

Socorro Community Conversation on Water Exit Survey

When applicable, please circle “YES” “MAYBE” “I DON’T KNOW” or “NO.” Elaborate more if you wish

On the scales from 1 – 10, 1 is the lowest, 10 is the highest

1. What are your thoughts about the discussion?

More Positive:

- much need. Hope there is more to come
- interesting to hear so many perspectives
- eye-opening and thorough
- need more discussions on how important water is to our communities on a big scale
- well facilitated
- informative and well-needed
- opinions, real water issues, audience feedback
- great event, needs to happen more in the future
- Excellent, it would have been better if this facilities linked the topics together, to show how the many issues are inter-related it is worthwhile to listen and discuss various individuals and business’ priorities for water use. Discussion was civil, facilitators kept conversation going and balanced.
- Concerns expressed and discussed fairly
- Needed in Socorro, my community is starved for information

Neutral:

- I am concerned about the quality of our drinking water – Eagle Pitcher – Arsenic levels more than aquifers
- This person said no to having the opportunity to ask questions since what they wanted to learn about was not discussed, they realized the meeting was more about farming and irrigation

More Negative:

- nice attempt to discuss multiple subjects, but as usual, side issues are brought up that derail the conversation. We all agree on 80% of the subject, It’s the 20% that focuses the issues, deal with that
- too open ended, Maybe could take questions at registrations, then poll top priorities and issues

2. **Did you have an opportunity to ask questions? YES | NO**

Why?

Yes:

- Yes, came only to listen, most people were just interested in listening
- Majority of people who circled NO just came to listen, skewing the results
- Yes, good at checking for hands

Neutral:

No:

3. **On a scale of 1 – 10, 1 being the lowest 10 being the highest, how do you feel about the**

timeframe of the discussion? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why do you feel this way?

More Positive:

- Need one session, then food/breaktime, then more discussion so people have time to think on it
- Seemed right as a first step, just to get the issue on the table. Follow-up info will be great – links to educate ourselves
- 10, any time is good, there was enough time for discussion, enjoyed time to eat and talk before hand
- 10, plenty of time for people to settle in and start the discussion
- 10. There is a lot of questions and concerns about water
- Climate change
- Lots of issues need lots of time
- Everyone had time to ask questions and give comments
- Great moderator!
- Seemed like to right amount of time to make sure people remained engaged while allowing discussion

Neutral:

- Comments were interesting, but a bit unfocused and disconnected

More Negative:

- Not really – it seemed to be more arguing than anything
- Could have started earlier
- We needed more time to address more issues. However, after 1:30 people began to move around and leave. So, we need more events in order to keep the timeframe satisfactory
- Wanted to see an agenda sooner

4. **Were the materials provided satisfactory? YES | NO.**

Why or why not?

Yes:

- Yes, pins, surveys, agendas, info was appropriate
- Effective graphics, clear written materials, very effective mix of information
- Yes liked the info table

Neutral:

- NM 10 annual water limited multiple use, agricultural aspects – no brochures, handouts
- No focus on the danger of war on agriculture water

No:

- Could have had more baseline information, vocab etc.

5. **How likely are you to attend one of our events in the future? YES | MAYBE | NO | I DON'T KNOW**

Why?

Yes

- This is a critical issue for New Mexico and the Southwest. And, adequate water is vital for all of us. There must be compromise and change support and willingness to accommodate interests other than their own.
- Yes, want to be more informed

Maybe

- Don't want to attend another complain session

6. **On a scale of 1 – 10, 1 being the lowest 10 being the highest did you find this event useful?**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why?

More Positive:

- More discussions like this need to happen, place for the community to gather need to be created
- It was nice to see people showing up/out for the community
- Wanted to discover other perspectives
- Learned a lot
- Wanted to hear about people's opinions in Socorro
- Important to engage and empower community to arrive at solutions
- All sides represented

Neutral:

More Negative:

- No, had to stay more on subject
- 5, broad coverage on water issues, but no solutions. Stop population growth?
- Too many opinions, no facts
- Wanted to feel like a decision or direction was decided on

7. How useful was the information presented? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why?

More Positive:

- Info from the community on their opinions was useful
- Getting feedback from folks everywhere is useful
- Many viewpoints

Neutral:

- 5, some old issues presented
- 5, not really designed to present info – more to share opinions

More Negative:

- 5, more on threat to agriculture, ¾ of attendees liberals from other states – relocators, overuse by riparian refuge governments

8. What were your expectations?

More Positive:

- To learn about other water districts
- That conversations keep happening
- Expected presentations, this style of event was much better
- Lower than what happened, this event was great, was expecting less organization

Neutral:

- Had none, just curious
- Wasn't sure what to expect
- I expected the conversation to be inconclusive

More Negative:

- Water is not a right water is a necessity, public forum, no answers
- More facts and answers
- All sponsors should have participated in the discussion, more representation from sponsors
- Expected plans/information on low-flow channels

9. What did you think of the structure of this event?

More Positive:

- Good, facilitation from topic to topic went smoothly
- Loved the time beforehand to eat and meet/greet
- Excellent, well organized
- Effective community-based atmosphere
- Great, loved the idea of a matanza
- Structured, yet free form with lots of different speakers

Neutral:

- Thought it flowed well

More Negative:

- Talk first, then eat
- Needs to be improved
- Start earlier, more time for discussion
- More facilitation to length of comments

10. On a scale of 1 – 10, 1 being the lowest 10 being the highest, how satisfied were you with the event as a whole? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why?

More Positive:

- Very happy to attend, will be more alert about the issues presented
- Glad to discover other areas of concern

Neutral:

More Negative:

- Alamo Navajo federal reservation has severe water infrastructure problems

11. Final comments or questions:

More Positive:

- Keep up the energy to unite
- Thank you for your efforts

Neutral:

More Negative:

- You (Us) let the guy in front talk too much, please don't let certain people dominate the conversations
- Providing water in plastic bottles seems antithetical

Other/Final Thoughts:

- Follow-up with smaller focus groups?
- No plastic bottles
- From a 30+ yr. water professional:
 - Didn't talk during the discussion because they have been involved in this conversation as a professional
 - Subjects were old and never changed
 - " These types of meetings can be outstanding, but you must stay on task. (Unknown text) so hope you all worked down to 2/3 (unknown word) items that can be worked on. Don't rejuvenate the 80%, stay focused on the 20%,"
- More water meetings, water shortage and overregulation a real threat with new population growth, water issues shortages, water war a real danger
- Find ways to improve our drinking water
- Can we host event at public library? Would like to do a presentation in the near future.
- Let's do this in Valencia County and at the people of Isleta and Laguna
- Ans. To question 1: What about covering some of the river to reduce evaporation in conjunction with reducing salt cedar stands. Do we need to L.A. River "leakiest" portions of the Rio Grande
- Ans. To question 1: good to hear from a variety of points of view concerning this subject. It seems so hard to get traction concerning how to fairly share a diminishing supply.
- Include more people from the Nature world, not just water world
- Why was San Pedro ditch closed?
- Do this in other regions!
- Nice to see a big picture on water
- Long Comment:
 - Everyone has their desired priorities. No one is addressing that the eventuality is humans are going to keep increasing in number to the point of decreasing all other species. Where is the balance? How do we get there? Usually this is accomplished by prioritizing. Unless the animal kingdom provide substance for humans, it is not a priority but a luxury.
- Having a panelist of speakers next time