



Salt Lake City Council Public Comment June 12, 2007:

Stinky money comes from misuse of the public trust. Will the new mayor and the new council moderate the monopoly politics of the water department which has lead to 80% to 283% higher water rates for Salt Lake City residents, 143% to 420% higher water rates for trapped non-city water residents, and bad city PR?

Q: What does the city get from a politicized water department?

A: 80% to 420% higher water rates, and bad PR with city, county, and state officials. Elected officials are shocked by your water politics, and your suing folks for buying water. Salt Lake City is the state's top water hoarder, top water protester, top litigious water user, yet has circumvented court orders to determine and evaluate SLC's water hoard. Good water citizenship is a condition and policy for government co-operation for low interest loans, free money grants, free water rights, free federal easements worth millions.

Salt Lake City a.k.a PRWUA is suing (Civil No. 040400271) Payson city again on 4,700 acre-feet of sewer reuse when Salt Lake City's requested and received 76,000 acre-feet of sewer re-use in the same drainage basin.

-Elected officials are writing letters to water officials regarding the non-compliance of Court Orders which has allowed your water monopoly to flourish and adversely impact Utah's water commerce.

What is the purpose and cost to rate payers of water department's monopoly policy to control planning and zoning on 125,000 canyon acres outside city limits, and to control other cities under the guise of non-beneficial extreme green policies? Who sues water share buyers in the Utah desert? Close personal friends of the water department, my competitors, are not sued but given special treatment.

-Rate payers are entitled to fair and honest water bills without hidden political costs. An extra \$1.00 per bill gets the city an extra million. The city must resist the temptation to add non-water items in water bills directly or indirectly. When will the council moderated the water department policies to accomodate a fairer water rate and improve public relations?

The city's refusal to spend \$5,000 in fees could have prevented the lapsing of 105,000 acre-feet of water, yet your willing to spend \$100,000 to try to beat us out of 9,000 acre-feet. Is that something a fair and reasonable person would do?

The water department's new story is that Big Ditch exchanged 1/3 of Big Cottonwood Creek which is 16,000 acre-feet of drinking water for 1,000 acre-feet of Utah Lake irrigation water. You would not do that? If I presented the same offer to you, you'd laugh in my face, because you traded yourself 115 acre-feet of drinking water for 1,000 acre-feet of Utah Lake Water.

Thank you