



City of Cortez
City Council
Agenda Memorandum

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Presentation Item

Meeting Date: April 9, 2019

MEMO TO: John Dougherty, City Manager
Mayor and Members of the Cortez City Council

FROM: Philip F. Johnson, Director of Public Works
Tracie Hughes, City Planner

SUBJECT: "VULNERABILITY, CONSEQUENCES, AND ADAPTATION PLANNING SCENARIOS"
(VCAPS) FOR THE CITY OF CORTEZ, 2018

ATTACHMENTS: VCAPS Executive Summary and Report

The City of Cortez and Western Water Assessment (WWA) partnered in 2018 to complete the Vulnerability, Consequences, and Adaptation Planning Scenarios (VCAPS). This consisted of two half-day workshops held in Cortez on October 2 – 3, 2018. City staff from several departments, and members of the Planning Commission and Council participated in the workshops.

Western Water Assessment (WWA) is a university-based applied research program that addresses societal vulnerabilities to climate variability and change, particularly those related to water resources. Based in Boulder, Colorado, they work across the Intermountain West—Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. Their mission is to conduct innovative research in partnership with decision makers in the Rocky Mountain West, helping them make the best use of science to manage for climate impacts.

Attached is the Executive Summary and Final Report that came as a result of the team's efforts. The Executive Summary provides additional information in brief on the process and outcome of the workshops. Attached to the full report is Appendix 1, which provides a list of proposed actions that can be taken in the future to address the drought scenarios.

We plan on making the executive summary and report outward facing to our community since the entire community will need to be involved as we manage water supplies into the future. We are developing a web page to include the report and other components: water conservation, education, and programs we will institute for awareness and protection of our precious resource.

Attachments

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