WATER CONSERVATION: WHAT IS THE NEED?

At every Roundtable or IBCC meeting the need to reduce agriculture dry up for municipal use is a major topic

 Senate Bill 17 was an attempt to reduce ag dry up through limitation on the amount of lawn Statewide - municipal water use is about 50% in-house and 50% outside

In-house water use is only 5% to 10% consumed

Outside is 70% to 80% consumed

SB 17 would have restricted new developments using water from permanent ag dry up to have an average of 15% of lot size in grass

Las Vegas does not allow lawn in front of home and purchases existing lawn for \$1.50 / square foot.

SB 17 was changed to study conservation by the Water Resources Review
Committee of the legislature

At March Roundtable, a preliminary goal for SW & statewide of 60% inside, 40% outside and

For entities using ag dry up and/or needing TMD the goal is 70%/30%

There is currently a "fixture" bill working its way through the legislature to restrict sale in State to only low use water fixtures

Inside use will gradually decrease over time so 60/40 ratio will decrease outside over time

Reduction of lawn size is a significant conservation measure that will assist in meeting the 2050 muncipal water demand

