

# Council Communication

## August 3, 2015, Study Session

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### Discussion of City water sources

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**FROM:**

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**SUMMARY**

Councilor Voisin has requested a study session discussion of City water sources and how we use them during the drought.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Prompted by recent Council decisions regarding the use of TID and TAP water, Councilor Voisin requested a study session discussion of water sources and how they are used. See attached e-mail for Councilor Voisin's explanation of what she would like to discuss.

**COUNCIL GOALS SUPPORTED:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND REQUESTED ACTION:**

N/A

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

E-mail from Councilor Voisin to Mayor John Stromberg, June 18, 2015



**From:** [Carol Voisin](#)  
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I'm requesting that we study our sources of water and how we are going to need to use them wisely as the drought progresses. We need to do this now not in the winter. For instance, SOU and others are using water mid day when the north side of town is parched.

We need to define fairness when it comes to use of our sources of water.

We also have a policy decision that has been made by staff that the council needs to study and make policy on what "emergency" means with regard to the use of the TAP line. AWAC clearly defined in the master plan what an emergency meant - no use of potable water for irrigation and more. The council voted to accept this, hence it is de facto our policy. Staff are implementing something different by proposing the use of TAP for irrigation. We need a study session on water. The water war has begun in Ashland. We need to step up and take charge of it.

Carol

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