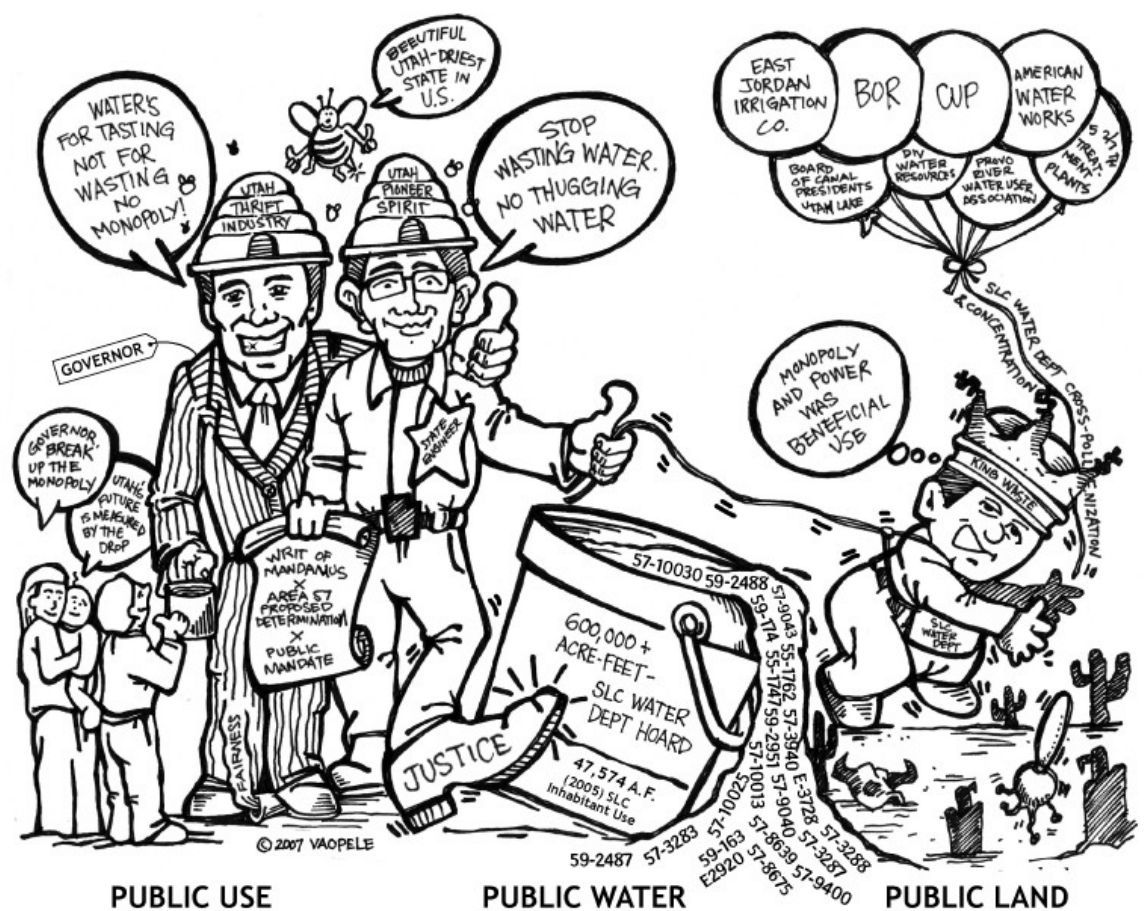


Salt Lake City
Council September
18, 2007

Dear Salt Lake
Council,

Why won't the Public
Utilities Department
provide this council
or the public with a
transparent water
inventory?

Your Public Utility
represented in 2000
in "Wasatch Front
Dry Spell?" and
again in 2007 to
Representative Clark
that "about 15% of
the water supply
comes from deep
wells." And that the
aquifer "appears to
be in good shape." **Since the aquifer is in such good shape, why isn't it good enough for SLC's 26 large wells but good enough for your neighbors North Salt Lake, Midvale, Murray and Sandy City?**



The Public Utility Department reported to the State Engineer figures of about 2% of the water supply coming from wells not "about 15%." Well water is very profitable which is why North Salt Lake, Midvale, Murray, Sandy and Orem pump so much, because nature treats the water for free. Well water which retails for \$600 to \$1,200 per acre-foot is very profitable, because electricity costs per acre-foot are \$60.00. Nancy, if you owned a hotel with room rates of \$60 to \$120 and expense rates of \$6 to \$12 would you keep a 90% vacancy rate and build more rooms with higher overhead costs?

Sandy pumps about 9,000 acre-feet of well water which it sells for between 7 to 11 million dollars. Charlie Wilson, Chairman of the Metro Salt Lake transferred 7,237.95 acre-feet of well water & sold 2 large wells and 2,000 acre-feet of water in the wells for \$250,000 to Sandy City. 2,000 acre-feet of well water retails for 1 to 2 million annually.

Salt Lake City water department and its water subsidiaries use more water lawyers than the Utah State Division of Water Rights which uses five water lawyers for a population of 2.6 million people.

Jim Lewis, your water CPA said, "It's like a monopoly." If a city water department uses more water lawyers than the entire State Division of Water Rights, how can you say that the SLC water department doesn't use lawyers for water monopoly. I'm being hounded by six now which is why I come to visit.

SLC "claims" 438.39 CFS of well water while using just 2 CFS from an aquifer in "good shape," yet builds a ¼ billion dollar water treatment plant. This makes no sense. If SLC pumped its wells like most cities, the ¼ billion dollar treatment plant would be 100% idle.

Sandy has 1.6 positions per 1,000 connections. SLC has 3.3 positions per 1,000 connections.

The city council needs to get a transparent water inventory & break its own water monopoly to bring down water costs for the city, county, and state.