

Transcript of Comments: ESWS Listening & Learning Session,  
Warner Park Community Recreation Center, Thursday, June 30, 2011

Town Hall Questions- 4:45 p.m. session

- Do you know exactly where the Well 3 replacement will be?
- Are residential rates higher than for other water users?
- With conservation rates, would people who use less be rewarded for that?
- Will work for Well 15 be in the upcoming budget?
- When you do your planning, how much do you consider future growth on the north side?
- How are you dealing with the new chemicals that might get into the system?
- How does conserving water affect the water utility costs and revenue?
- What words can you give to residents of Marquette area to assure them about the quality of their water, especially with the plume of contaminants in the ground?
- How are you going to find out if the plume will contaminate their water?
- Is there an understanding of how large the original dump of chemicals was?
- What's involved in making a Mass-Balance Assessment?
- Is there anything happening in the dry-cleaning industry to move away from the use of PCE?
- Regarding pharmaceuticals: is there any possibility of the water utility collecting these?
- How far ahead are you looking to develop grey-water systems to help with conservation?
- What is grey water?
- Is there an interest in MWU to build a critical mass to influence the DNR in approving the use of grey water systems?
- Is the use of grey water systems illegal?
- Is this the first time to have a CAP for a project like this?
- Is the cost for electronic monthly metering in the budget?
- What are the preliminary solution for dealing with the VOC at wells?
- What is the percentage of users in the project area (i.e. residential, industrial, commercial)?
- What is PCE?
- What are some of the options for cleaning the VOC at Well 15?
- What is the difference in physicality between a scrubber and a filter?
- What is the physical make up or what does the filter look like?
- What does the health of the city look like in regards to the water system?
- Is the 9 Spring wastewater plant used to recharge groundwater?

### Town Hall Questions- 6:30 p.m. session

- What happens to the VOCs & PCEs that get filtered out of the water?
- What can people do about the contaminants in their water?
- Why does the EPA not regulate contaminants together rather than as individual chemicals/contaminants?
- PCE = tetrachloroethylene/ perchloroethylene – dry cleaning solvent / degreaser. (tetra/per= four) Not to be confused with TCE = trichloroethylene.
- What about households that would prefer to filter but can't afford filters?
- Does the panel drink filtered water or out of the tap? What about filtering at the wells?
- Will Well 8 be replaced or filtered? When?
- What would happen if VOC levels at Well 15 exceeded EPA standard levels before MWU was ready/ before project was completed?

### Water Supply & Demand Round Table Comments

- Seasonal wells—when they are on and why
- Toilet rebates and other conservation efforts

### Water Quality Round Table Comments

- Question on nitrate at Well 13. Joe Grande information answered question (see print out of inorganics)
- How do we ever get the hormones and other meds out?