

Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council Water Ethic as Adopted June 25, 2010

The Ethic:

Water is life. As individuals and as a community, we take responsibility for our region's water. We value water for its social, cultural, and environmental roles. We have an ethical obligation to manage water and use it in a purposeful manner, recognizing our choices and their consequences. To quote Aldo Leopold, "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

The Purpose:

The Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council promotes water planning, policy, and practices to coordinate our efforts on a regional scale, incorporating varied interests and needs in northern Arizona. We take responsibility for future generations by using this ethic to guide our management and use of water today. This ethic will aid the Northern Arizona community in developing law, policy, and practices to deal with issues pertaining to water use, sustainability, and development.