Total Water Use in Utah

An acre foot is equivalent to about 325,000 gallons
Municipal and Industrial (M&I) Water Use in Utah

(Diversions in acre feet per year)
Policy Design Considerations

Fundamental Question - Taxes v. user fees to pay for water

• User fee can provide more design flexibility than a tax
  • Could address affordability concerns by ensuring basic level of water use not subject to user fee
  • Flat fee ($x per connection) v. volume-based ($0.xx per 1,000 gallons)
• Type of water use to include or exclude
  • All water v. M&I water v. exempting some M&I water (like basic residential use)
  • Wholesale or retail level
• User fee encourages more efficient water use
  • Sends price signals - an effective conservation strategy
  • Aligns cost of water with use of water
  • Allows people to reduce their bill by choosing to use less water