

FINAL Consensus Questions – LWVMP Public/Private Water Study
Dec 27, 2006

For questions 1 and 2, please indicate which of the following values you consider 1) vital, 2) very important, 3) somewhat important, 4) not very important. (No more than two 1s and two 2s)

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| 1. What should the criteria be for a well-run water system ? | | | | |
| a. Economical efficiency (low administrative v. operational <u>costs</u>) | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| b. Water resources are protected | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| c. Water infrastructure is maintained and updated | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| d. Water quality standards are met | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| e. Environmental standards are met | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| f. Decision making is transparent and decisions are clear | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| g. Ready access to the agency, fast response to complaints | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| h. Well trained staff | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| i. Management is responsive to the public and employees | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| j. Program for low income water users | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| k. The rate structure is clear and established in an open process | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| l. Program to address sustainability of water supply | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| m. Other (list) _____ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| 2. What conditions need to exist to prompt consideration of a public owned water system? | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| a. Rates do not encourage conservation | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| b. Rates <u>are</u> overwhelming geared towards shareholder profits | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| c. Rate setting <u>is</u> not responsive to local needs | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| d. Cal-Am financial failure | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| e. Failure to address water quality problems or inadequate response | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| f. Difficult working relationship with MPWMD | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| g. No or little transparency in planning and decisions making | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| h. Accumulation of fines and violations | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| i. Other (list) _____ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| 3. What methods of acquisition are preferable for assuming public ownership? (Y/N) | | | | |
| a. Willing buyer and seller | | ___ | | |
| b. Eminent domain via PUC divestiture order | | ___ | | |
| c. Eminent domain as a public agency action | | ___ | | |
| 4. If a private agency is purchased which parts of the system should be purchased? (Y/N) | | | | |
| a. Facilities within MPWMD boundaries | | ___ | | |
| b. Facilities adjacent to MPWMD boundaries | | ___ | | |
| c. Facilities associated with county assets | | ___ | | |
| d. Facilities associated with sewers or wells | | ___ | | |
| e. Other (list) _____ | | ___ | | |

5. If a public agency is established, what kind of agency should be considered? (Check all that apply)

- a. Agency co-located with assets (same geographic area) _____
- b. Regional agency _____
- c. Existing agency _____
 - i. County formed JPA _____
 - ii. Directly Elected _____
- d. New Agency _____
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- e. Other (list) _____

6. International Ownership – what position should LWV take on the international ownership of water resources?

7. Other Comments: _____