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Discussion Questions

What actions should be taken to manage the water resources more effectively?

- Should we develop water user associations (WUA) and establish volumetric pricing to the farmers to encourage them to save water?
- Should we devote more funds to save water by improving the management, operation, and maintenance of the system?
- Should we abandon the irrigation system all together and sell all of the water received from the Dau Tieng Reservoir to HCMC instead and use the proceeds to subsidize private pump ownership and groundwater development?
- Should we do some combination of the above?

What additional information do you need, if any, in choosing one or a combination of the above?

Who owns the water rights and who do you think should make the final decision as to how the water is to be allocated? – farmers, IMC, HCMC?