

Presentation to: Utilities Policy Advisory Council

Subject: Regional Partnerships Assignments



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Overview of Presentation

- Who is the Pikes Peak Regional Business Partnership?
- Who participated in the survey?
- Survey results
- Some thank you's

Background

- Regional Business Partnership:
 - Five year journey
 - Incorporated as a 501(c)6 2009
 - Member organizations include: The Greater Colorado Springs, Tri-Lakes, The Greater Woodland Park, Eastern Plains, Fountain Valley, Southern Colorado Women's, and Black Chambers, plus Experience Pikes Peak at Colorado Springs
 - Mission statement: An organization of multiple community partners working collectively in the pursuit of regional betterment with a shared voice, mission and focus.



Some Survey Background

- Seven of the eight partner organizations participated
- Three core responders were:
 - The Greater Colorado Springs Chamber
 - The Tri-Lakes Chamber
 - The Greater Woodland Park Chamber
- Total response count was 97
- Written comments were attached to each question

Survey

- Considering water for the Colorado Springs community, what are the biggest challenges facing our future (in priority order):
 - Water supply
 - Growth
 - Quality
 - Rates
 - Delivery
 - Economic Development

Survey (cont)

- To your knowledge, where does our water come from?
 - Snow melt (84)
 - Groundwater wells (10)

Survey (cont)

- Regarding water, what does “regional partnership” mean to you?
 - 96 responses
 - Bottom line can be summarized as “take the moral high ground”

Survey (cont)

- If Colorado Springs was in a position to provide water for an extended, specific period of time for use in neighboring communities, would you support their doing so?
 - Yes 75.6%
 - No 24.4%
 - Note: 90 responders. Tri-Lakes and Woodland Park “yes” counts 80% plus; Colorado Springs in low 70% range

Survey (cont)

- If Colorado Springs was in a position to provide use of pipeline for an extended, specific period of time for use in neighboring communities would you support their doing so?
 - Yes 74.4%
 - No 25.6%
 - Note: tighter alignment between three organizations...all in 70% range.

Survey (cont)

- Should water provided to neighboring communities be priced at a premium?
 - Yes 40.2%
 - No 59.8%

CSCC: 51% yes

T/L: 12% yes

WP: 43% yes

Survey (cont)

- Would your response to the prior questions change if you knew that the transactions would reduce the increases you would see in your water rates?
 - Yes 21.3%
 - No 78.7%

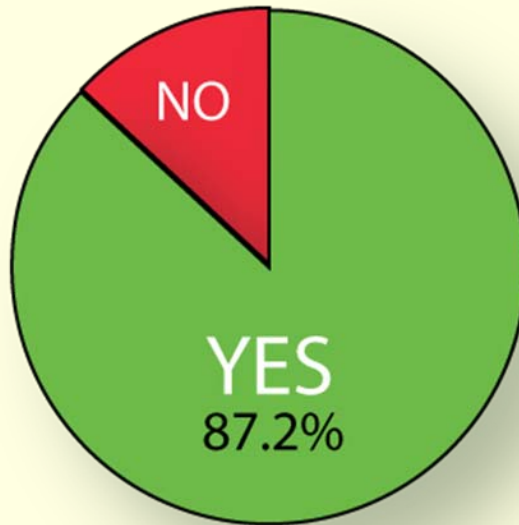
Survey (cont)

- Should CSU reexamine any policies regarding water that appear to limit the kinds of partnerships discussed here?
 - Yes 87.2%
 - No 12.8%

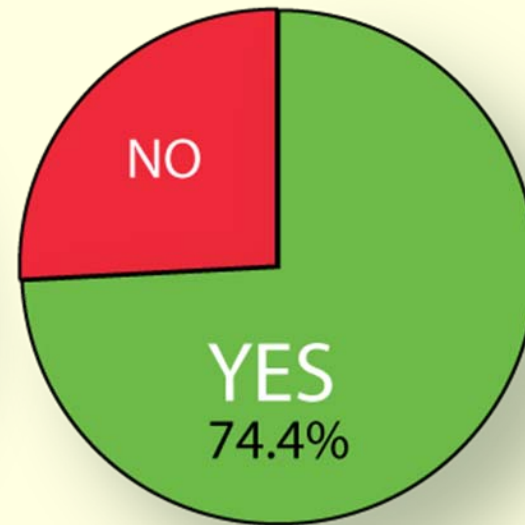
Survey (cont)

- Consensus agreement that it is a good idea to pursue partnerships regarding water to neighboring communities if the partnerships would in no way jeopardize future water supplies.
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Wrap Up...



■ Extend pipeline



■ Reexamine partnership policies

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