

Comments on VISPO Program

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P101-712	UV	Letter (FAQ) states “If trigger is reached on or <u>before</u> September 1. What is before September 1 - May, June, July August?”
P100-151	BE	I would be interested in the 10-year option also after my lease expires.
	ME	Not interested. If I cut back on water use, the 30 year old Pecan tree might die. So why should I save a fish that has no value?
P101-682	UV	I would consider participating in the program, however, at this date, I am undecided if I would enroll in a 5 year or ten year program.
P100-645 p100-348	BE	I would be interested in participating
P100-947	ME	Are standby fees and implementation fees paid in the same year? Are wells in Uvalde County eligible for this program?
P100-030	BE	<p>This is how I understand your latest water proposal: If I enroll 100 AF for 10 years, I will be guaranteed at least \$57.50 AF each year, regardless of any water restrictions that will be imposed. In addition, when the J17 well is at or below 650 on September 1 I will get an additional \$172.50 AF the following year, however, on that year I cannot use any of the 100 AF that I have in your program.</p> <p>It is also my understanding that if the J17 well is above 650 on September 1 I can use my permitted water just like anyone that is not in the program, subject only to critical period reductions; and also the “finish out a crop rules.”</p> <p>It is my further understanding that at this early stage all you are attempting to do is get an idea of the people interested in participating in this program, and it is not a binding contract of any sort on either party. If all of these “understandings” are correct, I will be interested.</p>
P100-034	BE	Recent increase in commodity prices may require increase in program payments by September 2, 2012 and later years due to expected inflation. Today the 5 year plan is acceptable.
P101-727	UV	Total base (152.904) and total unrestricted (97.096) = 250 acre-feet each year for the 5-year option period. I may consider the 10-year option when and if the program materializes.
N/A	ME	Ag businesses will be devastated by this program. Farmers who lease a majority of their land won't be able to make payments on their equipment if the land owners join the program. Corn processing plants who deal only with food corn will fold after spending many years building their clientele. If these local tortilla factories can't get local corn, they will close or more. I am not a farmer, but I have worked with agriculture all my adult life, and no I am not interested in a program with so many things that are uncertain such as this.
P100-403	BE	Thank you!
P100-304	ME	Thank you!
P100-734	CO	Depending on rules for participating in the VISPO program. If landowner decides to sell their land before the 10 years are up?
P101-165 P101-604	ME	If we elect to enter the VISPO, what happens if we sell the property with base water rights or sell the water rights outright?
P101-886	UV	Not sure about permit, but probably will participate

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N/A	ME	I do not agree with this program. This program would put farmers out of business who lease farm land. They would know from year to year if they would be irrigated farmers or dry land farmers. You could not borrow money from banks or purchase equipment not knowing which one you would be. It would be bad for the economy.
P101-145	ME	I have 150 AF available by 2013 & 200 AF more by 2016. I think it is a good program and I do support.
P102-152	UV	Currently unrestricted water is leased to SAWS. After this lease expires, would possibly have more water to enroll in the program (300 acre feet)
P100-922	ME	There's not enough facts to make a good decision. Right now this is just someone's dream. The stand-by fee is ok. The implementation is too low.
P101-670	UV	I was not able to attend the December meetings so I have many questions about VISPO. I am interested but not sure if I should submit unrestricted or base acres and might in more or less acre feet. I also am not sure on the 5-year or 10-year programs.
N/A	ME	I am 100% against this program. It will be the end of irrigation farming who lease land with one acre foot or less and have to go out and lease additional water to raise crops, the further west you go rainfall is less! This will raise the cost of leasing additional water if you can find any. At the meeting in Castroville, Mark Carroll had an alternative idea. Let farmers their water at a price they determine and are happy with. If the 650 mark is reached accept the bids from the cheapest on up until you reach the desired amount of water needed. This way the land owner, farmer & person leasing the water (if additional water is needed) are all happy. This would save having to pay out money until it is needed.
P100-506 P100-333	BE	If base water is converted to unrestricted and sold - would this program automatically transfer? Can this program exist if base water is not being used now?
P100-014	AT	This is assuming that all free and available unrestricted water would have to be used in VISPO before an applicant could enroll base water. If that is not the case, I would enroll all of the water from base water.
P100-162	BE	This is possible something that we would be interested in. maybe 500 - 600 acre feet of our base (1285 AF). EAA meters are already installed, I would need more information before committing.
P100-163	ME	This year the EAA required me to formalize a lease agreement with my tenant for the 513.2 AF of base water. This lease terminates on December 31, 2011. If I participate in the EARIP program, would I need to adjust this lease in the future to a September 1 or August 31 termination date or no lease at all? How would this work? Currently, I am the trustee for the unrestricted water, most of which is under lease to SAWS and SARA. When these leases expire would I have the option then to participate in this program if I choose to do so?
P101-165	ME	Sounds like it could be a good plan.
P101-936 P101-942	UV	These two permitted wells are owned by multiple family members, and would require all to accept and sign participation agreements.