

## CWAG NEWS & VIEWS

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**Time to renew or join!** Help us continue our work to achieve a sustainable water supply while maintaining the flows in the Verde River. It's time to pay your dues (still only \$25 per household!) for the calendar year, Jan. – Dec. 2010. Download our membership form at <http://www.cwagaz.org/aboutus.html>. **A big thank you to all who have renewed or joined for 2010!!**

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**CWAG Mar. 13 meeting--Subsidizing Growth: Bad Policy And The Myths That Support It.** Among the few things most economists agree on is the fact that, with a few well-understood exceptions, government involvement in the operation of markets can be expected to do more harm than good.

In a talk entitled "Subsidizing Growth: Bad Policy and the Myths that Support It," economist John Danforth will apply this general proposition to one category of government intervention, namely the provision of growth incentives by state and local governments, when he speaks to the Citizens Water Advocacy Group (CWAG) on Saturday, Mar. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 882 Sunset in Prescott (two blocks behind True Value).

Danforth will explain why the vast majority of these subsidies are wastes of taxpayer money. He will discuss the arguments used to convince local governments to provide growth incentives, and he will suggest a few things we taxpayers should demand from our elected representatives before they dole out these subsidies.

Prior to moving to Prescott, Danforth was a Senior Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Currently he operates his own economic consulting firm and serves on the boards of the Citizens Water Advocacy Group and the Citizens Tax Committee.

For more info, call 445-4218 or e-mail [info@cwagaz.org](mailto:info@cwagaz.org).

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**KYCA's Don Steel's report on the Feb.11 Special Joint Council meeting** includes key comments from Craig McConnell about the agreement-in-principle, his answer to my question about whether the BC pipeline is now on hold, and an interview with Gary Beverly. [Listen here . . .](#)

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**Senator Kyl talks about the SRP agreement-in-principle** on Prescott Councilwoman Mary Ann Suttle's KYCA show. Senator Kyl starts his remarks at -21:42. His comments on water begin at -19:05 and again at -10:30.

[Listen here . . .](#)

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**Prescott, Prescott Valley and SRP agree to peace terms** by Steve Ayers. PRESCOTT - In what can only be described as a historic moment in Yavapai County's ongoing battle over the Big Chino, the communities of Prescott and Prescott Valley have signed an agreement in principle with [Salt River Project](#), to drop their lawsuits and try to settle their differences on their own. [Read more . . .](#)

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**CWAG board member Ken Janecek**, Frank Butterworth and Ed Wolfe are the authors of "Artificial Recharge in the Southwestern US: The Problem of Emerging Chemical Contaminants" which will appear in the Mar/Apr 2010 issue of *The Professional Geologist*. Download a preprint of the article from the Verde Watershed Association Web site at <http://www.vwa.org/documents/artificial-recharge-butterworth-et-al.pdf>

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**Invitation to Participate in Working Groups of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustainability.** The Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Water Sustainability has now held its first two meetings. The sustainability goals of the Panel have been largely defined, and the Panel has heard its first three educational presentations. At the February meeting, chairpersons for five working groups were announced. These working groups were tasked to develop recommendations in support of the sustainability goals. The working groups will research the issues, and discuss and develop recommendations to present to the panel. The goals, working group documents, and a way to sign up if you are interested in participating can all be accessed through this [link](#) to the Blue Ribbon Panel (also on the home page of the Arizona Department of Water Resources website, [www.azwater.gov](http://www.azwater.gov)).

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**Salazar Proposes Water Study Funding.** Kirk Siegler (2010-02-01) DENVER, CO (KUNC) - Interior Secretary Ken Salazar is asking Congress to approve millions of dollars to tackle water and other climate change related problems in the West. [Read more . . .](#)

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**Even if you're careful, drugs can end up in water.** By CLARKE CANFIELD, *Associated Press Writer*. PORTLAND, Maine – The federal government advises throwing most unused or expired medications into the trash instead of down the drain, but they can end up in the water anyway, a study from Maine suggests. [Read more . . .](#)

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**If you have any items you'd like considered for inclusion in N&V,** please forward them to me, Leslie Hoy, at [priority@cablone.net](mailto:priority@cablone.net).

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