CSUSM Water Forum: A Water Turning Point

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**Group Conversation Notes**

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|  | **Option 1** | **Option 2** | **Option 3** |
|  | *Live Within Our Means* | *Regulate Water (for Common Good)* | *Regions Regulate (Self Sufficiency)* |
| Cut Across All Options: Information, Water Rights, CA Delta, Money, Carrying Capacity | | | |
| UPSIDES OF THIS OPTION | * We are OK and are adjusting to Gov Brown’s mandates * Water sensing technology (sensors) can save water * Limit housing? But what about impact on business and transportation? | * Where is the water? * Realign water rights (who regulates who?) * Allow time to adjust and comply to regulations * Increasing infrastructure (dams, etc.) could mean more jobs * Water agencies need to work together and be aware of consequences (between Federal & State regulations) | * Educate ourselves on home water recycling systems * Desalination |
| DOWNSIDES OF THIS OPTION | * Appliances/toilets/etc. need to catch up to needs. * Public’s lack of trust “Prove it” for both the cost & need of drastic action * Housing limits may limit economic growth | * Buy-out individual rights * Expect fighting/legal action/delays * “Big brother” aspect of NASA groundwater imaging * National & world research on best practices * Costs of unintended consequences caused by regulations (EPA rulings on Delta fish and Central Valley drilling) | * Power “packs” with one region fighting against another * Free-for-all with commerce * What does desal do to oceans? |