



Water Rates

Agriculture and South East Kelowna

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Outline

- ▶ Agricultural Water Rate Design Community Engagement Results
- ▶ Water Rates for SEKID and SOMID Transition

Engagement Goals

- ▶ Inform users to help understand the purpose and principles of water rate design
- ▶ Engage stakeholders in the rate design process
- ▶ Create broader understanding of utility and user roles in water resource stewardship
- ▶ Understand the value and importance of efficient water use and water conservation

Engagement Process

- ▶ Online survey
- ▶ Newsletter mail-out
- ▶ Face to face meetings
- ▶ Stakeholder workshop
- ▶ Public Open House

427



online survey responses

223

SEKID
customers

109

City of Kelowna Water Utility
customers



29%

Agriculture water customers

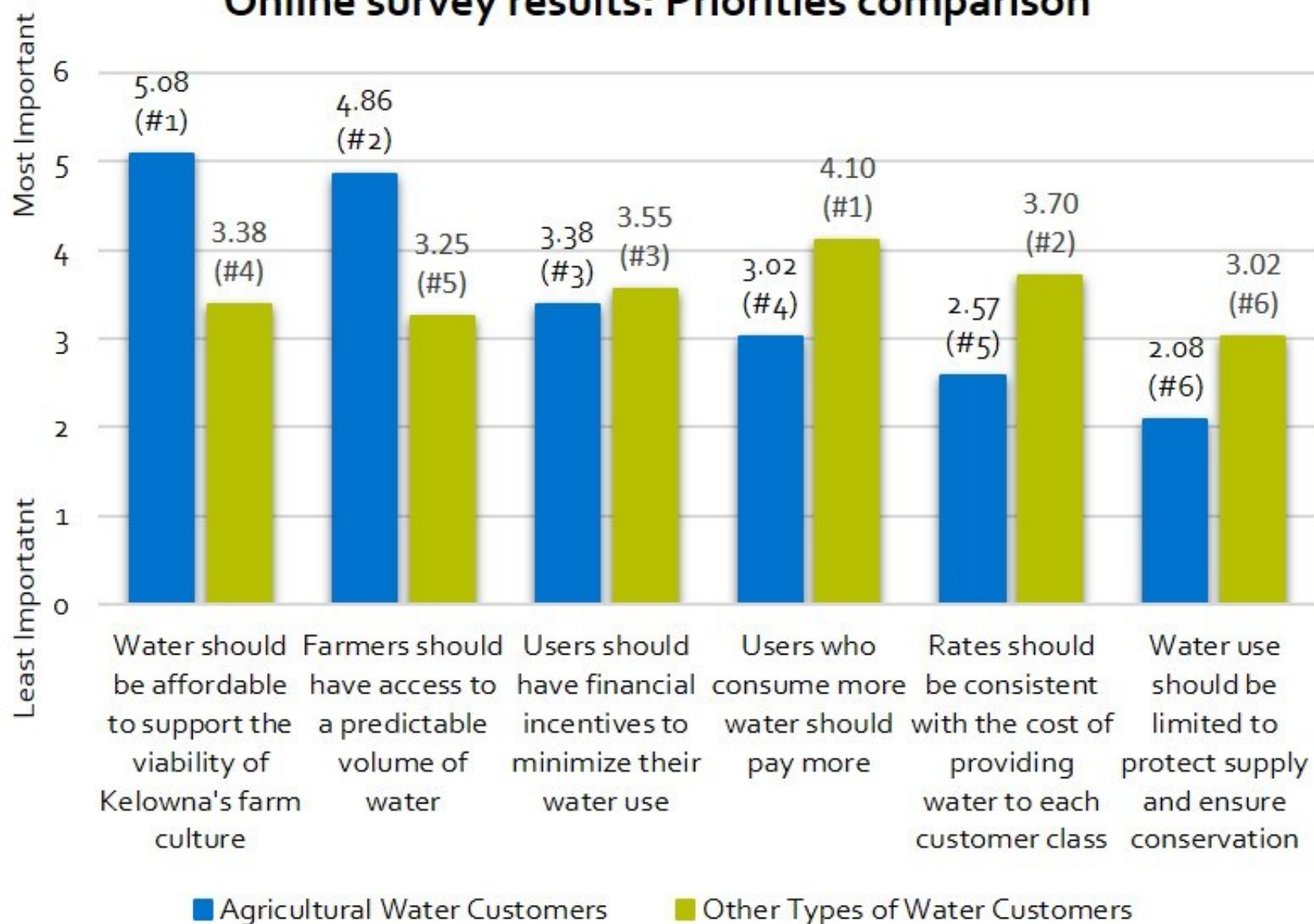
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Customers of
other water
purveyors

What We Heard

- ▶ Farmers concerned about water security and costs of water
 - ▶ Expanded into concerns about how rates will be set and water will be governed
- ▶ Support for charging lower water rates for properties actively being farmed (Farm Status)
- ▶ “Conservation” a higher concern for non-farmers, farmers concerned about “wasting water”

Online survey results: Priorities comparison



Recommended Next Steps

- ▶ Through a holistic and inclusive process, engage and consult with the agricultural community to:
 1. Develop agricultural water rate policy to guide future councils on setting Agricultural water rates;
 2. Develop a long term agricultural water pricing structure that reflects the engagement results;
 3. Develop a water allocation structure that provides water security for sustainable farming in Kelowna

.... Next Steps

- ▶ Maintain water rate stability through implementation of the domestic water supply project by:
 - ▶ Retaining 2019 SEKID water rates and rate structure through 2020
 - ▶ Amend Water Regulation Bylaw to put City of Kelowna Agricultural customers and SOMID customers on same water rates as SEKID farmers.
- ▶ Finalize all by year 2021



Questions?

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