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Subject: [EXTERNAL] FOLLOW UP - WDO Policy Public Comment
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Mayor Rogers, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Councilmembers:

Thank you for taking the time to hear our questions and concerns regarding the WDO Policy. For your reference, I am following up with an email outlining the questions as voiced during public comment.

1.
The description of the conservation programs the offset fees would fund is pretty bare bones: what exactly will these fees pay for, what is the relative budget share of each, and are there any metrics for their efficacy?
2.
Is there money currently in the budget for these conservation programs now, and if so, for how long would that sustain the program at its current size?
3.
Have other solutions such as project prioritization, delay, and reduction been considered?
4.
The water department budget is presented to support rate increases, shouldn't it also be with proposed fees and penalties?
5.
At a recent meeting, Ms. Burke told the council that the increase in water demand created by recent new multifamily developments was "negligible." Given that, it seems important to know **exactly** how much the demand is created by multifamily development, and whether there are other options to offset it.
6.
The presentation given to the BPU, slide 8, showed a dramatic **decrease** in per capita use over the past 30 years. And Santa Rosa population growth has clearly leveled. Are these facts incorporated in the water use predictions?
7.
It does not appear that the rebate programs are limited to people who can show need. This rings our equity alarm bells. Have income limits been considered?
- 8.

Our general plans are based on decades of data averaged. This drought is a single point in time. If these fees are levied, what is the timeline and flowchart for **actual water creation**?

Should you be interested in engaging us further, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you again for your time and service to the community.

All the best,

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