and Jayne was invited to present at the National Science Teachers' Association (NSTA) Conference.



“We should be hopeful that all educators aspire to such dazzling work in the classroom!”

Kerry Schwartz, Director,  
Arizona Project WET

Jayne has attended almost all of the educator workshops offered by Arizona Project WET and volunteers each year at the Verde Valley Water Festival.

Jayne has recently organized a SWAP teacher cohort at Cottonwood Middle School and is leading students in another water audit at a nearby elementary school.

Through the dedication and commitment of teachers like Jayne, education is at its best and students truly impact their communities with valuable lessons learned.



The Outstanding Water Educator is chosen by staff representing the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition, Salt River Project, Arizona Project WET and the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

## Prescott, Prescott Valley, SRP Execute Agreement



On February 11, 2010, at a joint special meeting, the councils of Prescott and Prescott Valley unanimously approved execution of an

agreement with the Salt River Project. The agreement was titled “Withdrawal and Use of Water from the Big Chino Sub-basin and the Protection of Stream Flow in the Upper Verde River: An Agreement in Principle Among the City of Prescott, Town of Prescott Valley (Communities), and the Salt River Valley Water Users Association and the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (SRP).”

The agreement states that the intent is to create a conceptual framework that sets out guiding principles for future interactions of the parties. By executing the agreement, the parties agreed to the following:

1. The Communities and SRP will work cooperatively to obtain legislative amendments to Arizona Revised Statutes § 45-555(E) during the current legislative session. The amendments are intended to a.) quantify the volume of water; b.) remove any argument that the statute is unconstitutional; and c.) clarify that water transported by Prescott may be delivered by them for use anywhere within the Prescott AMA.
2. The Communities agree to mitigation in the event that withdrawals of water from the Big Chino Sub-basin impact minimum flows of water in the Upper Verde River.
3. The parties agree to participate with ADWR to fund and implement a monitoring plan.

4. The parties agree to cease or suspend certain on-going litigations and requests for information.
5. The parties also agreed to work cooperatively to resolve and reach agreement on another five items described in the agreement.

As of March 18, 2010, the final language for the amendment to A.R.S. § 45-555(E) discussed above had not yet been introduced. Initial language was introduced by Representative Tobin in the form of a strike-all amendment to H.B. 2171 in the Committee on Water and Energy. Further action on this bill can be tracked at the [Arizona State Legislature](#).



### Water Conservation Toolkit

ADWR’s water conservation toolkit is an assembly of tools developed to assist residents, businesses, communities and water providers in the design and implementation of comprehensive and proven conservation strategies.

The toolkit is available at ADWR’s new water conservation site:

[www.azwater.gov/conservation](http://www.azwater.gov/conservation)



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