

# WELCOME

















### John Soulliere Mission Springs Water District















## Session 4!















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# Bringing Water into the Coachella Valley

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#### Streams

- Chino Creek, Falls Creek, Snow Creek

- About 5% of DWA supply
- Less than 1% of supply valley wide









### Aquifer

- 39 million acre feet (MAF) in first 1000 feet

- Each year valley uses about .3 MAF of groundwater
- About 130 years worth of water
- -Depth to water varies





#### Basin map



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#### Inflows







#### Balance













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#### State Water Contractor

#### CALIFORNIA STATE WATER PROJECT



#### • Two of 29 in the state

- That's why DWA was formed back in 1961
- Work with DWR to maintain statewide system
- Pay to import water



#### Sierra Nevada





Jan, 28 2017

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#### The Delta



- More than 30 million acre feet flow through each year
- About half the total river flow in the state passes through this region
- Supplies an estimated 7 million acre feet of water per year to approximately 23 million people



### State Water Project

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#### Earthquakes







Before



After

#### CA WaterFix

- Twin tunnels single tunnel?
- Increase reliability and deliveries
- Less vulnerable to quakes
- Won't be completed for decades
- Still pending



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### SoCal end point



- Ends at Lake Perris
- Furthest east extension in Beaumont

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#### Possible routes to



Two routes

- Lucerne Valley
  88 miles
- San Gorgonio Pass
  38 miles
- Would cost about \$1.6B



### MWD exchange







- Trade Colorado River water for State water
- Avoid building +\$1.6B pipeline
- Saves ratepayer money
- Guaranteed delivery
- Get advanced deliveries to help groundwater levels



#### Colorado River



- Trade Colorado River water for State water
- Avoid building +\$2B pipeline
- Saves ratepayer money
- Get advanced deliveries to help groundwater levels

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#### Water replenishment



- Two west valley facilities for SWP
- One mid-valley location being built

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 One east valley location

#### Water replenishment



















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### COLORADO RIVER WATER AND THE COACHELLA VALLEY

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COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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#### COACHELLA VALLEY WATER SOURCES



- GROUNDWATER AQUIFER
- NATURAL INFLOWS
- CA STATE WATER PROJECT
- COLORADO RIVER



#### COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM

#### COMPLEX SYSTEM RULED BY THE "LAW OF THE RIVER"

A COLLECTION OF AGREEMENTS, COMPACTS, LEGISLATION, U.S. SUPREME COURT DECREE, INTERNATIONAL TREATY





#### COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM

- Seven U.S. States
  - WY, UT, CO, NV, AZ, CA, NM
- Two Mexican States
  - Baja, Sonora
- Two Basins: Upper and Lower
- Originates in Colorado
- Flows 1,450 Miles
- Green, San Juan, Little Colorado, and Gila Rivers
- Outlets to Sea of Cortez
- Transported Outside the Basin



#### 1922 COLORADO RIVER COMPACT

DIVIDES 15 MAF BETWEEN UPPER AND LOWER BASINS

- Growth and Development in West
- 7.5 MAF/Year to Upper Basin
- 7.5 MAF/Year to Lower Basin
- Water Originates in Upper Basin, Used in Lower Basin
- Reserves Water for future Upper Basin development
- Allows continued development in Lower Basin



#### 01928 BOULDER CANYON PROJECT ACT

#### ALLOCATES 7.5 MAF BETWEEN THE LOWER BASIN STATES

- LIMITS CALIFORNIA TO 4.4 MILLION ACRE-FEET
- HOOVER DAM, IMPERIAL DAM, ALL-AMERICAN CANAL AND COACHELLA CANAL
- ➢ 1944 U.S. MEXICO TREATY FOR UTILIZATION OF WATERS OF THE COLORADO AND TIJUANA RIVERS AND THE RIO GRANDE
- >1964 U.S. SUPREME COURT DECREE ARIZONA V. CALIFORNIA SUPPORTS ALLOCATIONS



Allocations	(MAF):
California	4.4
Arizona	2.8
Nevada	0.3
	7.5
Mexico	1.5





Average annual flow

13.8 million acre feet

#### **Basin divisions**

Total basic divisions	18.5 million acre feet
Evaporation, etc.	1.0 million acre feet
Mexico	1.5 million acre feet
Lower basin states (additional water if available)	1.0 million acre feet
Lower basin states (California, Nevada, Arizona)	7.5 million acre feet
Upper basin states (Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico)	7.5 million acre feet

#### Lower basin state allotments

California	4.4 million acre feet
Arizona	2.8 million acre feet
Nevada	300,000 acre feet

#### Priorities within California

1.	Water to irrigate 104,500 acres in Palo Verde Irrigation District	
2.	Water to irrigate 25,000 acres in Yuma Project (California Division)	3.85 million
3α.	Imperial Irrigation District & Coachella Valley County Water District	total
3b.	Water to irrigate an additional 16,000 acres in Palo Verde	
4.	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	550,000 acre feet
5α.	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	550,000 acre feet
5b.	City and County of San Diego	112,000 acre feet
6α.	IID and CVCWD	300.000 acre feet
6b.	Water to irrigate an additional 16,000 acressin	total
Tot	al divisions within California	62 million αcre feet

#### 1931 SEVEN PARTY AGREEMENT

CALIFORNIA PARTIES DIVIDE THE 4.4 MAF

- SETTLES CONFLICT BETWEEN MUNICIPAL AND AGRICULTURE
- PALO VERDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT, CVWD, YUMA PROJECT, METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES, AND SAN DIEGO





#### 2003 QUANTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (QSA) MWD, IID, CVWD

FIRMS UP THE 4.4 MAF WATER SUPPLY BETWEEN CALIFORNIA PARTIES



- CA WAS CONSISTENTLY DIVERTING GREATER THAN 4.4 MAF
- 75 YEAR AGREEMENT ALLOWS PLANNING FOR FUTURE
- PROVIDES FOR TRANSFERS BETWEEN AGENCIES

#### >2007 INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR LOWER BASIN

- LOWER BASIN OPERATING CRITERIA IN DROUGHT/LOW STORAGE
- CONSIDERS STORAGE IN LAKE POWELL AND LAKE MEAD
- CVWD WATER RIGHTS ARE SECURE


#### WHO BENEFITS?

- 25 MILLION PEOPLE FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICE
- 22 NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES
- 5.5 MILLION ACRES OF IRRIGATED LAND
- 7 NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES
- 4 NATIONAL RECREATION AREAS
- 11 NATIONAL PARKS
- ✓ AND THE COACHELLA VALLEY



#### CONVEYANCE OF COLORADO RIVER WATER

- COACHELLA BRANCH OF THE ALL-AMERICAN CANAL
- Constructed 1934 1948
- 123 miles to Lake Cahuilla
- CVWD Distribution System



#### COACHELLA VALLEY'S ECONOMY

- **#1 Tourism/Recreation** 
  - \$4 billion per year
  - 19,000 people employed

#### **#2 Agriculture**

- \$1 billion per year
- 12,000 people employed

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## **Public Finance**

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### The Economics of Water 101.5



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#### **Overview**

- General principals for every public agency
- The difference between Public Finance and the Economics of Water
- Public finance
- The economics of water
- Q&A





#### **General principals for public agencies**

- The service we actually provide
- Water (and wastewater) is a 24/7 operation
- There are numerous methods of cost recovery that all must lead to the same end results:
  - Cover 100% of costs
  - Have a nexus to expenses
  - No profit
- Governed by an elected board





# What is the difference between Public Finance and the Economics of Water?

- Working definitions:
  - Public finance:
    - STEWARDSHIP of, and accounting for the publics' assets in a government agency
  - Economics of water:
    - The internal and external factors that influence the cost of production, distribution and consumption of water.







Matt McCue, Director of Administrative Services and Finance

#### **PUBLIC FINANCE**







#### Local government authority—where does it come from?

- Authority and Accountability
  - Local government obtains its authority to exist and function from the State Legislature
  - The conduct of all business is controlled by a combination of State Statutes (Codes), State Constitution and case law
  - A Board of Directors has the legal and fiduciary responsibility to follow all the laws
  - In addition to those laws there are the industry practices that are taken into consideration





#### **Regulatory Framework**

#### Fiscal Checks and balances:

#### Transparency and the State controller's Office (www.sco.ca.gov)

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This page contains information pertaining to single audit submissions and guidelines for audits of local government agencies.

Welcome to the California State Controller's Office (SCO) Single Audits of local government agencies web pages. The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) issued December 26, 2013, consolidated various Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars, including OMB Circular A-133. Effective for fiscal years beginning after December 25, 2014, 2 CFR 200.501 requires non-Federal entities that expend \$750,000 or more in Federal awards in a fiscal year to have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that fiscal year. Guidance on determining Federal awards expended is provided in accordance with 2 CFR 200.502. The dollar threshold was previously \$500,000 under OMB Circular A-133. The SCO is the single audit oversight agency for most California local governments, ensuring the State of California carries out its responsibilities in accordance with this federal act. This site will help you find information applicable to the single audits process.

#### Single Audit Guidance

Information	and	Instructions

#### State Agency Resources

- » Single Audit Requirement
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- -> Federal OMB Circular A-133 Page
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- » Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance



#### **Regulatory Framework**

#### Audits:

California Government Code Section 6505 requires that annually public agencies shall contract with a Certified Public Accountant. (s) ... and shall conform to generally accepted auditing standards. .... And that significant estimates used by management fairly present the financial position of the District. The audit report shall be filed within twelve months after the end of the fiscal year under examination.





#### **Regulatory Framework**



- TRANSPARENCY!
- Regular reporting to the Board
- Public agendas
- Books are "open"





#### **Standards and qualifications**



"You seem to have the qualifications we're looking for in an accountant"

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- Qualifications
- Ongoing education
- Qualified staff





#### **Board of Directors as Fiduciary Agents**

- Balance stewardship of agency, public interest, health and safety.
- Final fiduciary responsibility







#### Rates and cost recovery

 Agency is required to remain whole – CA Water Code, Section 31007:

The rates and charges to be collected by the district and shall be so fixed as to yield an amount sufficient to do each of the following: (a) Pay the operating expenses of the district.

(b) Provide for repairs and depreciation of works owned or operated by the district.(c) Pay the interest on any bonded debt.





#### Rates and cost recovery

- The rate/charge must reflect the cost of providing the service—"Nexus"
- Rate/charge must be equitable
- Rate/charge can not be discriminatory
  - Prop. 218 precluded the use of "Senior" discounts
  - If one class of customer is charged less than actual cost, other customers would be charged more





#### Water is Free: Getting it to the Customers Safely Costs Money

- Extraction (Wells)
- Treatment
- Storage
- Transmission
- Distribution

- Measurement (Billing)
- Maintenance of entire system
- Sustainability (perpetual)
- Regulatory compliance





#### Water and Sewer Utilities

- Have to abide by the laws
- Also have to abide by Regulatory Requirements:
  - Department of Health Services
  - Regional Water Quality Control Board
  - Occupational Safety and Heath Administration
  - California Environmental Quality Act
  - Fair Labor Standards
- Provide service 24/7





### **District Cash (Sources- Uses)**



#### The "218" Process

#### • What is Prop 218?

- The "Right to Vote on Taxes Act of 1996"
- "This measure ... limits the methods by which local governments exact revenue from taxpayers without their consent."
- any levy ... imposed by an agency upon a parcel or upon a person as an incident of property ownership, including a user fee or charge for a property-related service."





#### The "218" Process

- Cost of services study
- Open and transparent
- Noticing requirements
- Public information meetings (smart but not required)
- Public Hearing/protest hearing





#### **Cost of Services Study**

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MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

Water and Sewer

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Cost of Service Study

December 9.2015 Final Report

- 6 months
- ~\$75,000
- Foundation of proposed rate action



#### **Cost of Services Study**

MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT Water and Sewer Cost of Service Study Final Report NILLDAN

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- Fixed cost
  - Reoccurring
     regardless of variable
     factors
- Volumetric charges
  - Variable, can change quickly



## Water industry cost recovery challenge

Fixed v. variable costs

Fixed costs 80%

varable costs 20%





## Water industry cost recovery challenge

Fixed v. Variable revenue

Fixed revenue 30%

Variable revenue 70%





## Water industry cost recovery challenge

- Fixed costs decrease very little when use drops.
- Rates must go up to cover cost or costs must be decreased.
- We don't like volatility!





#### Reserves

 What is a "reserve" fund and why is there so much money in it?







John Soulliere, Conservation and Public Affairs Officer

### **ECONOMICS OF WATER**



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#### **Economics of Water**

- Working Definition:
  - The internal and external factors that influence the cost of production, distribution and consumption of water.









### Equilibrium

- Economic equilibrium is a condition or state in which economic forces are balanced.
- Water equilibrium is concerned with capacity and demand.







#### Value of Water



- Priority and perception, not pricing
- Consumer buying decisions and perceived value





#### Value of Water

- Soda: \$1.29 = 482 gal
- Bottled water \$0.99 = 370 gal
- Water machine \$0.30 = 112 gal
- "Brita" style pitcher \$0.16 = 60 gal






#### Rate Survey – Water – SFR @(1,300 Cubic Ft per Mo.

Comparison of Average Monthly Residential Water Bill @ 1,300 Cubic Feet / Mo



Factors that affect equilibrium in the water industry

# GET YOUR HANDS OFF MY EQUILIBRIUM!





# Messing with equilibrium

The playing field

- Water systems are built on max demand assumptions.
- Rates are set to equalize capacity and delivery costs, with volumetric sales.
- Fixed charges and fixed revenue are not equalized in CA.
- Volumetric (variable) charges are not equalized.





# **Capacity Supply and Demand**



- System built for demand of 600 gal per household per day.
- After conservation serving 325 gal per household per day.
- Shortfall revenue of 275 gal per household per day.
- Downward pressure on water use is upward pressure on water cost!



### Lower use = higher cost: Why?

Total cost to operate and maintain system

Reduced No. of customers, and/or consumption & overall revenue

Higher cost per unit of water





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#### DOWNWARD PRESSURE ON WATER USE IS UPWARD PRESSURE ON WATER

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# The Equilibrium of Tequila!

U.S. EDITION 🗸 Mon, Feb 26, 2018

# **Newsweek**



"TEQUILA'S AGAVE PLANT IS FACING A GLOBAL SHORTAGE: WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR DRINKERS?"





# Upward pressure that impacts equilibrium

Economic downturn





#### **PRODUCTION/CONSUMPTION/REVENUE CURVE**



#### Economic downturn—results

TAXES

- Foreclosures
- Lower water sales
- Lost property taxes





#### Equalizing the new normal



# Upward pressure that impacts equilibrium

- Economic downturn
- External pressure on costs





#### Upward pressures—costs The disturbing trend



#### Upward pressure—regulatory

- Water and Wastewater test reports \$103,000
- Sludge disposal increased \$450,000
- Uranium treatment up to \$550,000
- Environmental compliance \$50,000
- Permits and Licensing \$120,000
- Plans \$250,000

#### \$1,500,0000 = \$10/mo. per account





#### **Upward pressure**—regulatory

#### Average Annual Premiums for Single and Family Coverage, 1999-2015



SOURCE: Kaiser/HRET Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits, 1999-2015.







# Upward pressure that impacts equilibrium

- Economic downturn
- External cost pressure on costs
- Bright ideas
  - #1
  - #2





# Upward pressure—bright Idea #1

 The ambitious Vice President







#### PRODUCTION/CONSUMPTION/REVENUE CURVE



### Proud but nervous!

- CV Water Counts Agencies water savings since 2015
  - 32,375,870,757 Gallons
  - 100,000 acre feet
  - 50,000 households for a year





# Upward pressure—bright Idea #2

CA Water Tax







#### **CA Water Tax**



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- Intended to assist rural, lowincome communities with access to safe drinking water
- SB 623 (and the Gov's FY2019 budget) would tax drinking water
- Forces water agencies to collect taxes for Sac.
  - Increased upward pressure on local agencies (rates!)















# Final Word on Proposition 218

- Pricing signals—by permission only!
- We want a say!





#### **First Lesson**

- The wallet of government
  - It doesn't have one
  - If the public perceives waste or excess, they will not hear anything you have to say.
  - Transparency REALLY does matter.



# **Second Principle**

- It's not what you know, nor what the public knows. It's what the public knows that YOU know.
  - Don't underestimate the public's need to know about the changes you are making.





# **Third Principle**

- A sense of ownership will lead to a sense of stewardship.
  - Generally, people will take better care of what they own.
  - Empowering the public to make decisions based on good stewardship through awareness of ownership.





### **DEAR 1-PERCENTERS: STAY INFORMED!**









