

USD Water Forum: Save Water, Safe Life

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Table 2 Notes

Option 1 – Live Within Our Means

- Awareness of water as resource
 - Info/stats for water usage
 - Price increase = incentive
 - More change, more long term effect
 - Low income families affected
 - Disadvantage?
 - Taking away convenience instead of increasing price
- New homes = stricter requirements
 - This can take too long
 - Houses now – going back is too hard
- Big business too much water, will that deter them?
- Small business cost effect?
- Water options need to be CLEAR
 - Awareness isn't enough
- Education for children on water conservation – Fear tactics = NOT ENOUGH
- Change needs to be radical/long-term
- Almond/watermelon farms = \$ Suffering
- Keep water usage local
- Water tax – increase conversation but resistance
 - Water credit threshold eliminates overuse? Use X amount; after that, cut-off
- Commercial housing limitations
- Change culture of “beauty” with landscaping -> succulents
- Environment – anger that environment comes before people.
 - Feasible? Time is important
 - We need large scale change.

What water means to you? (Expanded introductions at conclusion of Option 1)

- Water is the new oil—anger spurs in dry regions i.e., North Africa
- Water for granted – Hometown influence (CO, WA); moving to CA, more awareness
- Water bottles—reusable/not. Very important to Californians.
- Grass / greenery
- What ‘being in a drought’ means for daily life.
- Let go of personal preferences, i.e., fewer fruits/veggies that require water

Option 2 – Enable the State to Regulate Resources

Discussion	Tradeoffs/Pro-Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask for water at restaurants • Paradigm of sustainability • Hydro-power/desalination • Turn it over to the individual or the community level • It should be a human rights issue • City level is best • Report on sustainable ground water act • CO2 cap on usage • Cap & Trade • East County Water Plant • Polluting our water resources • Desert in So Cal; forest in Nor Cal • When it rains, it's difficult to store the water • San Diego was poorly built for rainstorms • Desalination of rising water levels • Invest in private water companies • Get state level involved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tricky when you regulate so much • Democratic socialism rising in America • Unconstitutional to regulate so much • Companies are using too much water • Makes it a more personal issue • Flint, MI -> dirty water to citizens • Better than state level • Leads to better public education • Use of chemicals to purify water -> is this good? • Excess bacteria in the water • Turned water into non-renewable resource • The water priorities are different depending on where you live • State responsible for improving conditions • Disruptive to natural environment • Energy problem ≠ water problem • More money for research

Option 3 – Regions Allocating Water

- Let regions make their own compromises
- Abuse of water – Reps to decide who needs water most / keep balance
 - Each region -> control regional uses
 - Ban water abusive things i.e., slip/slides
- “Water treaty?”
- New ideas for at home conservation
 - Toilet to tap = new marketing
 - Look into other countries’ water ideas
 - Put aside pride
 - Ocean water to fresh water, ways to utilize the ocean – Short term fix
 - Would that create new rules for coastal regions?
 - Who pays for desalination? (State)
- Desalination

PROS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More water - Used minimally could be very helpful 	CONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tons of energy use - disrupt marine life - Ugly for oceanfront property
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- Values
 - We need multiple sources of change
 - Sewage, conservation, desalination
 - Regions should be responsible for deciding what to do/how to get water
 - Drier regions may be left without water
 - Pair dry regions with a district for water sharing
 - We have changed regions into things they are not supposed to be