BASIC QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNITIES TO ASK
The information on the AGWT web-site, whether in written, graphic or image form is presented in good faith to provide insight and understanding of issues. It is not, and is not intended to represent, technical or legal opinion about any of the scientific findings, techniques, policies, rules, regulations or case examples to which reference is made. When known, picture credits are provided. The AGWT makes no claim on the copyright of images or text obtained from the internet or other published sources unless specifically listed as ©AGWT.
Points and questions

- We all have a strong vested interest in water protection
- Ignorance is a road block to achieving science based water policy
- Citizens have a right and a duty to speak up and speak out on issues that affect them
Points and questions (2)

- There is no alternate water
- Check information sources for objectivity and independence
- How credible are the opinions?
- Be aware of potential vested interests from the "right" and the "left"
- *Follow the money* might not identify all hidden agendas
Points and questions (3)

- Become informed about the basics of energy sources
- Be prepared to pay more for sustainable water ....... think about the value, not the price
- Do not go into denial!
Points and questions (4)

- Test and record water well yield & quality in advance of energy development
- Talk about concerns before they become polarized issues
- Demand promulgation and enforcement of environmental regulations
Points and questions

ASK QUESTIONS:  (for example)

→ Where will “frac” water be obtained, stored and disposed?
→ What is the anticipated life-cycle volume of chemicals?
→ How will chemicals be transported and stored?
→ Could the same level of gas recovery occur from fewer sites?
Points and questions (6)

- How many fracking events in the life of the well?
- Has there been a survey of existing and abandoned water wells?
- Are there geological faults in the area along which gas might migrate?
- Who will benefit financially from the development?
- How much of the “benefit” will stay in the local area?
Points and questions (7)

➔ Will regulators have 24/7 access to inspect gas-well sites?
➔ Are the state/ federal inspectors experts in energy recovery?
➔ How do planners see the long term “picture” of a transformed industrialized landscape?
“We are in a show-me world, not a trust-me world”

Richard Ward, Aspen Institute, Sept 27, 2010