## Coeur d'Alene's History with Xeriscaping

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#### **Classic Short Definition:**

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#### Wise water use includes

#### landscaping that

#### minimizes the need for watering



# Four reasons to practice wise water use

- Ethical:
- Environmental:
- Legal:
- Fiscal:

#### • ETHICAL REASONS to practice wise water use!

Waste not... Want not

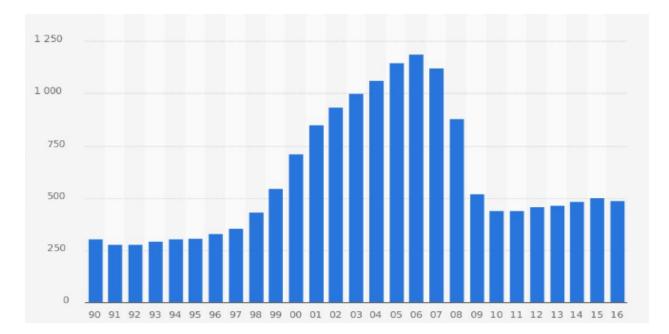
# **ENVIORNMENTAL REASONS** to practice wise water use

Our water supply is not unlimited!

#### LEGAL REASONS to practice wise water use

#### Request Denied? Delayed? NOT Good!

## FISCAL REASONS to practice Wise Water Use



# What was the process of getting new water lights in the past?

## New water rights: today's approach

- Partnerships
- Education
- Infrastructure
- Encouragement, gentle
- Encouragement, less gentle

#### PARTNERSHIPS

## Get partners and do projects with them

#### **EDUCATION-COMMUNICATION**

#### talk about what you are doing... a lot

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

fund things and talk about it... a lot

#### ENCOURAGEMENT

both gentle and less gentle

## **Other roads considered...**

### and not taken...



### Additional resources:

- Local peers
- Regional peers
- Consultants

## **SUMMARY:**

- It is in your utility's interest to promote wise water use.
- Find and nurture partnerships.
- Look for resources wherever you can
- Tell your story... a lot

## THANKYOU

**QUESTIONS?** 

