



COMMUNITY INFORMATION SHEET · WATER RESOURCES

Water — questions to ask

The compiled checklist for any water-using facility proposed near you

How to use this sheet

These questions compile the series. They're reasonable, answerable and non-hostile; a credible proponent will have answers, because a well-planned facility *required* those answers to be designed. Use them in consultation sessions, council submissions and community meetings. The one-line test, if you ask nothing else, is at the bottom of this page.

Source and supply

- Where exactly will the water come from (entitlements, utility contract, recycled scheme) and how much per year?
- Who confirmed the supply exists without cutting into other users' security?
- Was recycled or non-potable supply assessed? If rejected, why? If promised, is it contracted?

Design and demand

- What cooling methods will run and what's peak-day water demand in the hottest week?
- What are the expected PUE and WUE and will actuals be published together?
- Can the facility switch to drier cooling modes and what triggers that?

Drought and fairness

- What does the facility do in a serious dry year and where does it sit in the priority queue, in writing?
- When residents face restrictions, what restrictions does the facility face?
- What returns to the system: how much, where, at what quality and temperature?

Transparency

- Will annual water use, by source, be published as a condition of approval?
- Is there a plain-language water page any resident can find and read?
- If any number is withheld, precisely what, why and on whose verified advice?

The one-line test: *"What is your annual water use, by source, in a dry year — and where is that published?"* A proponent who answers this crisply has probably done the work. One who can't, hasn't. This sheet is general information, not legal or planning advice; a specific proposal is confirmed by qualified assessment.