

COTTONWOOD — The Verde Village Property Owners Association is going to study the options for sewerage in the community with a \$200,000 grant from the American Rescue Plan Act.

A public kickoff meeting to discuss a grant-funded sewer-feasibility study for the community will be on Feb. 21, at 7 p.m., according to Patti Greeneltch, president of the Verde Village Property Owners Association,

“This meeting is an opportunity for the community residents to ask questions regarding the project and provide information from the team to the community,” she said.

Greeneltch was notified by Yavapai County about the federal grant for a waste-water study.

“The feasibility will evaluate potential partnering options – onsite or offsite facilities, what a sewer collection system would look like, obstacles and challenges, and what are the options for the reuse of the recycled water,” said Mark Holmes LLC - Senior Environmental Consultant. “What are all the options for sewerage the Verde Village and estimated capital costs should this community decide to develop a sewer system in the future.”

HDR Engineering is going to do the grant, Greeneltch said. And provide the people in the Verde Villages with different options if they would be needed someday for whatever reason.

“This study will not examine the current state of private septic systems within the community,” Holmes pointed out.

Greeneltch said Verde Villages are not hooked up to any sewer systems, but could be someday if the city was interested, or they might hook into to a smaller wastewater plant.

Holmes said there are several reasons why this study is very important: 1. High density septic systems of 4-6 units per acres in the Verde Villages; 2. The State of Arizona is Adjudicating the Verde River; 3. With current drought conditions and climate change impacting all our water supplies, water managers are working towards developing better water-management and watershed plans that allow for renewable water supplies.

The meeting will be held at the Verde Village Community Room located at 4855 E. Broken Saddle Drive, Cottonwood.

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