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Questions	Suggestions
Do we need an Ordinance change to require a new owner of a domestic well to install a meter and report use by allowed type? What is the actual cost of a satellite reporting meter on a grandfathered or newly permitted well?	Also, there are hose-end meters that can help people track hand watering. Please including an evaluation of actual sustainable water use (using only what’s rechargeable within our watershed) in addition to percentage legally available “water rights” when giving feedback to water users.
Did the additional land annexed to the city come with wells active or lapsed? What will it take to get them on City pipes? Who gets the rights?	Santa Barbara County Greywater Handbook, look at this – it’s explicit about adapting to climate change and changing expectations about high water use plants for landscaping.
Is it possible to have a home inspection for WERS rating that would result in a property tax reduction or increase?	Composting toilet reference plans and designs approved by AZ department of Environmental Quality Promoting composting toilets would be a good way (perhaps) of creating a sense of urgency around water and climate. Follow AZ.
What would it take to add more detailed report to the annual report – Schools, hospitals, nursery homes, medical offices, food farming, crop farming, various government buildings and offices, Parks, Open Space, Fire & EM, City Offices, Retail Commercial, Restaurants, Industrial, etc. categories?	The process to obtain input from public would benefit from statements that present some organizing principles. i.e., statements of long range goals or long range plans that a “5 year plan” could address. If you don’t present some statements then we will flounder with these and not make much progress on the 5 year plan.
How can we determine the location type of domestic wells in the City – Schools, hospitals, nursery homes, medical offices, food farming, crop farming, various government buildings and offices, Parks, Open Space, Fire & EM, City Offices, Retail Commercial, Restaurants, Industrial, etc. categories?	Provide education around rainwater-based landscaping plans, where water needs don’t generally exceed rainwater catchment supply. The irrigation system is hooked to rain catchment tanks which are able to be topped off with City water when needed.
What are the # of wells and which types of use are permitted? How many acre feet allowed? How many use all types of water permitted? Use = Domestic, Irrigation, Animals	During the El Rio/Blue Buffalo Apartment hearings a lot of people got up and said I am doing a spongebath and carrying around one gallon buckets – and here 500 apts can walk in and use up my 25 years of conservation in an instant. So why should I continue this work? So to combat this run a permanent contest of send in your conservation story and we’ll put you in for a drawing once a quarter for \$100 in gift certificates from the mall to reward you for your hard work.
What would it take to hook up all (most) homes to either : Compostable toilets and kitchen waste OR City Waste Water To improve groundwater quality and increase flow to WWTP	More specific information on the incentives, rebates, credits
What is the number of City homes that still have septic tanks active and do not contribute to the wastewater process?	The conversation gets confused when the layers get mixed – Hydrology, Geology, Nature’s Needs, Engineering, Infrastructure, Testing, Human Behavior of consumers, uses, hoarding, health
Is wastewater still it’s own Enterprise Zone? Or has it been merged into the Water Company Enterprise Zone?	Consider “contest” with local schools re: water conservation initiatives.
Feedback systems are important. The EyeOnWater app sounds good – is there a way to adapt it to display on a meter installed near a water use point in the home?	

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Are hotels targets for conservation education?	
What 4 alternatives are the City reviewing for Re-Use?	
What are the growth estimates for both residential and business – type of growth.	
How can the City project population growth demographic and water to make more accurate?	
How much does residential save and is there potential for more?	
How much does business use?	
Some think water conservation is a bad idea in terms of lowering gpcd but decreasing efficiency. Harden demand?	
How much water is in our groundwater and how long can it last?	
How many city wells are there and how are they regulated by City? Are they rechargeable and how deep do they go? This is a question of recharge and sustainability.	
How do you justify 9” to 1 ft = 6,000af?	
What is our largest source of surface water? Colorado River shared by 7 states in river compact. How then is it shared? What are the long-term projections for it? WCC Chair mentioned Fleck book.	
Are you looking at stormwater to capture more and use it?	
Please explain the difference between paper water and real water?	
What obligations to discharge water downstream do we have?	
What is the season use of residential gpcd?	
How is the City tracking drought and the aquifer?	
As City grows, it annexes the County. Is the County working as hard as the City? Councilor explained WCC met twice with County Water Policy Advisory Committee and plan to meet again. Want to explore how City and County share supply so not a silo. County relies on City for water and we are creating a dialogue for common water.	
In the waterbank, can a customer save water in one area of her home and use that savings to account for additional demand in another – like a new toilet and clothes washer saving enough to cover a hot tub? Why not (toilet retrofit credits)?	
The City uses different verbs such as reduces water, use water and produce water. Produced water can be sold. Way we talk about water such as extraction. Saving water is traditional idea that indicates water is publicly owned and tied to incentives.	
Are we doing anything to recycle wastewater? What are we doing about large areas such as golf courses? What are our long-term goals for places like golf courses and soccer fields? Mentioned 4 ways to optimize options and tradeoffs. Effluent and stromwater not historically seen as supply – do we have opportunities to do differently?	
Are there groundwater incentives? Yes, rebates.	
We need change the paradigm about those who make a mess like dry cleaner at Baca Street and who should pay for the clean-up. How is quality of water protected at Baca Street? (DOE)	

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Would the City consider composting toilets to make their own carbon back into the soil with hardly any water AND can the City provide information on how to do a compost toilet?	
What water rights do we have to offset volume of water used vs. where we are at?	
City and Aamodt – to access water to buy water to offset water to down streamers?	
Why don't we use more stormwater? Belongs to someone else like farmers downstream.	
But we collect storm water on our roof and there is an incentive? State engineer looks the other way.	
How does the City interact with other part of demand to build houses? Mentioned WCC policies (need to include on website w link?) such as land use zoning, construction efficiencies.	
What is the City's vision about long-term planning about growth? How do we do this? Councilor: Long-range planning, transportation, water – all inform what community use will be. Now is the time to renew these and lots of studies available to inform that vision. (need those plans links on website?). Someone mentioned that growth equals affordable housing.	
How do we maintain a sense of urgency and awareness in the public mind? When do we send drought information or send a message of reassurance? (Review current ad campaign of one water, value water with food security (mentioned), urban forest (mentioned), public safety, etc.	
What is the status of the stormwater management plan and how much coordination is there? EPA just got the information 2 months ago and will look for synergies.	
Why do water conservation programs only apply to City customers and not domestic wells? The way incentives work – credit to City water bill account.	
What about the enforcement program – are there checks and balances between City/County? Claudia indicated they mirror each other.	
State water trust board role and requiring having conservation plan if accepting public money then water conservation has to be part of it.	
What kind of audits do you provide?	
Can you do a landscaping evaluation and provide what types of plants should be planted? (have ap)	
What pilot projects are you working on? Are hotels a part of it?	
How much water savings from smart meters?	
Can we do more about collecting rainwater around asphalt and cement?	
Is the City aware of the importance of planting more trees (appropriate) to combat drought – urban forest? What trees should the City be planting now?	
What about drought and the relationship to food...planting own gardens for food?	

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