

Water Literate Leaders 2017/2018 Survey Results at 4/10/18 (17 responses out of 21 in class)

1. The class has increased my knowledge about important water issues:

9—Tremendously

7—Considerably

1—Somewhat

- You put together a tremendous agenda, with pertinent and knowledgeable experts and speakers. Great job!
- Terrific outline of topics, simply need more time with each.
- Water is such a complex topic. I was relieved that this course came along at this time—just elected to city council.

2. The class has given me opportunity to network with others:

6—Tremendous opportunity

9—Considerable opportunity

2—Some opportunity

- It is a balance of content and time to talk and network. I understand this balance is difficult to achieve.
- I like that you mix up the assigned seating every session so we all sit next to someone different each time
- Again, more time would be a benefit.
- The discussions are great. I have not taken as much advantage of networking as I could.

3. The class added to the likelihood of an ongoing regional water dialogue:

6—Tremendously

9—Considerably

2—Somewhat

- Not being part of the smaller group leading the charge on what this looks like after the class, it is difficult to tell. I believe in the power of cheap talk though.
- Certainly leaders who attended the class have a clearer idea of where to go and who to engage to participate in the regional water dialogue.
- I believe that we need to address water issues at a regional level. Perhaps the class members can be the start (or continuation) of such a dialogue.

4. Considering tuition for Water Education Colorado's 30 hour Water Fluency class is \$1050, and WLL scholarships could be made available for those who could not pay the full amount, I think Water Literate Leaders of Northern Colorado is worth tuition of:

2—\$150 same as this year

6—\$300

3—\$500

3—\$750

1—\$1000

2—\$1250

(Average is \$550)

- I hate to bump up the price too much without knowing how many scholarships are available, if they would be full scholarships, etc.
- It is "worth" much more that the tuition, however I think the goal of what the class is trying to accomplish of encouraging leaders to participate, keeping it almost free avoids the complication of leaders needing to allocate funds for the training.
- Worth every penny! Thank you!
- However, if \$1000 is charged, I feel that the organization or city/town that an applicant represents should then be asked to pay the tuition or at least most of the tuition.
- It is probably worth \$2000, but thinking of what I would have been able to pay, \$500-\$750 would probably have maxed out my ability to commit.

5. I, or the company/agency that paid my way this year could afford to pay tuition in the amount of:

1—\$150

5—\$300

5—\$500

1—\$750

2—\$1250

(Average is \$529)

- It's not so much about what my company/agency can afford, it's about making the decision to participate be a no-brainer.
- I do not know the budget for such activities for the town I represent.
- Ann Hutchison would be the one to answer this question. Ann runs Leadership Fort Collins and Leadership Northern Colorado so a good person to consult on this question.

6. Each month's session should be held:

10—8am to 1pm, save five hours as this year

2—7:30am to 1:30pm, one additional hour

1—10am—4pm, one additional hour

2—9am to four pm, two additional hours

2—8am to 4pm, three additional hours

- I thought the five hours was just about right
- 5 hours is about the limit of absorption as there is a lot of material presented
- I believe there is much more content that could be covered. I feel that there is much that will not be addressed in this class
- Or 7am—12noon

7. The diversity of subject matter for this year's sessions was:

3— Too diverse—not enough time for each topic

13—Just right—never enough time, but important to cover the full range we covered

1—not diverse enough—we missed some important facets

- Some topics seem to get more coverage than others—for example Ag was a common topic that came up at each session. However, other topic felt a little underrepresented.
- It was a great overview of the wide range of topics to consider.
- Increased time at each class session could increase efficiency I think. It would allow more questions and some better understanding of the topics by getting more in depth. I do also think it would help with some of the speakers/presenters if our knowledge base from the previous topics was better established. If the speakers also understand our knowledge base that could be beneficial to eliminate some redundancy.

8. I would have been willing/able to read subject matter material ahead of time in order to have had more session time for group dialogue on the issues:

6—yes, but no more than 30-40 pages or website equivalent

4—Yes, but no more than about 10 pages or website equivalent

7—The amount of reading you occasionally gave us for pre-session prep is the most I could have handled.

- Leaders are pretty busy, so it may be wise not to require too much of a commitment
- It is not realistic to think that I could have absorbed “pun intended” more with an increased expectation however that would need to be identified up front to allow for challenging schedules to fit it all in.

9. Please share here additional comments you have about the class:

- Thanks for your hard work to put together a great class
- Great idea to conduct this class. Thank you!
- It has been great to get so many great speakers working in so many different areas of the water issues we face in northern Colorado. While this may be easier said than done I think spending an initial session (in a scenario where the class session is longer) building up a good knowledge base prior to the speakers on more specific topics may help us to go more in depth with those speakers about their specific challenges. It may not be possible, but I think it could be beneficial.
- Be content that this is an introduction to material and an effort to grow a network of well-informed community leaders
- I have found the class to be extremely informative and well worth the time. I am very grateful for the opportunity to have participated and the time and expertise that Reagan and MaryLou devoted to this. Many thanks and bravo!
- I think it was commendable that assembled class represented different disciplines (business, policy, conservation, led by academics);excellent decision. Would have been nice to find more time to really get into group discussion around some of the issues presented.
- Really vial to our NoCo future. Thanks for beginning it!
- Feel absolutely privileged to e part of the student body. I look forward to better understand how I can take this knowledge and put it to work in a project or further enhance the future class experience.
- I am unsure about the homework assignments and questions, if they are begin completed by majority of class. I have mixed feelings about this. However am somewhat unsure when responding to the homework questions if I have thought them through. Encouraged and discouraged can be difficult to respond to and maybe a key question or questions could be developed by the group organizing and posed at the beginning of each session.
- I so appreciate the hard work of those that have pulled this class together. You are a “10” in my book. Thanks
- This class was not only informative, it was inspiring.