

Diamond Valley Waste Water District Working Group

Q & A

1. What is a Waste Water District and how is it formed?

Answer: A Waste Water District is a self-governing board comprised of land owners in an area that intend to undertake the development or expansion of a waste water (sewer) system. A District is formed by the County Supervisors after receiving signed petitions from sixty percent (60%) of the affected land owners.

2. What are the benefits and drawbacks to forming a District?

Answer: The *benefits* of forming a district are many and include elimination of on-site septic and alternate waste water systems, and upon completion, maintenance of the sewer system could be conveyed to the Town of Prescott Valley. Lastly, water and sewer rates could be stabilized as they currently are assessed within the Town.

A *drawback* to establishing a district and installing sewers is the costs of the system that has yet to be determined. These costs could be covered by issuing assessments to property owners that would be paid over the course of several decades and would transfer with property ownership.

3. If a district is formed, can the improvement include both water and sewer infrastructure?

Answer: Yes.

4. Upon installation of these improvements, how will they be maintained?

Answer: They could be maintained by the district or could be dedicated to the Town for maintenance purposes.

5. How might these improvements be paid for?

Answer: The costs would be shared by all property owners within the district utilizing bonds issued by the Federal Government.

6. If the Town of Prescott Valley is to maintain these improvements, will annexation to the Town be necessary?

Answer: Yes. The Town does not maintain infrastructure outside of Town limits.

7. If Annexed by the Town?

A. Will my property taxes increase?

Answer: The Town of Prescott Valley does not have a property tax. The taxes paid currently to the County would not change as a result of forming a Waste Water District and completion of a sewer system.

B. Will my address be changed?

Answer: No. The current address of properties in Diamond Valley would not change as mail service is provided to the area from the Prescott Post Office.

C. Will the School District that my child attends be the same?

Answer: Yes. Diamond Valley is within the Prescott Unified School District boundaries.

D. Will the current Fire Department service from CYFD continue?

Answer: Yes.

E. What will these improvements costs?

Answer: Costs have yet to be determined and will need to be clarified by the Board of Directors of the Waste Water District and approved by affected property owners within the District before improvements can take place.

F. Sidewalks – Curbs – Streetlights?

Answer: These improvements will only be installed if the residents of the District elect to do so.

G. How would Code Enforcement work if we were annexed to the Town?

Answer: Code Enforcement in the Town is conducted on a proactive basis. If a property is in compliance with current Yavapai County Zoning Ordinances, it will be in compliance with Town Code. Based on state law, a Town or City must administer the codes that were in place when an area is annexed into the Town or City.

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