



Town of Camp Verde Vision Statement

"Camp Verde is welcoming, a safe community, a vibrant economy, thoughtfully growing, and offering an exceptional quality of life."

**AGENDA
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
SPECIAL SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
ZOOM MEETING LINK:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89457067105?pwd=TPVSeW6KhS3BYPr5CSw9yIR0zVHnRf.1>
one Tap Mobile: 1-253-215-8782 or 1-346-248-7799
Meeting ID: 894 5706 7105
Passcode: 648732**

Note: Council member(s) may attend Council Sessions either in person, by telephone, or internet/video conferencing.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call.** Council Members Brian Bolton, Robert Foreman, Robin Godwin, Jessie Murdock, Patricia Seybold, Vice Mayor Wendy Escoffier, and Mayor Marie Moore.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with Town Water Attorney Steve Wene, PLC, Moyes, Sellers & Hendricks, regarding updates on the Town of Camp Verde's Water Resources.** Resource: Town Water Attorney Steve Wene.
5. **An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with Town Water Attorney Steve Wene, PLC, Moyes, Sellers & Hendricks, regarding the ponds at the Verde Lakes Community Park.** Resource: Town Water Attorney Steve Wene.
6. **An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(6) for discussion or consultation for legal advice, consideration of litigation, and consultation regarding negotiations with members of a tribal council of an Indian reservation located within or adjacent to the Town. The purpose of the executive session is discussion with Town Water Attorney Steve Wene of Moyes, Sellers & Hendricks related to consideration of water settlement agreements and tribal negotiations with the Yavapai Apache Nation.** Resource: Town Water Attorney Steve Wene.
7. **Discussion, consideration and possible approval Resolution 2026-1206 authorizing the Mayor to sign an update to the Town's Water Settlement Agreement with the Yavapai-Apache Nation.** Resource: Town Water Attorney Steve Wene. Pg. 3
8. **Adjournment**

Note: Upon a public majority vote of a quorum of the Town Council, the Council may hold an executive session, which will not be open to the public, regarding any item listed on the agenda but only for the purpose of discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney as permitted by A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3). Any other executive sessions will be separately included on the agenda above if an executive session will be held at the meeting.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01 Meetings shall be open to the public - All meetings of any public body shall be public meetings and all persons so desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings. All legal action of public bodies shall occur during a public meeting. Pursuant to Town Code, Section 2-3-7.1 the Mayor shall call for a vote of the Council to allow the meeting to continue past the deadline of 10:00 p.m. The Town of Camp Verde Council Chambers is accessible to persons with disabilities. Those with special accessibility or accommodation needs, such as large typeface print, may request these at the Office of the Town Clerk at 928-554-0021.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at the Town of Camp Verde and Bashas on February 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Camp Verde Town Council with the Town Clerk

Leah Rhodes

Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk



Town Council

Agenda Information Memorandum

Meeting Date: February 18, 2026

Agenda Item Type:

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| ☐ Consent Agenda | ☐ Informational Presentation | ☐ Discussion Item |
| ☒ Action/Decision Item | ☐ Executive Session Request | ☐ Other: |

Requesting Department: Town Manager

Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher

Agenda Title: Discussion, consideration and possible approval Resolution 2026-1206 authorizing the Mayor to sign an update to the Town's Water Settlement Agreement with the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Attached Documents:

- Resolution 2026-1206
- YAN Water Settlement Agreement
 - **NOTE: Because the agreement is 676 pages, an individual copy will not be provided to each Council Member but rather a complete copy will be made available in the Clerk's Office.**

Estimated Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Estimated Discussion Time: 10 minutes

Reviewed By:

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| ☒ Town Manager | ☒ Legal | ☐ Risk Management | ☐ Finance | ☐ Other: |
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Financial Review (if applicable):

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| • Funding Source / GL Account Number: | | | | |
| • Approved in the FY26 Budget? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No | ☒ N/A | ☐ Other: |
| • Is this an approved CIP Project? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No | ☒ N/A | ☐ Other: |

Background Information:

The Water Rights Settlement Agreement between the Town of Camp Verde and the Yavapai-Apache Nation is a historic agreement that resolves water rights claims within the Verde River watershed. The agreement affirms the Nation's senior water rights, establishes recognized water budgets for the municipalities in the Verde Valley to support responsible growth, and creates a cooperative framework for long-term water management and infrastructure coordination.

The Camp Verde Town Council previously approved the Town's Agreement on August 7, 2024, through Resolution 2024-1147.

The agreement is coming back before Council for approval because the Nation's federal settlement legislation was reintroduced this legislative session by Representative Crane. Prior to reintroduction, minor grammatical and clarifying revisions were identified. These changes are non-substantive in nature and do not alter the material terms previously approved by the Town but are necessary to align the agreement with the updated federal legislative package, and therefore must be approved and signed by the Town again.

Question(s) before the Council:



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- Does Council have any questions for staff?

Proposed Motion:

I move to **APPROVE** Resolution 2026-1206 approving the update to the Town's Water Settlement Agreement with the Yavapai-Apache Nation and authorizing the Mayor to sign on behalf of the Town.

OR

I move to **DENY** Resolution 2026-1206.



RESOLUTION 2026-1206

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA APPROVING THE UPDATED YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AMONG THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE STATE OF ARIZONA, THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION, THE SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT, THE SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION, THE CENTRAL ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, AND THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, proceedings to determine the nature and extent of the rights to water in the Verde Valley are pending in the Gila River Adjudication proceedings; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the final resolution of the Gila River Adjudication may take many years, entail great expense, prolong uncertainty concerning the availability of water supplies, and seriously impair the long-term economic well-being of all parties, the Yavapai-Apache Nation, the Town of Camp Verde, and other neighboring non-Indian communities have agreed to permanently settle the water rights of the Yavapai-Apache Nation through the Yavapai-Apache Nation Water Rights Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Yavapai-Apache Nation, the United States as trustee for the Yavapai-Apache Nation, and the Town of Camp Verde have agreed to permanently settle and resolve the water rights claims and disputes among them consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde have determined that entering into the Settlement Agreement will further the interests and welfare of the Town's residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are adopted by the Town Council; and

Section 2. The Town Council of the Town of Camp Verde hereby approves the Yavapai-Apache Nation Water Rights Settlement Agreement in substantially the same form as attached in Exhibit A; and

Section 3. The Town Council of the Town of Camp Verde hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Yavapai-Apache Nation Water Rights Settlement Agreement and all documents necessary to carry out the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Town of Camp Verde and hereby authorizes the Town Manager and Town Attorney to take all action necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a majority vote of the Common Council at the regular meeting of February 18, 2026.

Marie Moore, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk

Trish Stuhan, Town Attorney