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Direct Drive Conservation – Using Information and Incentives to Save Water

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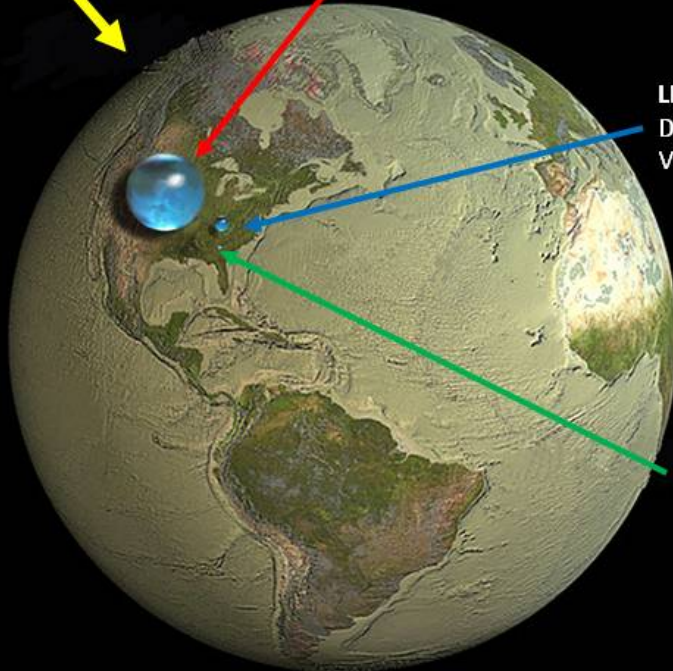
14 Regulated Utilities



Utility Operating Systems



Where's the Water?



ALL OF EARTH'S WATER

Diameter approximately 860 mi (1400 km)
Volume: 332,500,000 mi³ (1,386,000,000 km³)

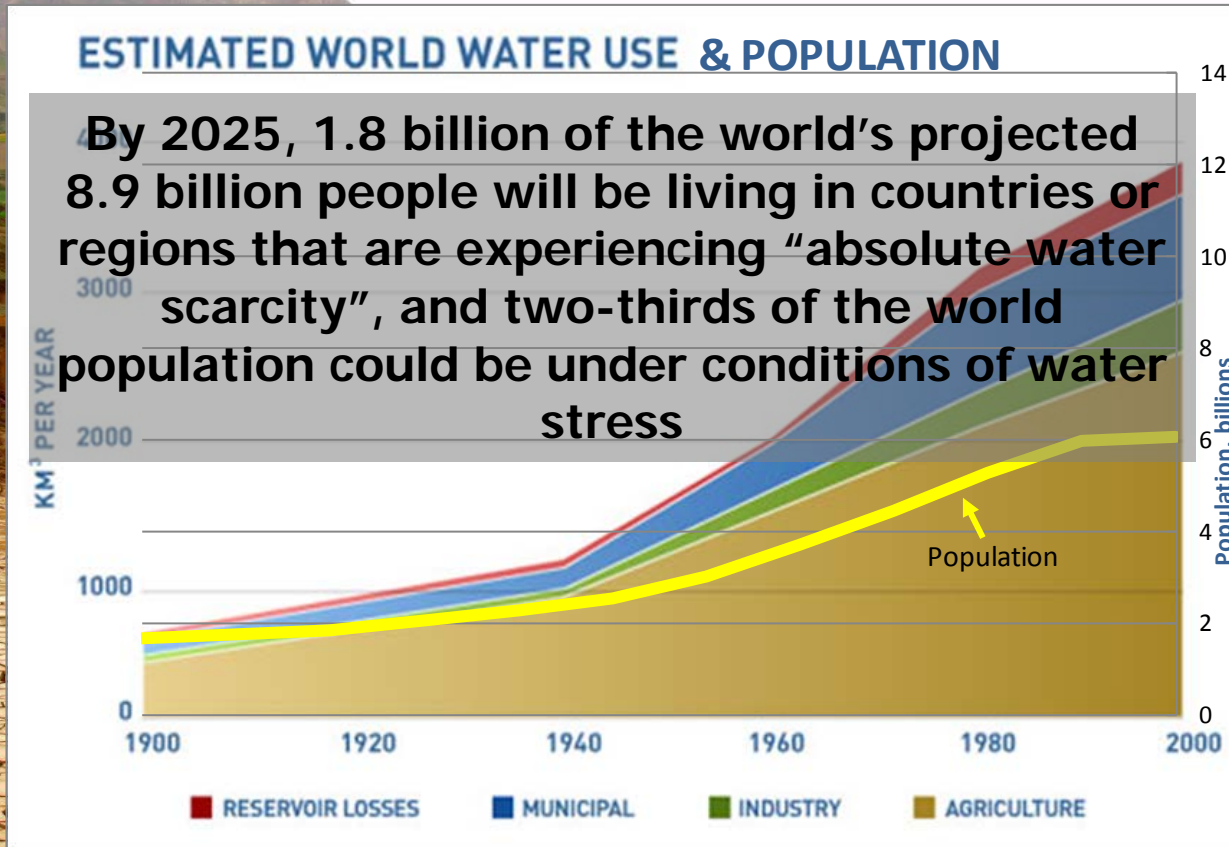
LIQUID FRESH WATER

Diameter approximately 169.5 mi (272.8 km)
Volume: 2,551,100 mi³ (10,633,450 km³)

WATER IN LAKES AND RIVERS

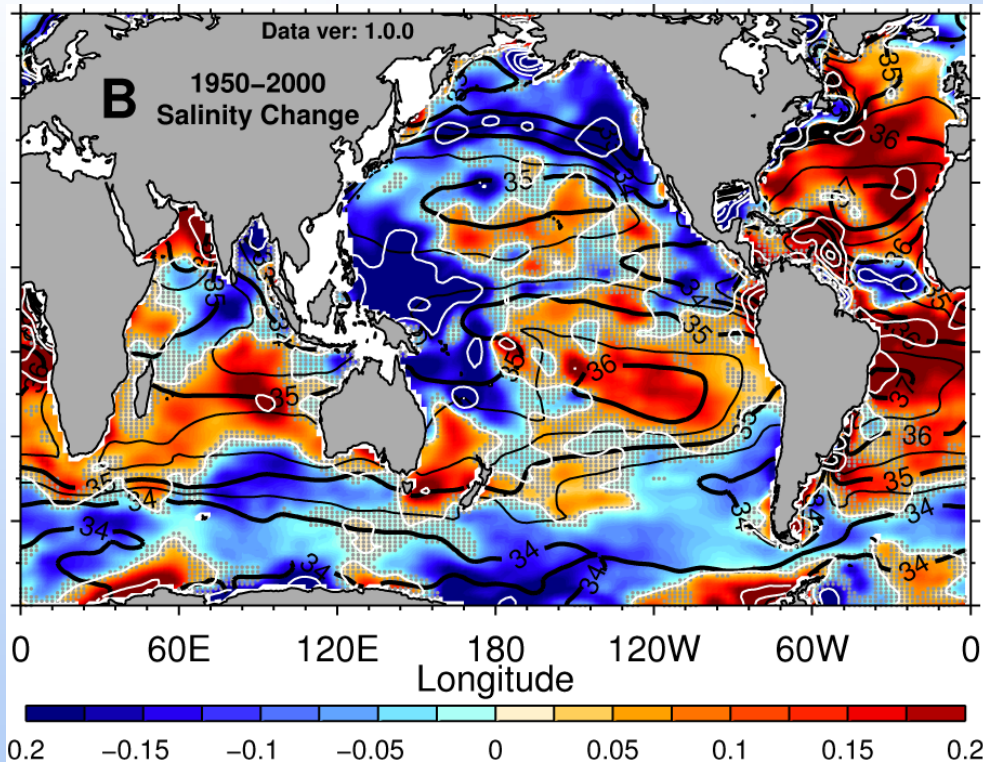
Diameter approximately 34.9 mi (56.2 km)
Volume: 22,339 mi³ (93,113 km³)

Water Scarcity



Source: UN FAO (<http://www.fao.org/nr/water/art/2008/wateruse.htm>) and UN "World at Six Billion"

And it's getting worse



“In a future GHG-forced 2° to 3°C warmer world, this implies a 16 to 24% amplification of the global water cycle will occur.”

“The faster water cycles, the more abundant and more violent those storms might be. And wet places getting wetter can lead to more severe and more frequent flooding. Dry places getting drier would mean longer and more intense droughts.”

Source: Durack & Wijffels, Journal of Climate, 2010 (CSIRO)
Paul J. Durack et al, Ocean Salinities Reveal Strong Global Water Cycle Intensification During 1950 to 2000 Science 336, 455 (2012)
R. Kerr, “The Greenhouse Is Making the Water-Poor Even Poorer”, SCIENCE VOL 336 27 APRIL 2012

Luxury of Ignorance

As a species, we have survived knowing very little about our water systems. We have always known where to find it and how to use it, but we never gained an intimate understanding of how to preserve or sustain these systems.

We have never learned how to efficiently manage water.

But we will not have the luxury of this ignorance in the future.

Source: Water – A Global Innovation Outlook Report, IBM, 24 March 2009

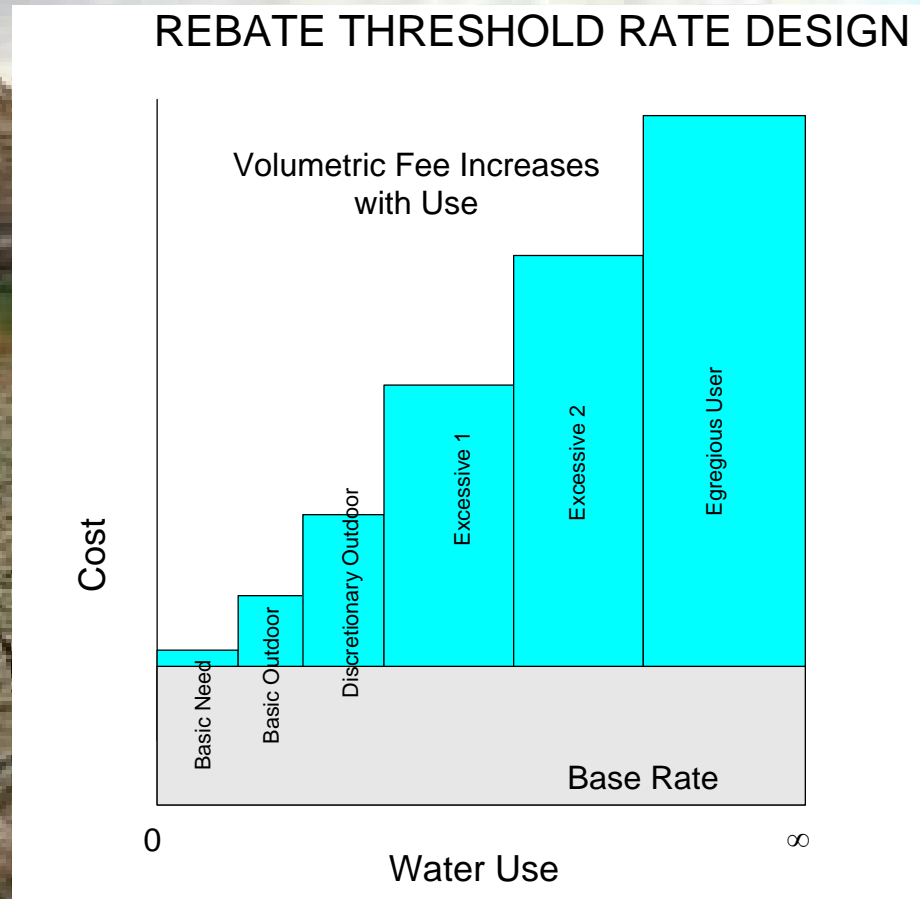
Demand-side Management

“A key to improving efficiency is understanding where, when, and why we use water.”

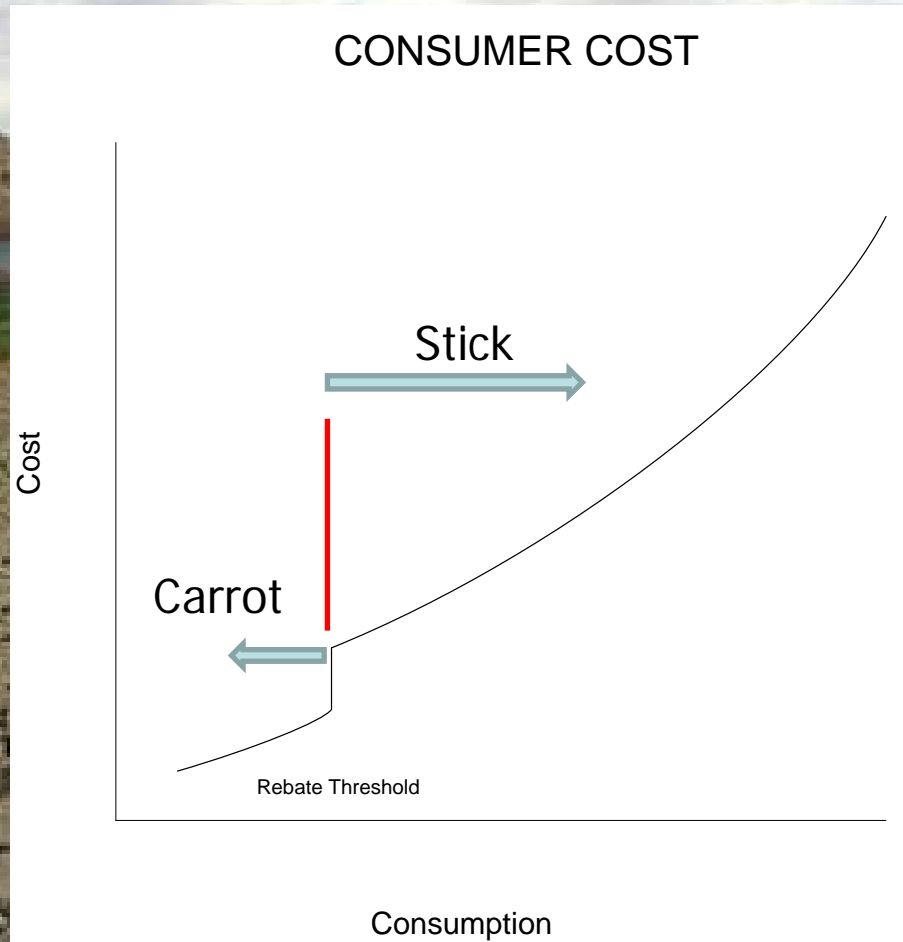


Source: Gleick, P., "Roadmap for sustainable water resources in southwestern North America," PNAS, 14 Dec 2010

Altering Behavior - Incentives

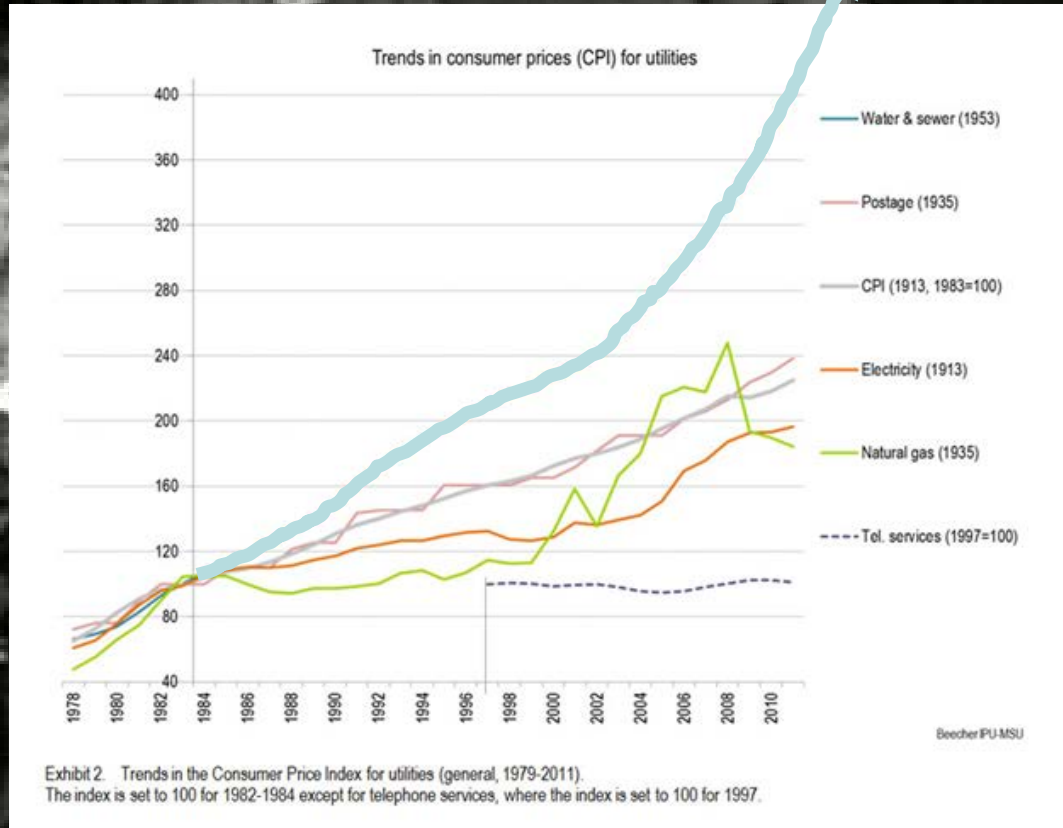


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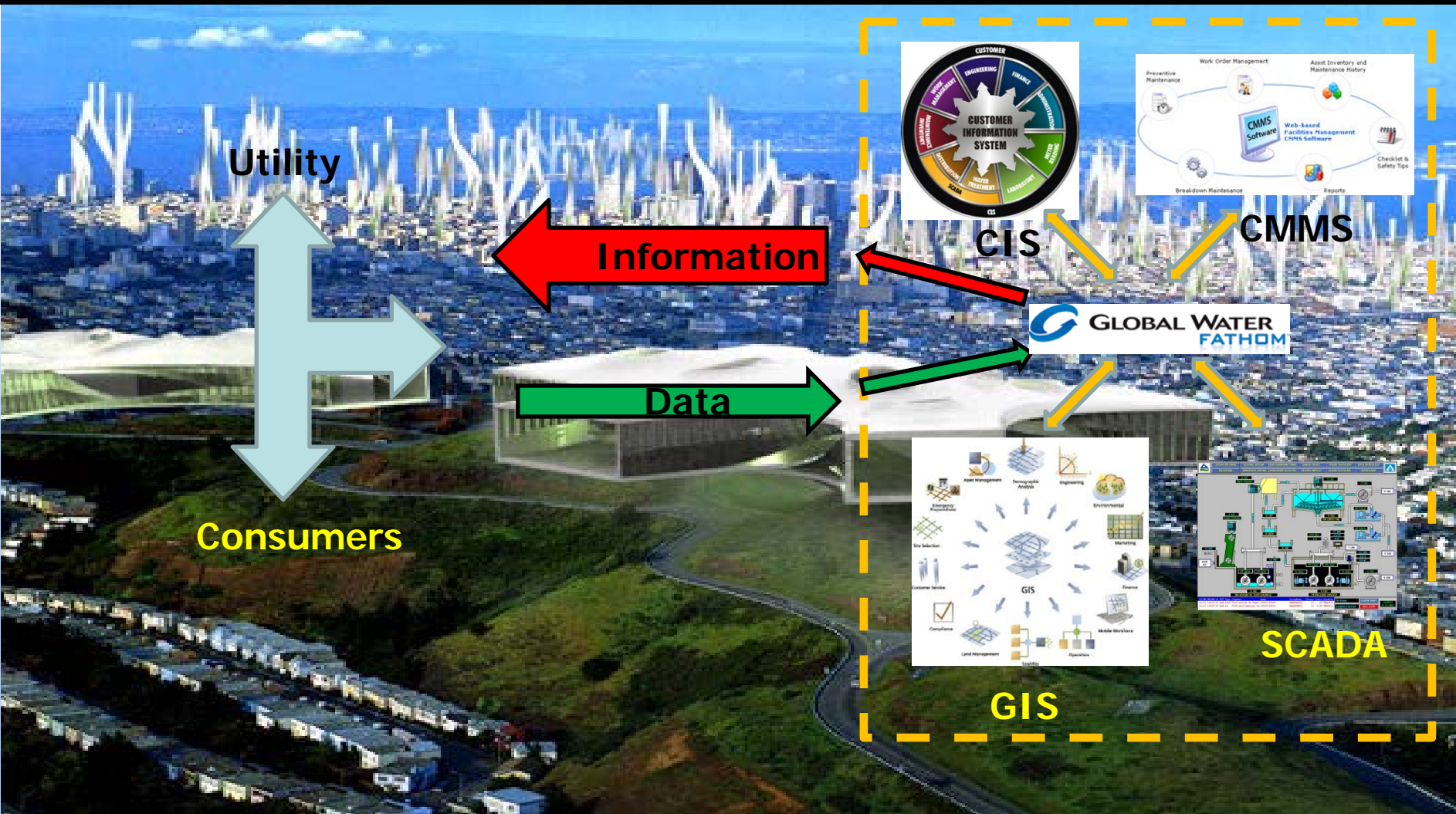
As Rates Increase...

People will demand information



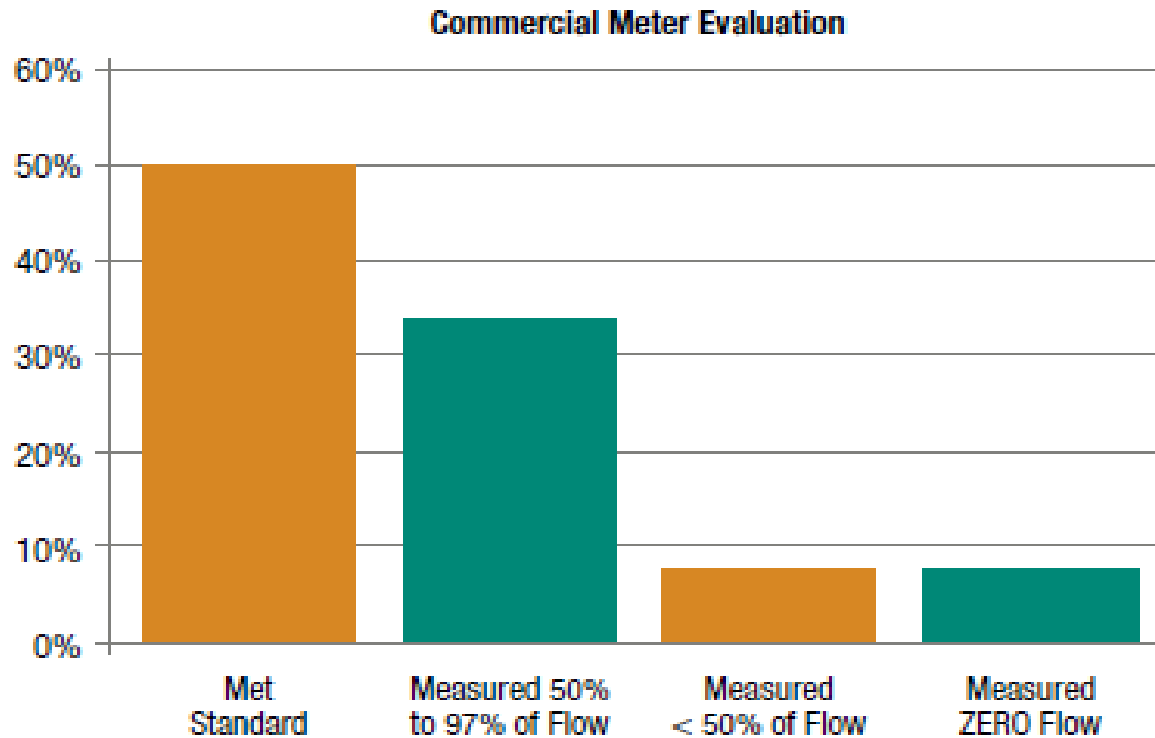
Source: Brett Walton, Circle of Blue, "The Price of Water 2012: 18 Percent Rise Since 2010, 7 Percent Over Last Year in 30 Major U.S. Cities", 10 May 2012

Where is the Data?



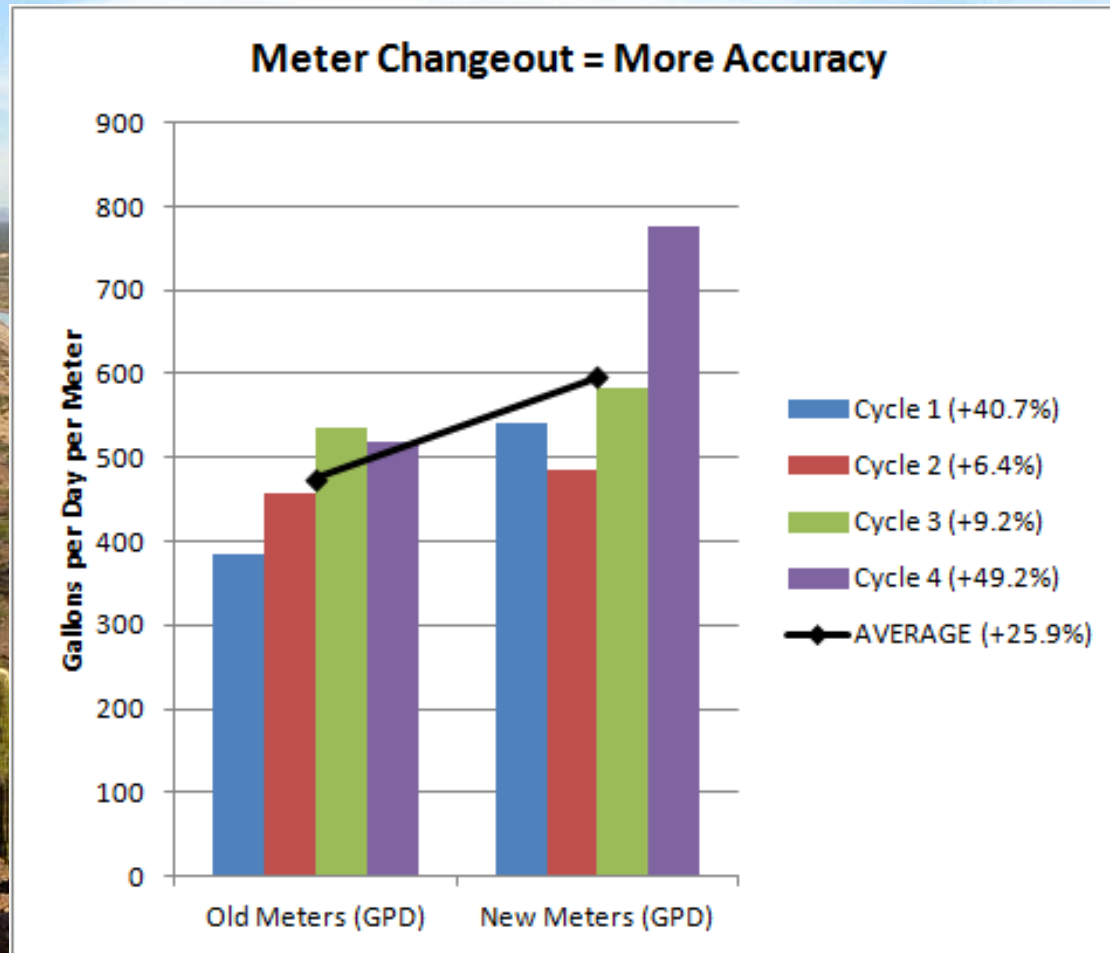
Finding the Drops in the Data

Figure 1: Results of commercial meter audit in Global Water – Santa Cruz Water Company



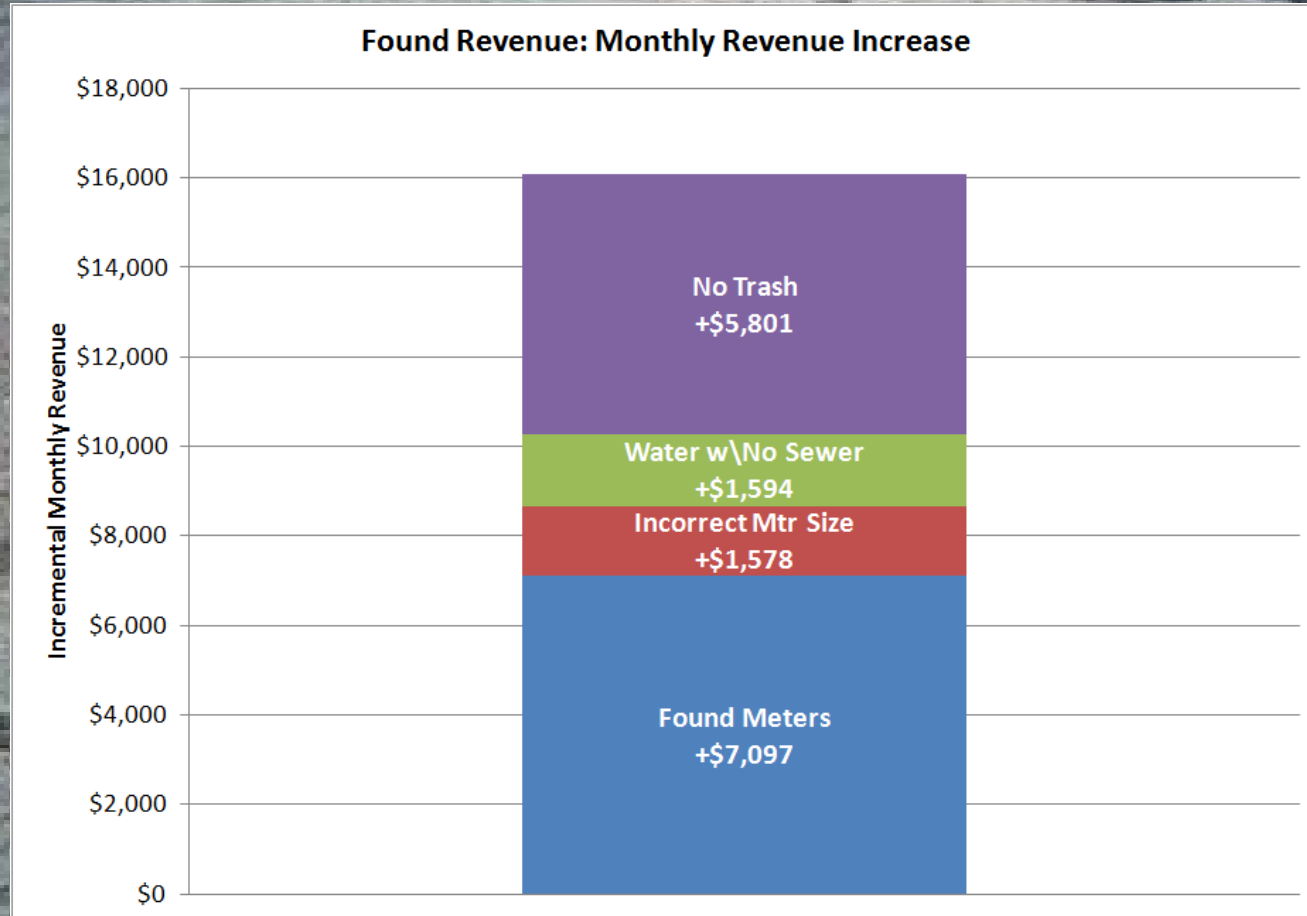
Source: Symmonds, G., "Are You Leaking Water or Data?", Water Canada, Sep/Oct 2011

Finding the Drops in the Data



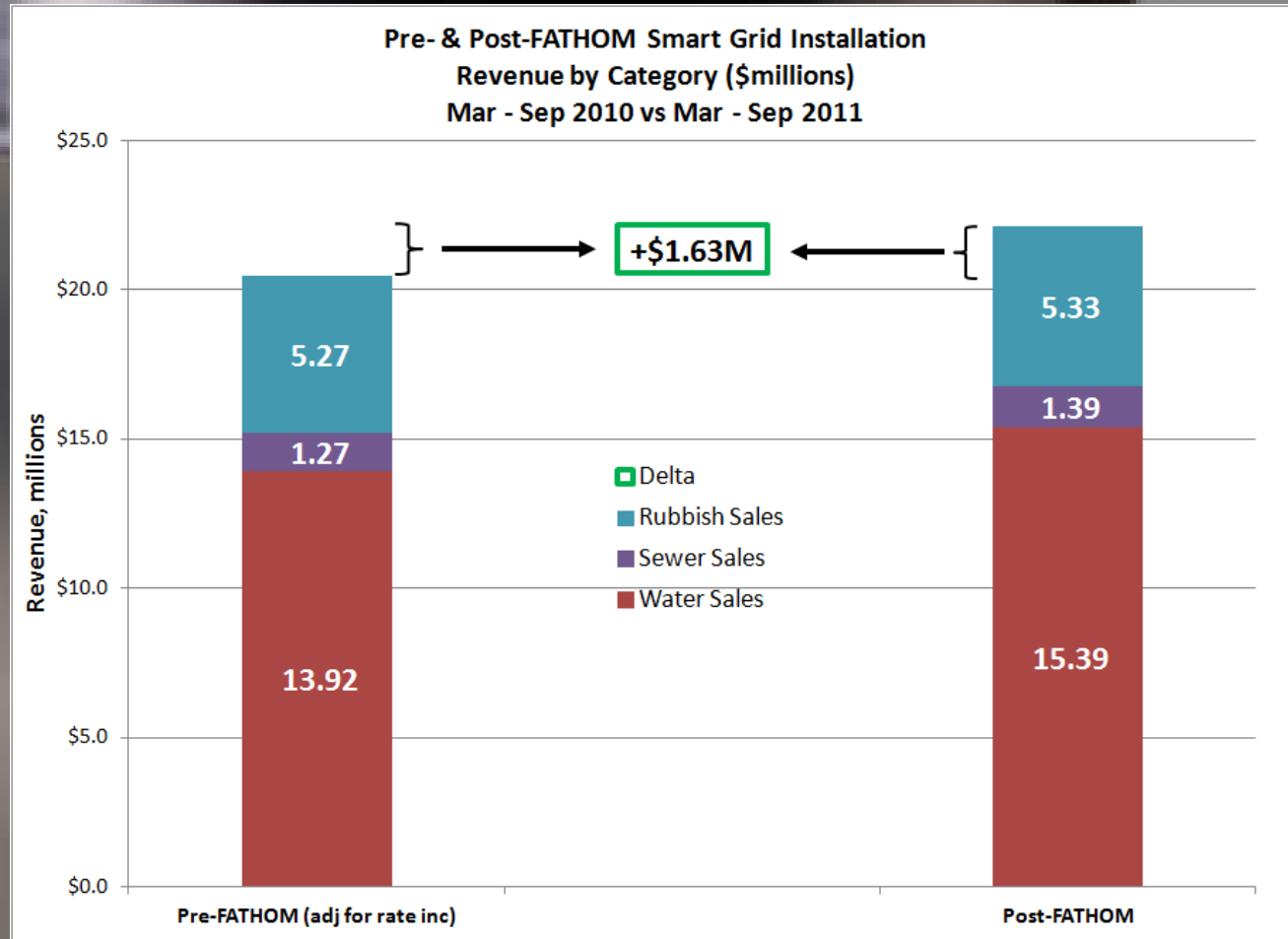
Source: Symmonds, G., "Get Smart!", UIM, Jan/Feb 2012

Finding the Dollars in the Data



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Benefits of Data for Consumers

Through the provision of instantaneous feedback on water consumption, average consumption can be reduced by 14%.

Source: Wesley Schultz, Warren DeCianni and Alexis Roldan, "Water Conservation Pilot", California State University, San Marcos

PERSONALIZED DATA



How much water do I use?

How do I fare compared to my street, my neighborhood, my city?

How much water should I use?

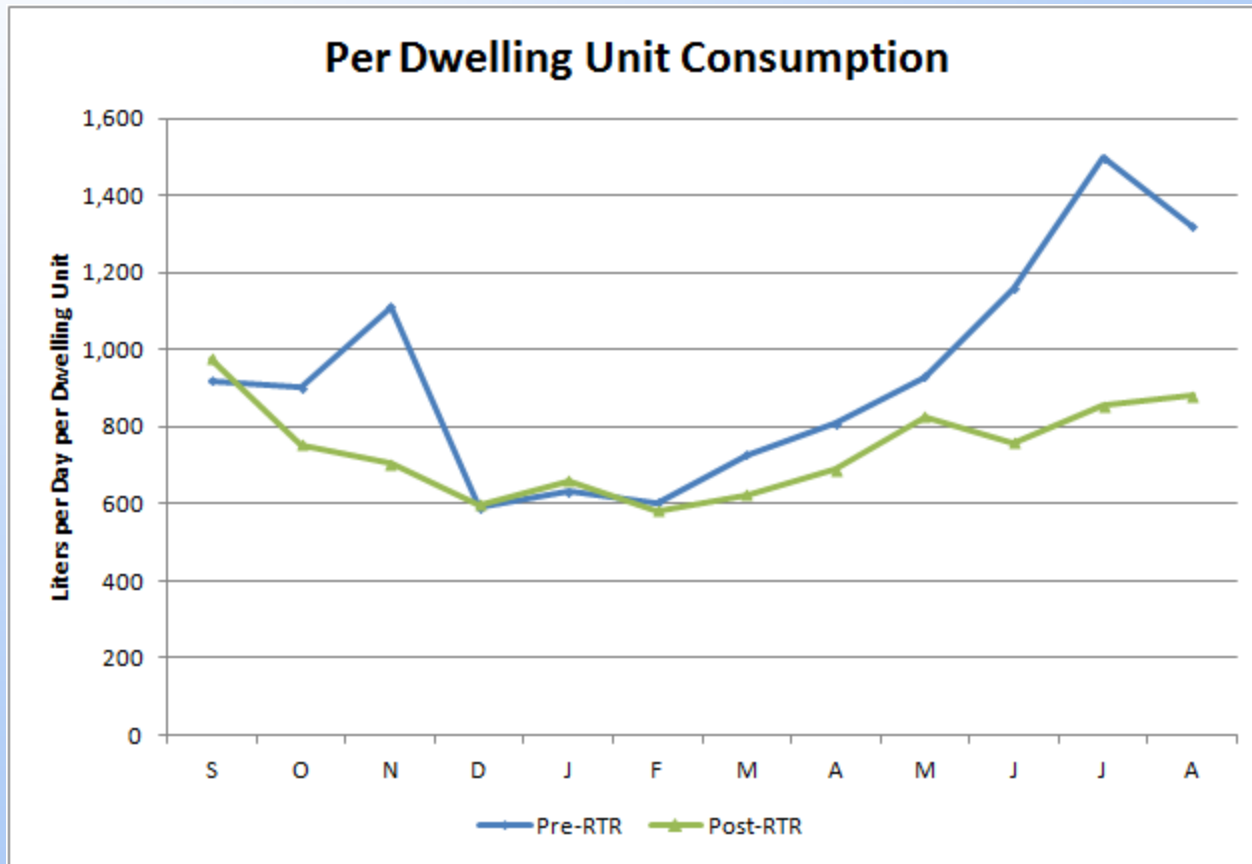
Based on weather data and evapotranspiration calculations – how much should I have used outside?

Access to Data = Conservation



Real-time Conservation

Incentives and Information



Changing the Industry

QUESTIONS?



"Truly sustainable water management and use requires efficiency, smart economics, advanced technology, and better governance and water management."

Source: Gleick, P., "The Real Cost of Water We Use", presented at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, 9 Feb 2010