

Group F Problem Statements/ Needs/Solutions

E1 & W1 Problem statement

- Lack of environmental accounting methods to allow comparative analysis of various water and energy technologies

E1 & W1 Needs

Environmental Accounting

- Need better standards and methodologies for decision support systems to capture full value of water

E1 & W1 Solutions

- Develop, test, evaluate standardized methodologies for decision support to capture full environmental accounting
- NBS, ASTM, NBII, ASHRAE (look at Standards producing organizations)
- DOE put together consortium, steering committee to direct actions

- Educational function/outreach to various college programs
 - Develop methods to include water intensity in energy planning/decision making and energy intensity in water planning /decision making
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E2 Problem

Water produced from energy extraction is used beneficially

E2 Needs

- Regulations that match water quality w/ end use
- Need for legal/regulatory reform to promote maximum beneficial use
- Need to clarify ownership of produced water

E2 Solutions

- Identify markets for degraded / produced water
 - Quality
 - Quantity
 - Duration
 - Location
- Reduce treatment costs for treatment of produced water
 - Refiltration cost reduction for R/O
 - Improved membrane efficiencies
- Pilot programs to test produced water reuse

E3 & W3 Problem

- Current dependence on centralized energy generation and water/wastewater treatment may be unsustainable and needs to be complemented by distributed generation

Need E3 & W3

- Asset management
- Condition of asset
- Current needs
- Projected future need
- Compare alternatives including water and energy use
- Gap analysis between future needs and current resources
- Include water/energy in Distributed analysis on a regional basis
- Refine methodologies

E3 & W3 Solutions

- Develop new systems analysis tools for energy/water sustainability
- Developed by labs and universities
- Users – waste water treatment, electric/water utilities
- Pilot Projects for regions (local scale first the move to larger projects)

- Models
 - Data
 - Identify limitations
 - Develop decision support tools to support integration of mixed systems (Distributed to centralized)
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Water W1

Problem stmt

Lack of information or understanding of the value of water in terms of true cost, opportunity cost and spatial and temporal variations in value.

Needs W1

- Need for reliability index for specific water rights
- Need standardized protocol

- Need predicative model for long term value of water
- Need quantified Federal/Tribal reserved rights
- Need to quantify regulatory, e.g., ESA, CWA
- Need real time monitoring data

Solutions

- Develop standards /methodologies for water appraisals
 - Economists, etc.
 - real estate appraisals
- Develop reliability index and std protocols for determining water right(s) reliability
 - What is the percentage of time that right will be available
 - What is the availability, when, and how much (temporal and spatial)
 - What are the opportunity costs (replacement costs)

- Done by hydrologists/ water rights experts, biologist, chemists
- Water rights Database development
- Need real time flow monitoring system

Problem W2

Lack of regional (water shed) planning, coordination, implementation and management across jurisdictions and ownership to integrate land-use and water-supply

Needs W2

(Number 1 & 3 combined)

Mechanism for regional planning (watershed)

- Need to define scale of hydrographic neighborhoods
- Need analytical tools that incorporate water/land

- Model to integrate land and water
- Tucson example –
- Demand forecasting
- Need for uniform stds
- Gauging systems
- Integrated measurement and monitoring system
- Need for data stds to inform water planning

Solution W1 & W2

- New technologies for measuring/monitoring
- Gauging stations currently \$50K, and \$15K to operate

- Develop common data stds land use and water use for integrated land, land use and water supply planning and management
- Data mapping

- Develop protocols for integrated land, water, and wastewater
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Problem W3 & E

Failure to pay attention to water conservation (supply curves of water)

Needs W3 & E

- Need full definition of the value of water saved
- Determine and quantify value
- Better water efficiency metrics
- Need incentives/subsidies for recycled water (example – treated water to ocean)
- Need severance Taxes water “lost” to ocean

Solution W3 & E

- Replace aging water meters
- Develop incentives for water recycling
- Demo projects
 - Collaborative partnering
 - DOE/WERF/AWWARF/Water Reuse/EPA/USGS