



# Recycled Water Strategic Plan Public Outreach Program

## Summary of Public Input

Presentation to NSD Board of Directors  
December 21, 2005

# Open Houses

December 6: CARNEROS

December 8: MST/COOMBSVILLE

## Attendance

CARNEROS = 42 signed in

MST = 53 signed in

**However, total attendance for both events  
was approximately 105.**

# Who Attended

## Carneros Open House

- ❖ Agricultural Irrigators
- ❖ Fire District
- ❖ Small Parcel Residents

## MST Open House

- ❖ Residents who live near large irrigators
- ❖ Napa Valley Country Club
- ❖ Agricultural Irrigators
- ❖ Tulocay Cemetery

# What They Said

## - Common Comments -

### General

- ❖ Overall, very positive response
- ❖ Interested in special assessment district
- ❖ Preferred strategies that deliver water to their region
- ❖ They need the water...Now!

### Concerns

- ❖ Lengthy project implementation
- ❖ Costs - who will pay and how much

# What They Said

## - Area Specific Comments -

### Carneros Concerns

- ❖ Reliability of recycled water delivery
- ❖ Effect on ground/aquifer water quality
- ❖ Whether accepted for use on organic crops
- ❖ More water might mean more growth

### MST Concerns

- ❖ Perceived lack of interest among area's largest water users
- ❖ Improved property values will likely offset costs of special assessment
- ❖ Uncertainty whether recycled water usage will raise groundwater table
- ❖ Effect on plants, grapes, livestock, groundwater quality

# **What They Said**

## **- Written Comments -**

Comments were generally consistent  
with what we heard at Open Houses

**22 Comments Received – All in Favor of Project**

- ❖ **11 from Carneros Area**
- ❖ **10 from MST Area**
- ❖ **1 from Farm Bureau (both areas)**

# **What They Said**

## **- Written Comments -**

### **Topics Addressed**

- ❖ Assessments of parcels not using recycled water**
- ❖ Assessments proportional to parcel size/acreage**
- ❖ Options for individual/group financing of recycled water pipelines**
- ❖ Commitment to recycled water usage from large water users**
- ❖ Required use of recycled water**
- ❖ Appropriate/consistent water quality for irrigation needs**
- ❖ Reliability/automation of recycled water delivery**
- ❖ Desire for additional pipeline alignments**

# **What They Said**

## **- Written Comments -**

### **Topics Addressed (continued)**

- ❖ Improvement of roads and bike paths during construction**
- ❖ Installation of pipes in anticipation of project**
- ❖ Use of existing storage ponds for recycled water**
- ❖ Effects of recycled water storage and ASR on groundwater quality**
- ❖ Benefit analysis of reduced surface water diversions**
- ❖ Uncertainty whether recycled water usage will raise groundwater table in MST area**
- ❖ Timeline for construction**

# What They Said

## - Preferences for Being Kept Informed -

Of those who attended events and provided feedback:

**79% prefer Email Notification**

**21% prefer Mailed Notification**

How likely they would attend a follow-up meeting:

**79% Very Likely**

**21% Likely**

# Key Player Involvement

<u>Stakeholder</u>	<u>Open House</u>	<u>Letter</u>
Napa County Farm Bureau	Yes	Yes
Winegrowers of Napa County	Yes	-
Carneros Quality Alliance	Yes	-
Los Carneros Water District	Yes	Yes
Silverado Country Club	-	Yes
Napa Valley Country Club	Yes	Yes
Tulocay Cemetery	Yes	Yes
Stanly Ranch	Yes	-
UC Cooperative Extension	Yes	-
Napa County Supervisors (2)	Yes	-
Napa County Public Works	Yes	-

# Conclusions

- ❖ The public outreach program was a success!
- ❖ Loud message received: recycled water is wanted in both MST and Carneros areas
- ❖ The most common questions:
  - When will the water be available?
  - What will it cost me?
- ❖ There are several comments and questions to be addressed during CEQA process

# Next Steps

**For a future NSD Board meeting:**

- ❖ **Incorporation of all public comments received during outreach program**
- ❖ **Presentation of final recommended recycled water strategy**
- ❖ **Proposal for financing plan based on a recommended construction sequence**