



Dec 1, 2018 Community Workshop Meeting Notes

Plan for Water kicked-off public input with the first community workshop on Saturday, December 1. More than 70 people turned out to participate, representing a diverse group of stakeholders including local electeds, educators, ranchers, farmers, engineers, artists, scientists, civic-minded individuals, and other community members. The process is deeply grateful to all those who attended. The energy and interest in the room was palpable throughout the two-hour timeframe, despite challenges from rain and cold.

Assistant General Manager Greg Jones opened the workshop with an overview on how the Plan for Water process will create a strategic vision for NID's water management plans and subsequent programs and projects. With that context in mind, the facilitation team sorted participants into six breakout groups to focus on gathering input around what is important to the community regarding water resources, and what the participants would like to see in the Plan for Water process. Groups worked through the input exercises for more than an hour, generating a significant log of comments and considerations from everyone who attended.

Themes generated from the input session included:

- Increased watershed resource management with community involvement.
- Protect local community (reservoir maintenance, forest management, local agriculture, recreation, energy and economic growth).
- Best practices for water conservation with education and incentives.
- Accurate data and accessible information for needs assessment, knowledge sharing and comprehensive resource planning.
- Leadership, education and transparent public engagement in decision making to bridge gap between water manager and the community.
- Ensure safe drinking water.
- Sustainable water management with innovative water utilization and expansion to ensure a secure water future.
- Fostering natural methods through ecological stewardship.
- Address concerns over Centennial reservoir project.
- Integrated management of surface and ground water.

These themes include common areas of consideration for water management while also touching on specific considerations that are more unique to the District. The scale of the discussions provided a solid foundation of input for the process to build upon. The input generated by each breakout group is contained in this document. The title of each column is that group's summation of the theme held by the items discussed. At the conclusion of the process, participants placed a dot on the area that was especially important to them.

Dec 1, 2018 Community Meeting Notes – Group A-D

“What is important to you concerning water in our community? What would you like to see in place?”

Water Agency Knowledge Gathering & Sharing 	Prioritizing Sustainable Local Use with a Secure Water Future 	Innovative Water Utilization and Expansion 	Increased Watershed Resource Management 	Healthy Economic Growth and Public Education
<p>Accurate water usage data</p> <p>Know where our water flows</p> <p>Historical and projected yearly precipitation variation</p> <p>Can conservation account for future “need”?</p> <p>Most current information on climate change</p>	<p>Prioritize local farms and community over selling out of county</p> <p>Adequate water for agriculture – raw & ground</p> <p>Lack of access to water (representation)</p> <p>Maintain per capita water allocation</p> <p>Management plan that will recognize outside pressures</p> <p>How much more do we “need”</p> <p>Use what we have efficiently</p> <p>Use less water</p>	<p>Innovative engineering</p> <p>Research on de-sedimentation of current reservoirs</p> <p>Understand landscape scale permaculture opportunities</p> <p>Comprehensive water plan</p> <p>Reduced chemical treatments</p> <p>Retroactively add water capture-commercial large scale</p> <p>Filter rain water</p> <p>Improved Keystone Mountain water capture</p> <p>Adequate groundwater recharge</p>	<p>Water management for fire resistant forests</p> <p>Collaborate for watershed management, fire, conservation</p> <p>Investment in full-scale watershed improvement programs</p> <p>More attention to instream uses of water</p> <p>Watershed health for sustainable community</p> <p>Consider animal and plant species</p> <p>Honor Nisenan culture</p> <p>Keeping community green for biological diversity</p>	<p>Maintain and increase healthy economic growth</p> <p>Public education on water resource and management – dynamic climate change, watershed</p>

Dec 1, 2018 Community Meeting Notes – Group E-H

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Local Agriculture	Fire	System Management ••	Residential Responsibility •	Eco-Stewardship ••	Conservation Incentive ••	Water-Energy Nexus	Public Outreach
<p>Local food (I like bananas uh oh!)</p> <p>Valuing local agricultural needs</p>	<p>Sufficient water for fire protection</p> <p>District wide fire safe management</p>	<p>Limit out of district sales, stewardship vs entrepreneurship</p> <p>Recognize our responsibility to the greater world</p> <p>Data collection – where does water go after the ditch</p> <p>How much NID water recharges the aquifer</p>	<p>Ensure residential water access/use</p> <p>Ensure water availability for personal use, garden-bath-dishes</p> <p>Smart development and promoting infill</p> <p>Monitor wells</p> <p>Access to NID system for low density area</p>	<p>Adequate stream flows for aquatic organisms</p> <p>Balance wildlife with human needs</p> <p>Focus on river ecosystem improvement</p> <p>Habitat conservation</p> <p>Xeroscopy (I'm guilty)</p> <p>Opportunities to boat, swim & fish</p> <p>Overall watershed health</p> <p>Appreciate the gift of life! (No Boo Hoos!)</p>	<p>Conservation financing</p> <p>Aggressively pursue Federal/State grant funding for water improvements</p> <p>New delivery and gauging systems for raw water</p> <p>Maximize conservation including demand side management</p> <p>Assistance to agriculture for irrigation conservation</p>	<p>Renewable Energy?</p> <p>Hydroelectric</p> <p>CCA community choice aggregates</p>	<p>More detailed NID bill with water usage</p> <p>Watershed education</p>

Dec 1, 2018 Community Meeting Notes – Group I-L

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Education & Transparent Public Engagement in Decision Making 	Healthy Watershed 	Planning for Sustainability 	Water Conservation
<p>Transparent information on water and Centennial investors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open process • Consider all options <p>How does NID system work today, technical background water rights</p> <p>Include Placer County reps in planning</p>	<p>Meadow restoration – work with partners</p> <p>Forest management – work closely with USFS to leverage resources</p> <p>Groundwater recharge and other water retention options (not dams)</p> <p>Fire protection</p> <p>Wildlife protection</p> <p>Free flowing river Why? - recreation and habitat</p> <p>Respect Nisenan culture/history</p>	<p>Control urban sprawl Improve water <---> land use planning coordination</p> <p>Prioritize agriculture water needs over new urban development</p> <p>Food security</p> <p>Prevent privatization of water</p> <p>NID becoming solar and wind power utility Why? Make money to support water infrastructures</p> <p>Balance the use of agriculture, recreation and residential water use. Why? It is all connected</p> <p>Maintain quality of life</p> <p>Maintain/improve existing reservoirs, e.g. sediment removal and infrastructure</p>	<p>Conservation Why? – Save water – Monitor leaks – Multi-rates</p> <p>Water conservation 1. Building codes 2. Efficient irrigation</p> <p>Water efficiency awareness</p> <p>Increased conservation – water use incentives</p>

Dec 1, 2018 Community Meeting Notes – Group M-P

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Protecting a Healthy Watershed	Responsible NID Leadership	Conserving Water and Education	Comprehensive Resource Planning	Fostering Natural Methods	Ensuring Safe Water
<p>A healthy watershed</p> <p>Toxic herbicide contamination</p> <p>Environmental integrity</p> <p>Watershed and fire planning and management (joining)</p>	<p>Transparency! from NID and the Kolbe Plan for water</p> <p>NID leadership that is informed, transparent and impartial</p> <p>Restore paying into employee pensions. Stop the freeze</p> <p>Shared meaning with adopted definitions (community?)</p>	<p>Massive PR campaign for conservation - ongoing -</p> <p>Greater focus on maintenance and conservation</p> <p>Tailored conservation education per sector</p> <p>Appropriate conservation</p> <p>Improved storage through conservation and infrastructure maintenance</p> <p>Increase current storage</p>	<p>Future growth plan</p> <p>The interconnect of land use and water by sector/whole</p> <p>Need paradigm shift approaching development</p> <p>Community-based plan for accurately determining water supply and demand</p> <p>Limit new development to environmentally sustainable levels</p> <p>Fostering smart growth in agriculture and urban strategy?</p> <p>Consider all alternatives to meeting residual demand</p> <p>Maintaining recreational water as a priority</p> <p>Identify water loss and determine actual from requirements</p>	<p>Natural methods for storing water (not dams, they destroy)</p> <p>Earthwise methods that recognize broader environmental impact</p> <p>Fostering groundwater replenishment (at all levels (District, County))</p>	<p>Water quality</p> <p>Adequate and safe residential water supply</p> <p>Prevent toxic herbicide contamination</p>

Dec 1, 2018 Community Meeting Notes – Group Q-T

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Safe Drinking Water 	Protect Local Community 	Healthy Forest Management Practices For Water 	Ensure Conservation	Accurate Data for Needs Assessment 	Sustainable Water Management to Ensure Water Supply Security	Ensure Best Practices Public Recreation	Safe Reservoir Maintenance (Sediment Removal and Mercury) 
Safe drinking water, clean, health, etc.	Maintaining NID water rights Community first, - Keep our water - LA can find their own water	Fire safety through water line extensions Fire safety through forest practices Forest management fuels reduction for more water	Incentivize conservation Develop recycled water systems as alternative to domestic usage. Purple pipe. Conservation data to determine money invested by NID	Needs assessment for commercial agriculture (how much) Clear budgeting accurate projections Support food producers with reasonable rates	Healthy sustainable water management system Better management of Sierra storage i.e. meadows, etc. Study water storage methods	Clean water resources, - Cleanup lakes and streams - Public safety - Safe recreational use - Safe wildlife use Recreational usage	Remove sediments and mercury from reservoirs Sustainable - Conversation - Assessment of needs - Management plan - Storage vs. need
Other Information from Group <i>-Theme Trust – Bridge the Gap Between Water Manager and Community.</i> -Control over the water – by whom? -Building trust between NID and the community – education and two-way. -NID – Community communication. -NID being a water manager as opposed to being a water owner. -The fact that there is no needs assessment and the assertion that water is needed. -Data needs to include climate change analysis. -Concern that we are not managing upstream meadows.		Land management, forest fire protection, erosion	Water security through mandated conservation	Document exact allocation of raw water use baseline Cost effective water source – infrastructure, supply and demand, rates, etc.	Educate permaculture practices Complete EIR on dams	Water for recreation and public Fish and game	Sediment and biohazard reductions

Dec 1, 2018 Community Meeting Notes – Group U-Z

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Policy Considerations	Concern Over the Centennial Reservoir Project	Integrated Management of Surface & Ground Water	Community Involvement in Water Shed Management	Ecological Stewardship	Accessible Information	Best Practices for Water Conservation
<p>Integrating water concerns into regional planning (general plan, etc.)</p> <p>Charge rate – payers what it costs to deliver water, not less</p> <p>Growth management? Conservation development planning</p> <p>Change spending – restore reserves budget</p>	<p>Keep water local</p> <p>Concern over local community paying for cost of exported water</p> <p>Stop purchasing land for Centennial Project until RWMP completed</p> <p>Respect for cultural uses of water bodies</p> <p>More water storage</p> <p>Cost of road management with Centennial Dam</p>	<p>Formal NID plan to protect well water quality & quantity</p> <p>Complete, thorough study of the impact of our actions on fractured rock aquifer (e.g.: construction, use of herbicides, etc.) – before proceeding with Centennial Reservoir Project</p> <p>If Centennial goes forward & damages wells, want a plan in place to provide water to affected wells</p> <p>Ground water management plan soon</p> <p>Stop relying on NID history to move into future</p>	<p>Use of watershed as reservoir</p> <p>Use of natural vegetation in urban landscaping</p> <p>Examine potential for groundwater storage</p> <p>Get youth involved in RWMP process “youth identity”</p> <p>Watershed management to maximize retention storage & fire management</p> <p>Education for the public & private land management</p> <p>Public & private wildfire prevention collaboration</p> <p>Encourage local partnerships</p>	<p>Improve river management. Increase ecological maintenance</p> <p>Adjust mindset. NID systems are complex but exist within & depend upon the greater environmental system, not the other way around. We have an opportunity to work with nature, fit the human community into the natural community.</p> <p>Reduce dependency on herbicides</p> <p>Reservoir managed for cold water fisheries</p> <p>Develop recharge areas for excess flows</p>	<p>Updated data & hydrology models shared with public</p> <p>Current data on herbicides</p> <p>Increased research & data collection locally</p> <p>Water data needs to obey CA legislation – open and transparent water data act (AB17-55)</p>	<p>Use water as efficiently as possible</p> <p>Water conservation “A double edged sword”</p>