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November 5, 2025

Dear Mayors and Council members:

We are pleased to formally invite your city or town to participate on the Yavapai County Water Resources and Open Space Committee. Yavapai County, through the Sonoran Institute, has received grant funding to facilitate discussions regarding these important topics. We sincerely look forward to engaging with your community to collectively shape the direction of this Committee with the desire to cultivate meaningful positive outcomes for the residents of Yavapai County.

To maintain a manageable Committee size, we ask that you designate one representative from your city or town and an alternate. Ideally, these will be elected officials who have knowledge of water resource and open space matters in your community.

Once the process begins, we will seek input from all stakeholders to help define what success for this Committee will be. A potential first phase of discussions could include:

- Identifying areas of agreement and collaboration to strengthen our voice on regional water issues and open space.
- Discussing how to better utilize the tools already in our toolbox to positively impact our regional water supply.
- Identifying opportunities to integrate the Committee with existing regional efforts.
- Understanding the relevant issues, goals, and alignment among municipalities, unincorporated communities, and stakeholders across Yavapai County.
- Creating foundational documents for the Committee.
- Defining opportunities for shorter-term success (simpler issues ripe for collaboration) and longer-term objectives with a process for addressing them.

We seek to convene the Committee in January 2026. Please respond to this letter with your interest in participating, as well as with the names of the designated representative and alternate by December 19, 2025, by emailing kerri.gump@yavapaiaz.gov.

We look forward to collaborating with you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Mallory". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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