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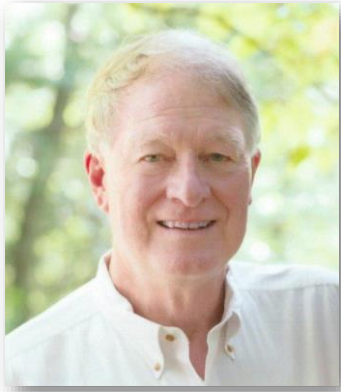
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## AGENDA

- I. Planning for Water Reuse
- II. Treatment Technologies and Costs
- III. Institutional Barriers and Permitting Challenges to Water Reuse

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## PLANNING FOR WATER REUSE

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## AGENDA WHAT MAJOR TOPICS ARE WE DISCUSSING

Water reuse planning has many facets:

- Why water reuse is important
- Planning challenges
- Creating the new water resource (reclaimed water)
- Applications for reclaimed water

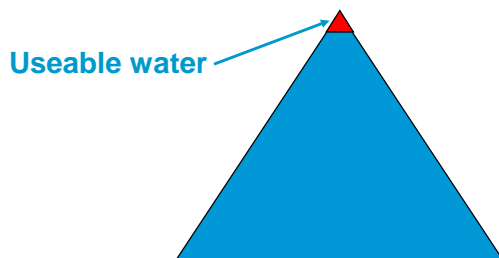


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## WATER – SCARCER THAN YOU THINK!

- Water is a scarce commodity. Of the world's available water (about 36,000,000,000,000,000 gallons) only 0.25 to 0.3% is useable for consumption, agricultural or industrial use (United Nations)



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## WATER USE PATTERNS IN THE US

Water Use:

- Thermoelectric generation - 47%
- Irrigation – 34%
- Public water supplies – 11%
- Industrial – 6%
- Mining – 1%
- Livestock – 1%

Of these, irrigation is the most consumptive (81%) thus reducing water for reuse somewhere else

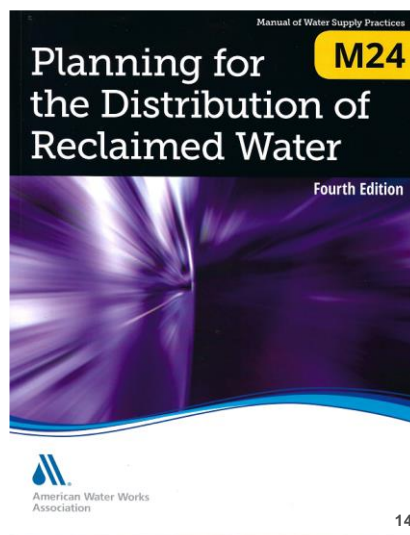


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## PLANNING – THE KEY TO SUCCESS

The new AWWA M24 manual has lots of information dedicated to understanding and planning for the use of reclaimed water – its not just about distribution!



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## BACKGROUND

Throughout the world, many communities have adopted water conservation (a form of forced sustainability!)

Now, as communities reach the limits gained through water through conservation, reuse becomes a necessity

Reclaimed water now becomes a new “water resource” and fits nicely into a Total Water Management strategy

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## BACKGROUND

(CONTINUED)

- Water conservation is increasing as water supplies become stressed. In my home state of North Carolina that is no exception
- Two major droughts were a reality check. One major city almost ran out of water
- In many states, like NC, FL, CA and others, consideration of the use of reclaimed water has been mandated for all water supply planning projects

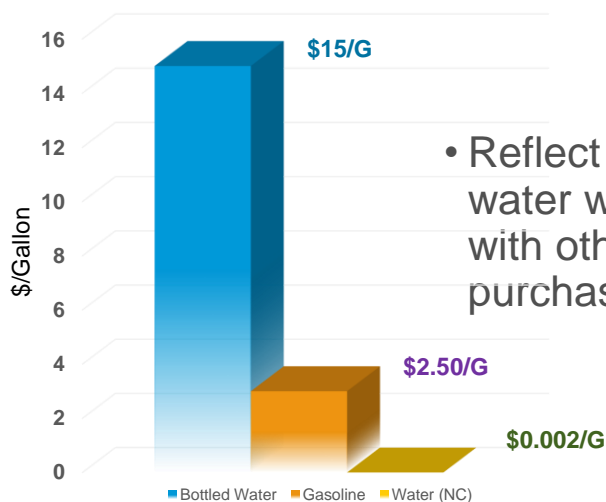
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## BUT WE DON'T VALUE WATER SO WHY REUSE IT?



- Reflect on the cost of water when compared with other consumer purchases

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## “WHAT – ME WORRY?” – A. E. NEWMAN, 1972

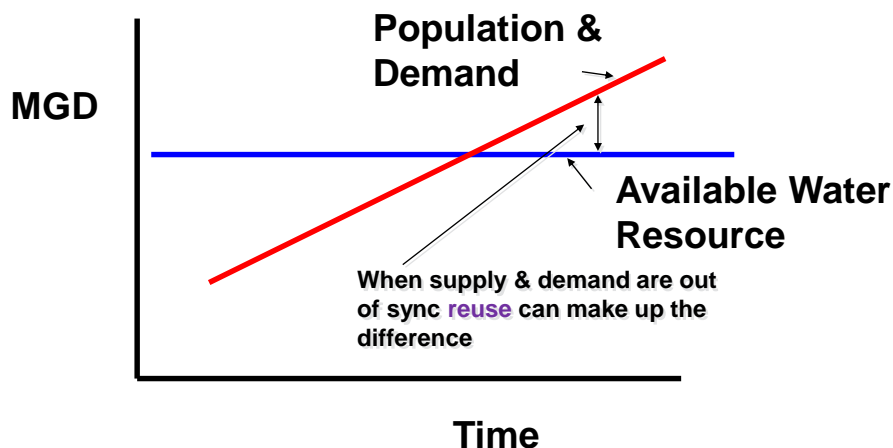
- Unlike Alfred E. Newman, we all really must be concerned about our water resources
- Business as usual will simply not cut it as investors and regulators push for changes and externalities such as climate change force that reality
- Moral: plan for water reuse



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## WHY IS WATER REUSE IMPORTANT?



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## WHAT DRIVES REUSE:

- Demand exceeds sustainable supply
- Drought
- TMDLs/Nutrient load caps
- Climate change
- “Conventional” planning methods have not caught up with supply needs
- Little regulatory attention to an integrated water resource management approach



All Lead to “Water Scarcity”



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## PLANNING CHALLENGES

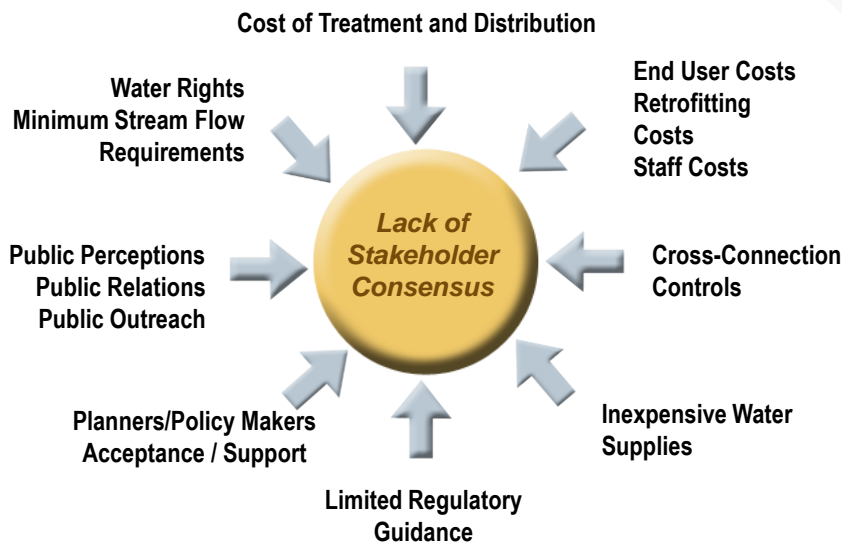
- Population increase
- Public pressure
- Environmental Pressure
  - Potable Water Supplies
  - Water Quality
  - Stream Flow
  - Climate Change
- Sustainable Solutions Require:
  - Technical Capacity
  - Managerial and personnel capacity
  - Financial and managerial capacity
  - Regulatory initiatives
  - Public buy-in

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## PLANNING CHALLENGES - CONTINUED



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## WHY REUSE WATER?

- Reduces potable water demand
- Conserves/protects groundwater resources
- Reduces nutrient loadings to rivers & estuaries
- Generally less expensive than other water supply alternatives
- Delays development of new water resources
- Delays implementation of expensive potable water plant construction (or upgrades)



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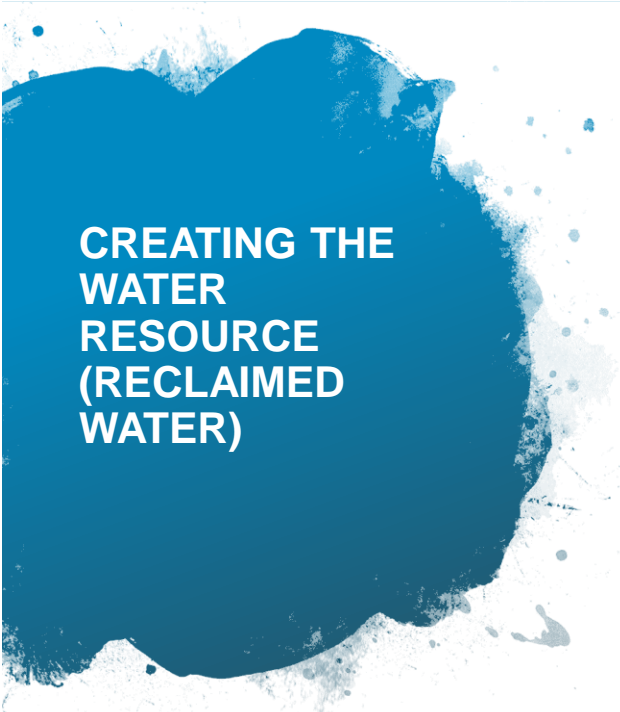


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## APPLICATIONS FOR RECLAIMED WATER

- Landscape irrigation
- Agricultural irrigation (edible & non-edible crops)
- Fire fighting
- Industrial and commercial
- Environmental uses
  - Parks
  - Playgrounds
  - Etc.
- Non-Potable urban uses (toilet flushing in commercial buildings, cooling towers)
- Groundwater recharge
- Potable water supply augmentation

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## CREATING THE WATER RESOURCE (RECLAIMED WATER)

- The steps to water resources sustainability
  - First understand the long-range water resource demands in the community
  - Develop thoughtful water conservation regulations to reduce demands
  - Educate consumers on water conservation
  - Estimate the part that reuse can play

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## CREATING THE WATER RESOURCE (CONTINUED)

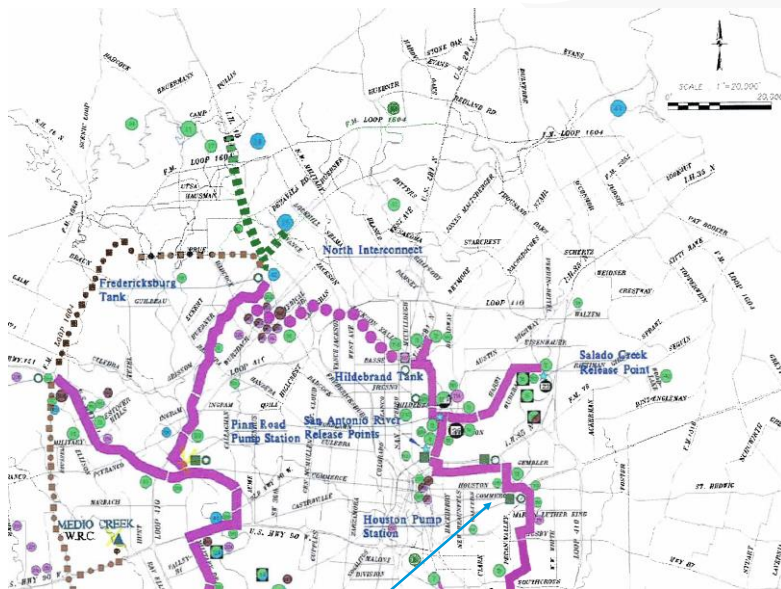
- Develop reclaimed water resource using best practices
- Evaluate reclaimed water resource and community's sustainability profile
- Two major types of reuse facilities
  - Add-on to an existing wastewater treatment facility
  - Construct a new satellite facility
    - Newest technology is the satellite facility
    - Small footprint using membrane technologies

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**LOCATE  
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POTENTIAL  
CUSTOMER**



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## DETERMINE DEMAND VARIATIONS

- Determine customer demands
- Consider yield to meet annual and monthly demand
- Irrigation peak > industrial peak
- Provide system storage or limit supply
- Consider requiring customers to provide storage
- Charge a rate based on time-of-day or peak rate

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## BENEFITS OF RECLAIMED WATER

- Dependable source of supply
- Locally controlled
- Environmentally friendly
- Generally lower capital costs
- Augments existing supplies



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## CONCLUSIONS

- Reclaimed water IS a water resource
- Reclaimed water can be used for many previously defined uses and is most often cheaper than developing traditional water supplies
- System design has its complications due to variable demand factors by time-of-day and customer type
- Public acceptance is critical to increased water reuse, as we heard earlier this afternoon
- Water reuse IS the **sustainable** future for water supplies



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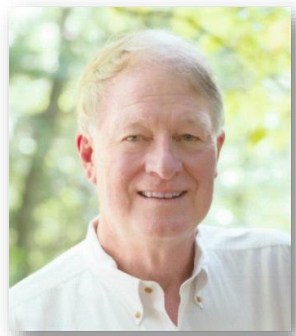


How about some reused ice? It's all gone here!

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## TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES AND COSTS

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### AGENDA

- Types of Reuse Applications in Practice
  - Non-Potable
  - Small Scale
  - De-Facto
  - Potable
- Treatment Technologies
  - Reverse Osmosis-based
  - Carbon-based
- Cost Considerations
  - Capital
  - O&M
- Conclusions



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## TYPES OF REUSE APPLICATIONS



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### NON-POTABLE REUSE

- Non-potable reuse refers to recycled or reclaimed water that is not used for drinking but is safe to use for irrigation or industrial processes.
- Industrial
  - Use of treated municipal wastewater for industrial facilities (cooling towers)
  - Reuse of water within facilities (washdown, cycling cooling water, production processes)
  - Sometimes an industrial discharge limit encourages this practice
- Irrigation
  - Use of treated municipal wastewater for parks, golf courses, zoos
  - Decentralized reuse at buildings
- Regulations vary from state to state

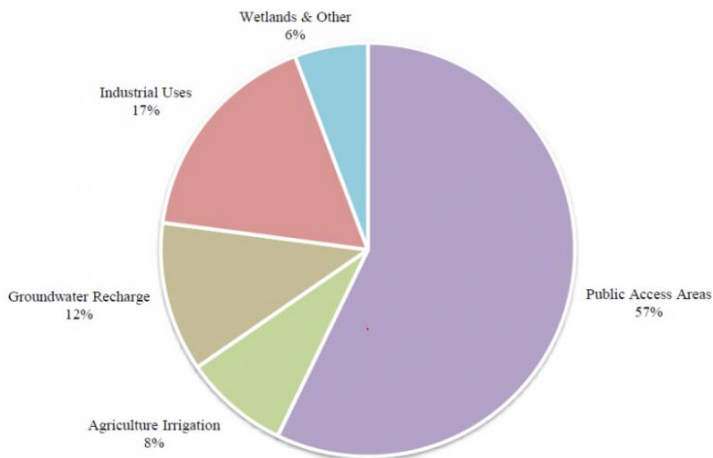


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# REUSE IS BEING PRACTICED WIDELY

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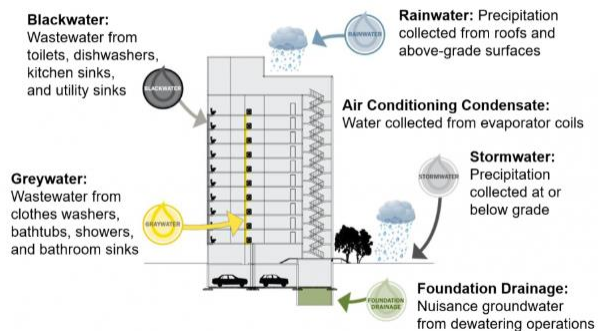
- “Approximately 820 million gallons per day (mgd) of reclaimed water were used for beneficial purposes in 2019.”
- “...average per capita reuse of 38.66 gallons per day per person.”



Source: <https://floridadep.gov/water/domestic-wastewater/content/floridas-reuse-activities>

## OTHER NON-POTABLE REUSE APPLICATIONS

- Reuse in buildings
  - Greywater
  - Blackwater
  - Rainwater/Green Roofs
- Small community systems
  - May be done effectively because of the small scale and the ability to “right-size”
  - Also see Scruggs et al. “Potable Water Reuse in Small Inland Communities: Oasis or Mirage?” Journal AWWA, Volume 112, Issue 4 (April 2020), Pages 10-17

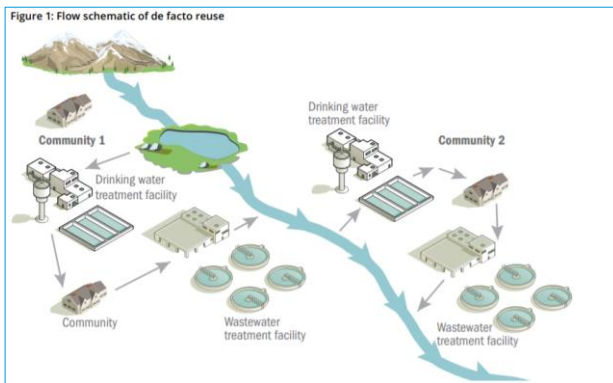


Source: <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/onsite-non-potable-water-reuse-research>



## WHAT IS DE-FACTO REUSE?

- De-Facto Reuse occurs when downstream communities use surface water as a drinking water source that has been subjected to upstream wastewater discharges (Figure 1). Sometimes referred to as “unplanned reuse.”
- Potable reuse refers to recycled or reclaimed water that is safe for drinking. Sometimes referred to as “planned reuse.”



Source: <https://www.awwa.org/Portals/0/AWWA/ETS/Resources/PotableReuse101.pdf?ver=2018-12-12-182505-710>



## POTABLE REUSE

- Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR) introduces purified water into an environmental buffer (e.g., a groundwater aquifer or a surface water reservoir, lake, or river) before the blended water is introduced into a water supply system (Figure 2).
- Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) introduces purified water directly into an existing water supply system (Figure 3).

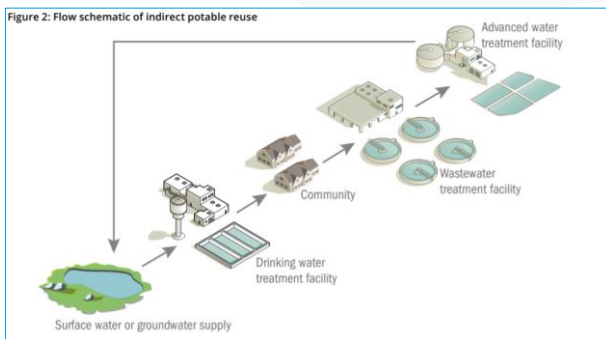
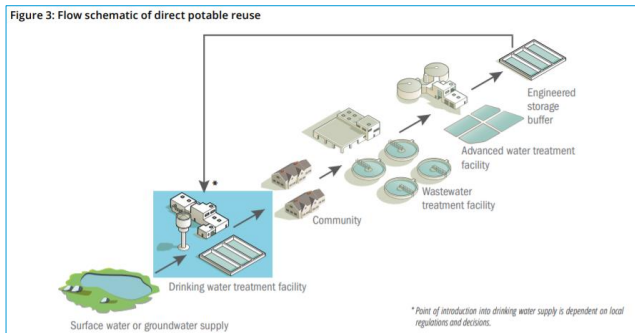


Figure 3: Flow schematic of direct potable reuse



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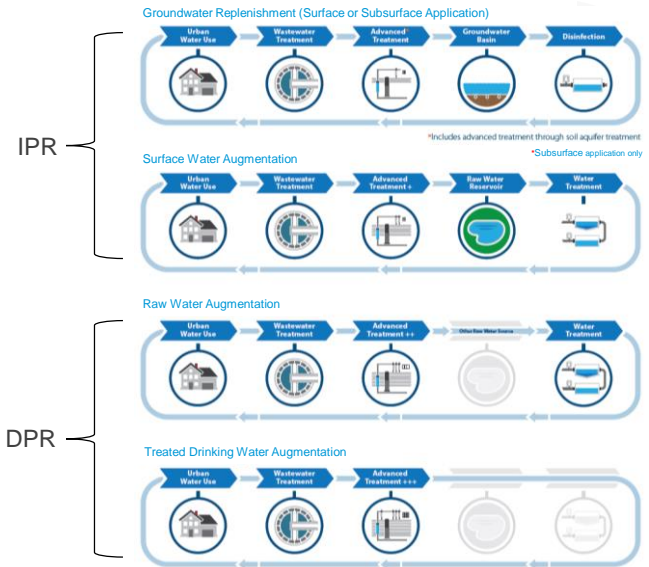


# TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES

## TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY CONSIDERATIONS

Considerations

- “Source” of water
  - Secondary treated municipal effluent
  - Tertiary treated municipal effluent (often includes filtration and extra disinfection)
- Regulatory landscape
- Water quality goals
  - Multiple barrier approach
- Monitoring performance
  - Log removal of key microorganisms
  - Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal
  - Compounds of Emerging Concern (CEC) removal



## TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES

- So, what are the treatment technologies used for potable reuse?

### RO Based Systems



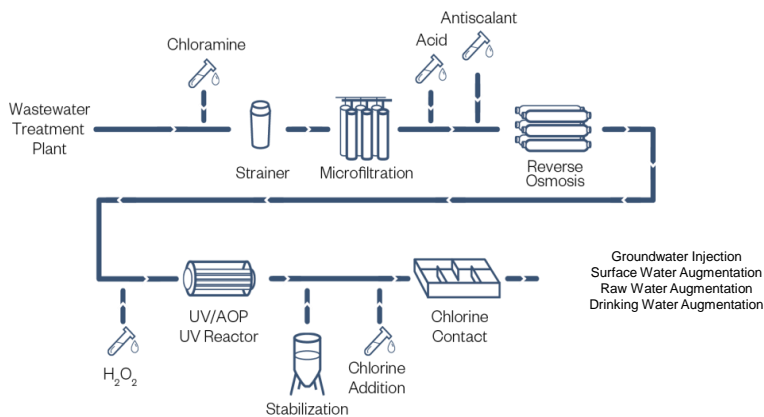
### Carbon Based Systems



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## TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES – RO BASED



Common in California – effectively mandated for groundwater injection & surface water augmentation.

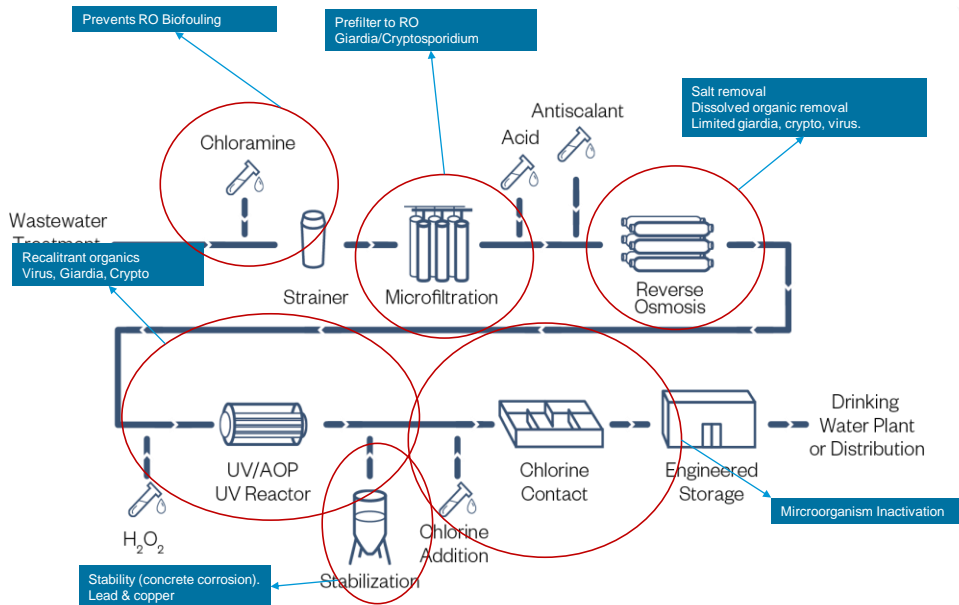
Driven by requirement to remove dissolved salts.

RO brine disposal a challenge for inland facilities.

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## TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES – RO BASED



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## EXAMPLE RO BASED REUSE FACILITIES

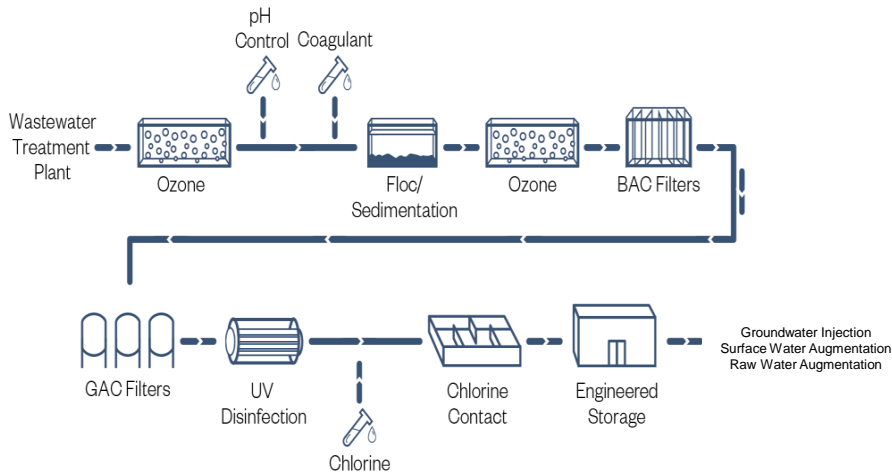
Project	Geographic Location	Type of Potable Reuse	Year First Operational	Capacity	Treatment Process
West Basin Water Recycling Plant, CA	Coastal	GW recharge via direct injection	1993	18 mgd	MF-RO-UVAOP
Scottsdale Water Campus, AZ	Inland	GW recharge via direct injection	1999	20 mgd	MF-RO-Cl2
NEWater, Singapore	Coastal	Surface water augmentation	2000	146 mgd (5 plants)	MF-RO-UV Dis
Los Alamitos Seawater Intrusion Barrier, Long Beach, CA	Coastal	GW recharge via direct injection	2006	3 mgd	MF-RO-UV Dis
Groundwater Replenishment System, Orange County, CA	Coastal	GW recharge via direct injection and spreading basins	2008	70 mgd	MF-RO-UVAOP-SAT (spreading basins for a portion of flow)
Western Corridor Recycled Water Scheme, Queensland, Australia	Coastal	Surface water augmentation	2009	66 mgd (3 plants)	MF-RO-UVAOP
Cloudcroft, NM	Inland	Direct potable reuse through spring water augmentation	2009	0.1 mgd	MF-RO-UVAOP
Big Spring Reclamation Project, TX	Inland	Direct potable reuse through raw water blending	2013	1.8 mgd	MF-RO-UVAOP

BAC - Biologically activated carbon filtration; Cl2 - Chlorine disinfection; Coag - Coagulation; DAF - Dissolved air flotation; Flocc/Sed - Flocculation followed by sedimentation; GAC - Granular activated carbon adsorption; GMF - Granular media filtration; H2O2 - Hydrogen peroxide; MF - Microfiltration; O3 - Ozone; RO - Reverse osmosis; UF - Ultrafiltration; UVAOP - Ultraviolet advanced oxidation process; UV Dis - Ultraviolet Disinfection

Source: Schimmoller, L. and Kealy M.J. "Fit for Purpose Water: The Cost of Overtreating Reclaimed Water," WaterReuse Research Foundation, 2014

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## TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES – CARBON BASED



Utilized where salinity levels in municipal effluent may be lower, or advanced treated water will be blended.

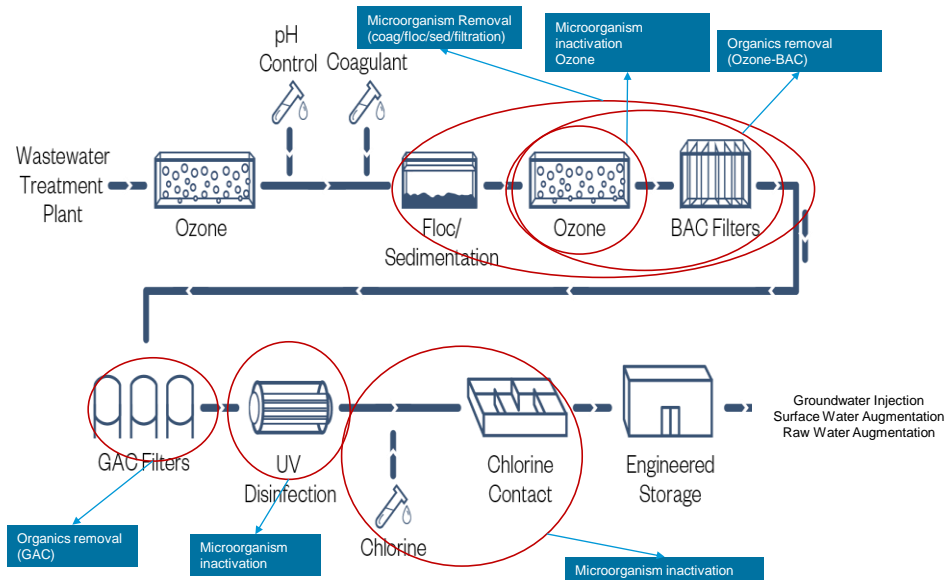
No brine disposal issue from RO. Strong driver in inland facilities.

Dissolved organic removal spread across multiple barriers.



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## TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES – CARBON BASED



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## EXAMPLE CARBON BASED REUSE FACILITIES

Project	Geographic Location	Type of Potable Reuse	Year First Operational	Capacity	Treatment Process
Windhoek, Namibia	Inland	Direct potable reuse	1968	5.5 mgd	O3-Coag-DAF-GMF-O3/H2O2-BAC-GAC-UF-CI2
Upper Occoquan Service Authority, Centreville, VA	Inland	Surface water augmentation	1978	54 mgd	Lime-GMF-GAC-CI2
Hueco Bolson Recharge Project, El Paso, TX	Inland	GW recharge via direct injection and spreading basins	1985	10 mgd	Lime-GMF-O3-GAC-CI2
Gwinnett County, GA	Inland	Surface water augmentation	2000	60 mgd	Coag-Floc/Sed-UF-O3-GAC-O3

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## COST CONSIDERATIONS



## MANY CONSIDERATIONS ARE IN PLAY, BUT COSTS MATTER TOO!

Terms to know

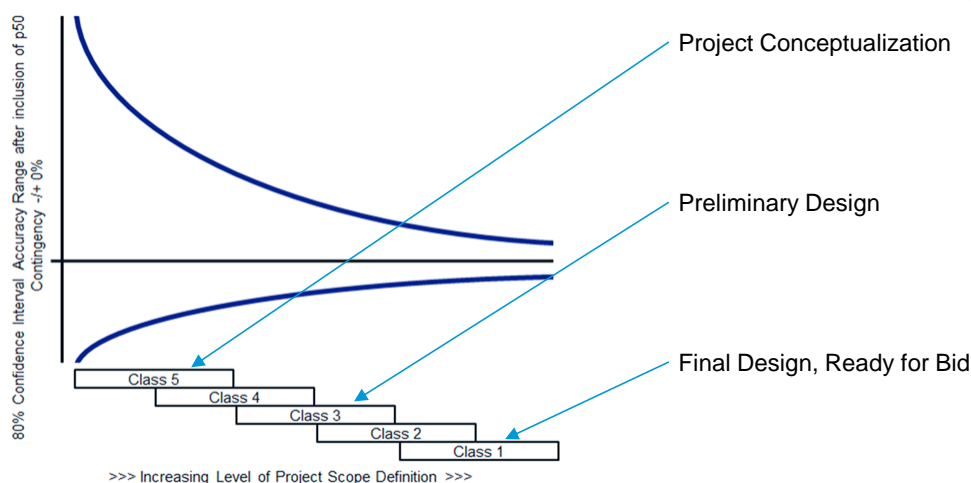
- Construction – typically considered the contractors “bid” for the project
- Capital – includes construction cost plus engineering, permitting, land acquisition, etc.
- Operations and Maintenance (O&M) – electricity, staff salaries, chemicals, solids hauling, equipment maintenance, membrane replacement, GAC replacement, etc.
- Life Cycle (net present value) – Capital Cost plus the sum of O&M costs over the expected useful life of the facility, accounting for time value of money (interest rate, inflation)
- Escalation – Considering how much money will be needed at a certain point in time (escalation to midpoint of construction)

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## WHAT IS THE “CLASS” OF A COST ESTIMATE? AACE INTERNATIONAL



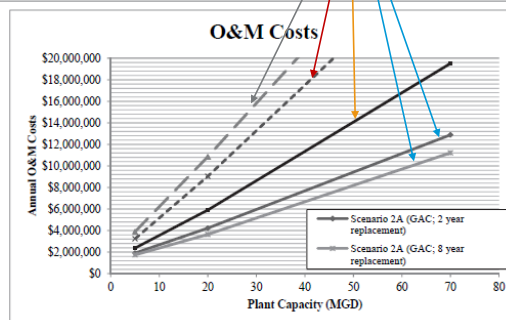
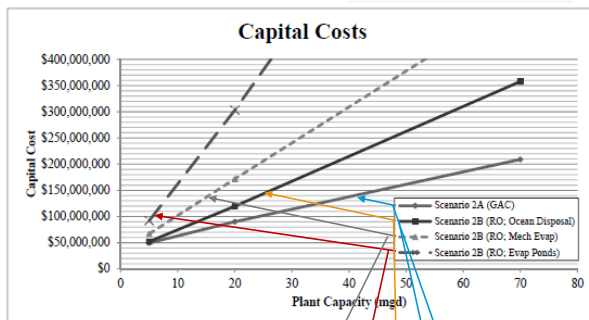
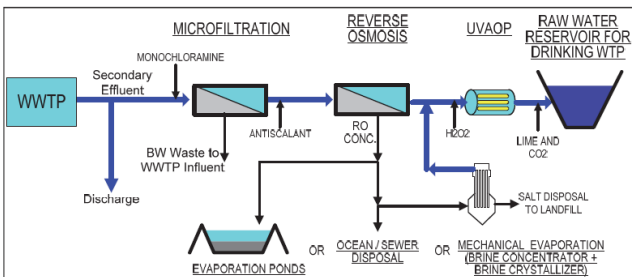
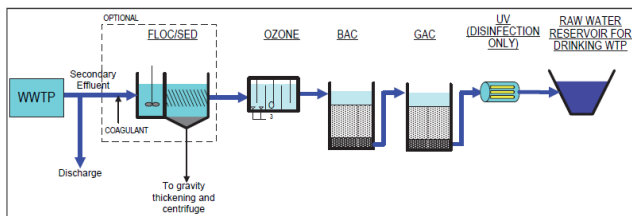
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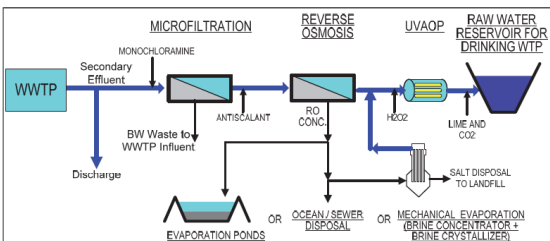
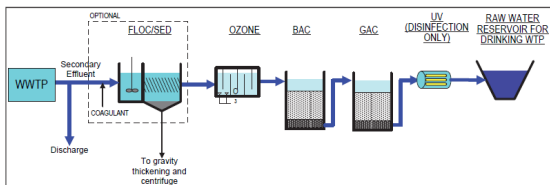


Table 4.8. NPV Results for Scenario 2: Potable Reuse (\$2012; 3% discount rate)

Flow	Treatment Trains			
	2A (GAC-Based)	2B1 (RO-Based w/ Ocean Disposal)	2B2 (RO-Based with Mechanical Evaporation)	2B3 (RO-Based with Evaporation Ponds)
<b>Financial NPV (Capital and O&amp;M costs)</b>				
5 mgd	\$80,960,000	\$92,170,000	\$ 133,430,000	\$145,240,000
20 mgd	\$161,140,000	\$219,925,000	\$ 358,190,000	\$449,570,000
70 mgd	\$428,970,000	\$ 690,610,000	\$ 1,128,780,000	\$ 1,556,730,000

Source: Schimmoller, L. and Kealy M.J. "Fit for Purpose Water: The Cost of Overtreating Reclaimed Water," WaterReuse Research Foundation, 2014



## EXAMPLE COSTS (CONTINUED)

**TABLE 4. Total Capital Costs for the Combined Process Trains**

Capacity (MGD)	Process Trains and Capital Costs <sup>a</sup> (\$M)				
	O <sub>3</sub> -BAC	MF-O <sub>3</sub> -BAC	MF-RO	MF-RO-UV/H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	MF-O <sub>3</sub> -RO (O <sub>3</sub> -MF-RO)
1	\$5.2	\$9.0	\$11	\$11	\$13
5	\$11	\$24	\$38	\$40	\$42
10	\$16	\$38	\$65	\$69	\$71
25	\$31	\$75	\$132	\$142	\$142
50	\$50	\$126	\$226	\$245	\$240
80	\$71	\$180	\$327	\$356	\$344

Notes: <sup>a</sup>Capital costs include contractor OH&P and contingency.

**TABLE 5. Total Annual O&M Costs for the Combined Process Trains**

Capacity (MGD)	Process Trains and Annual O&M Costs (\$M)				
	O <sub>3</sub> -BAC	MF-O <sub>3</sub> -BAC	MF-RO	MF-RO-UV/H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	MF-O <sub>3</sub> -RO (O <sub>3</sub> -MF-RO)
1	\$0.1	\$0.4	\$0.5	\$0.6	\$0.5
5	\$0.3	\$1.4	\$2.6	\$2.7	\$2.6
10	\$0.6	\$2.4	\$4.8	\$5.1	\$4.8
25	\$1.4	\$5.1	\$11	\$11	\$11
50	\$2.8	\$9.0	\$19	\$21	\$19
80	\$4.0	\$13	\$29	\$31	\$29

Source: Plumlee et al. "Cost of Advanced Treatment in Water Reclamation," Ozone: Science & Engineering: the Journal of the International Ozone Association, 2014

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## WRAP UP

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## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- Potable reuse is a viable option for many communities
  - Not just a solution in arid regions, or coastal regions
- Much research is ongoing, but there are also many long-term operations that have successfully demonstrated potable reuse
- Know your customers and their potential concerns
- Leverage the industry knowledge to inform your decisions
- Many resources, including AWWA, are available to you
- Know your regulatory environment, which differs state to state

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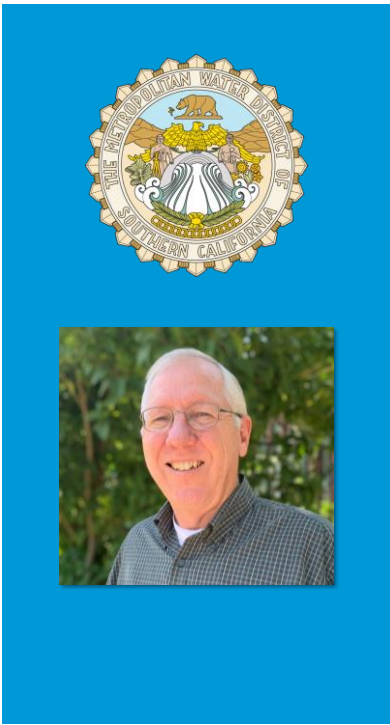
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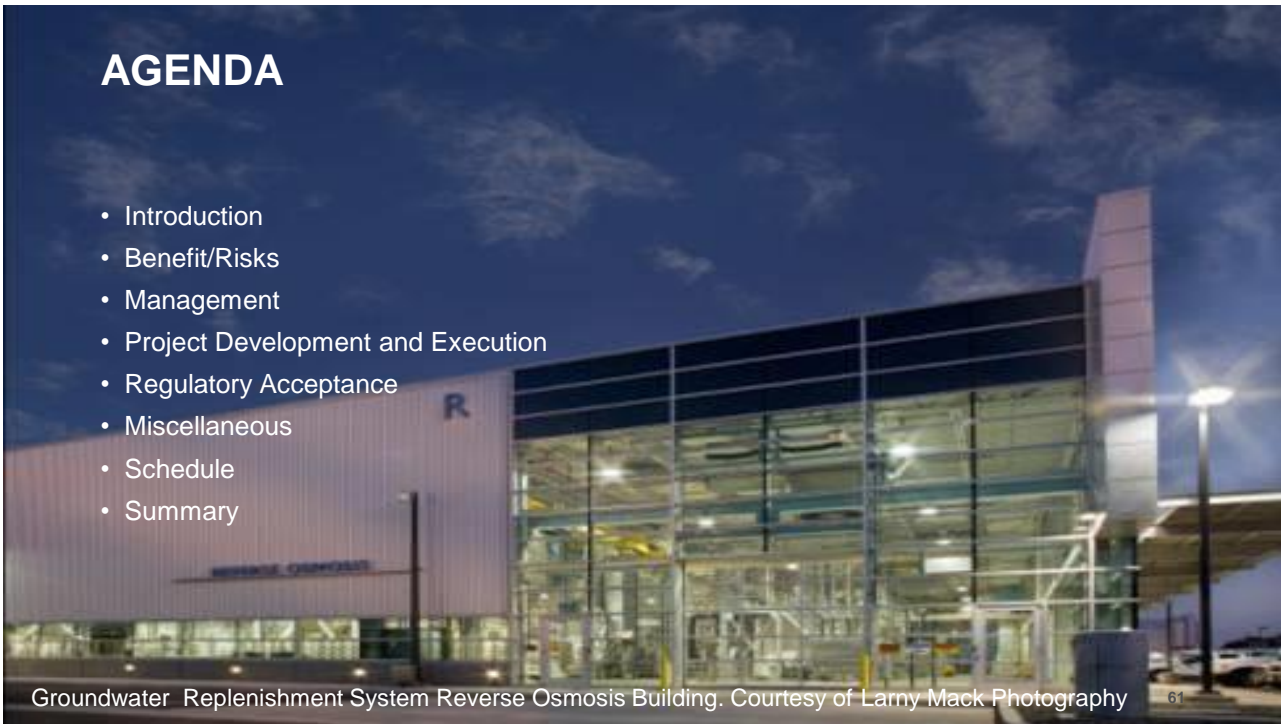
## INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS AND PERMITTING CHALLENGES TO WATER REUSE

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# AGENDA

- Introduction
- Benefit/Risks
- Management
- Project Development and Execution
- Regulatory Acceptance
- Miscellaneous
- Schedule
- Summary

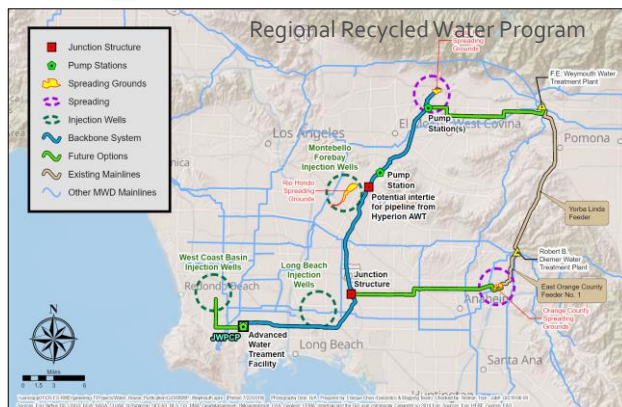


Groundwater Replenishment System Reverse Osmosis Building. Courtesy of Larny Mack Photography

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# INTRODUCTION

- Reuse Experience (since 1998 - 2019)
  - GWR System (OCWD) – completed in 2007, 70 mgd
  - Leo J. Vander Lans WTP (Water Replenishment District) – 8 mgd/ two phases, completed in 2015
- Metropolitan Water District
  - MWD (2019 - Present)
  - Regional Recycled Water Program
  - 150 mgd/2 phases for potable reuse
- Implement the RRWP
  - Program vision & leadership
  - Agency coordination
  - Budgets/staffing/schedule



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# BENEFITS/RISKS

PROJECT BENEFITS  
 RISK MANAGEMENT

## PROJECT BENEFITS

Primary Project Benefits	Orange County GWR	WRD Vander Lans WTP	Proposed MWD RRWP
New, reliable source	✓	✓	✓
Local, sustainable resource	✓	✓	✓
Lower groundwater salinity	✓		
Seawater intrusion barrier	✓	✓	
Maintain high basin production	✓		✓
Use less energy than imported	✓	✓	✓
Reduce discharges to ocean	✓		✓
Raw Water Augmentation			✓



# RISK MANAGEMENT

Administrative Risks	Technical Risks
Obtaining Board Approval	Water quality
Economic impacts of COVID-19	Selection of AWT treatment processes
Commitment from customers/partners	Optimum pipeline alignments
Staffing and stability	Conveyance pipeline ROW
Public acceptance - DPR	Environmental documentation/mitigation
Public acceptance - NIMBY	Obtaining regulatory approval/permits
Cost/Funding/Cash flow	Quality contract documents
Reduced water demands	New technologies
Program costs/scope creep	Timely decision to implement DPR

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# MANAGEMENT

AGENCY SUPPORT  
 AGENCY IMPACTS

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## AGENCY SUPPORT

### Project Support

- Does the Project have sufficient support?
  - Board, GM, Senior Management Support/Staffing
  - Rate payers, community, NGOs
- Ownership: Water Agency vs Wastewater Agency
- Is funding available & from whom?
- Project needs to stand on its own merit
  - Economics (as compared to what?)
  - Benefits (reliability, TDS reduction, energy savings)

### Agreements

- Inter-agency Agreements
  - Number of agreements/LOI/MOU
  - Previous Working Relationships
  - Mutual Benefits
  - Contract Term
  - Impacts to partners, facilities or operations
- What types of issues are covered?
  - Source water (maximum/minimum flows, water quality, reject streams)
  - Shared facilities (site, connections)
  - Operations (upsets, cross training)
  - Financing (capital, O&M)

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## AGENCY SUPPORT

- Collaboration with interested agencies
- Joint technical studies
- Future purified water purchase
- Potential funding
- Regional partners
- Agreements
  - Letters of Intent (LOI)
  - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
  - Formal Agreements
- RRWP example



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## AGENCY SUPPORT LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS

- Project Coordination
- Technical reports and studies
- AWT site remediation
- Source water pipelines
- WQ sampling
- AWT site CEQA
- Cost sharing contribution



- Main agency partner in the RRWP
- MOU in 2010 for collaboration on pilot studies/feasibility reports
- Agreement signed in 2015 for the demonstration & full scale projects
  - Site for the AWT
  - Demonstration Plant support
  - Assisting on nitrification removal investigations
- LACSD is currently investigating incorporation of secondary MBR treatment
- Preparing an amendment to the 2015 agreement for PEIR phase
  - Environmental documentations, engineering support, public outreach



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## AGENCY IMPACTS

### Source Control Program

- WQ, permits, discharges, monitoring

### Planning Impacts

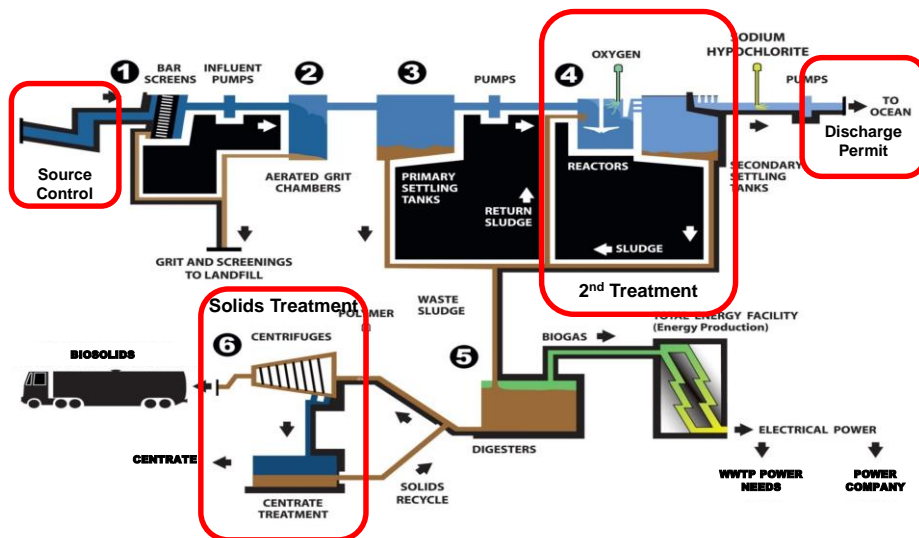
- Pumping, collection areas, diversions

### Facility Impacts

- Secondary treatment, connections, nutrient management

### Operational Impacts

- Recycle streams, polymers



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## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & EXECUTION

PROJECT GOALS  
PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN  
PILOT & DEMONSTRATION TESTING



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## PROJECT GOALS

### Goal Setting

- Project goals often mirror project benefits
- Goals should be specific for your project
- Lead agency and stakeholders should agree on the goals
- Goals should be broad enough to not limit good ideas
- Goals can change over time
- All projects should protect public health
- Should you consider DPR?

### Common Reuse Goals

- Provide a new local source of reliable, high quality, and climate-change resilient water
- Diversify water supply sources and supply to meet future demands
- Increase regional water reserves
- Contribute to groundwater basin water quality benefits
- Fully functional and cost-effective, stand-alone project
- Meet future regulations

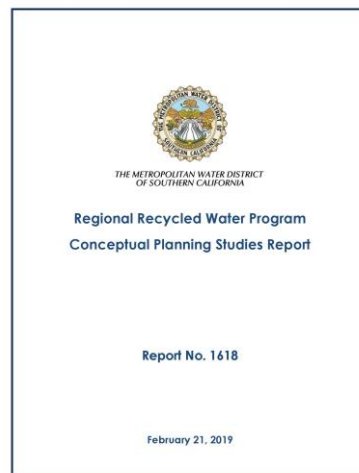
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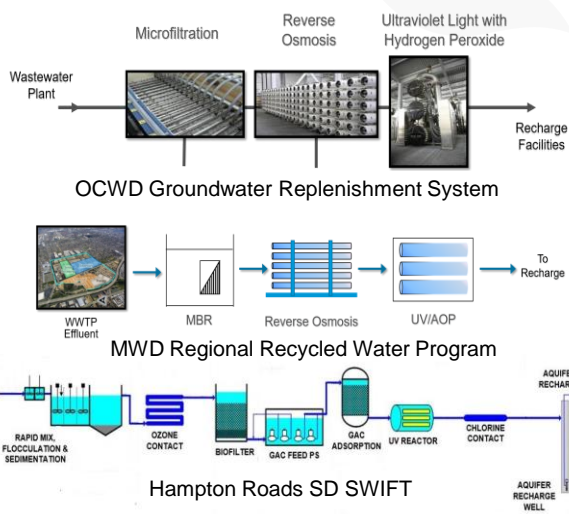
## PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

- Feasibility Study proves the project is achievable
- Conceptual Report defines the needed project facilities
- Environmental documentation (Alternatives, mitigation measures, NIMBY)
- Project criteria definition
  - Base assumptions – water quality, flows, source water, demands
  - Treatment processes – TDS, nitrogen, phosphorus, boron, CECs
  - “Recharge” facilities – ponds, injection wells, reservoir, potable WTP, potable water system
  - Residuals management – RO brine, backwash, WWTP return streams
  - Miscellaneous - energy use/supply, permit requirements



## PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

- Owner’s responsibilities – engineers, operators
- Designer’s qualifications - previous projects, quality, teaming arrangements, relationships, price, people
- Facilities/Process Selection – BIM, buildings, redundancy, process control system, LEED
- Product water stabilization – lime, chemicals, blending
- System procurement - pre-purchase/pre-selection of proprietary systems, long lead items, sole source
- Pilot or demonstration testing



## PILOT AND DEMONSTRATION TESTING

- Why would I want to do a Pilot Test?
  - Regulatory Approval
  - Process Selection & Equipment Qualification
  - Process Validation & Optimization
  - Public Outreach
- Types of Pilot Testing
  - Bench scale testing
  - Pilot testing
  - Demonstration testing
  - Full scale testing

Project	Equipment Qualification	Design Criteria	Regulatory Approval	Proof of Process	Process Evaluation	Public Outreach
San Diego	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jacksonville	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Upper Occoquan	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Hampton Roads	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Miami	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
WRD	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Eastern Municipal WD	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
City of Los Angeles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Metropolitan	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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### CONSTRUCTION

- Keep up with paperwork
- Work as a team to resolve issues
- Accurate Record Drawings

\$100 sample pump failure shut down whole plant



- Construction delivery methodology (DBB, DB, self perform)
- Number of contracts - GWR (11), VLWTP (3)
- Comprehensive CM methodology – agency, designer, independent
- Acceptance testing proves performance
- Attention to detail
  - AWTFs are complex and highly automated
  - Small items can cause big problems
- Some problems don't show up immediately



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# REGULATORY ACCEPTANCE

REGULATORY AGENCIES  
 REGULATIONS  
 DIRECT POTABLE REUSE



## REGULATORY ACCEPTANCE

### Required Information

- GW modeling
- Treatment technologies
- Water quality requirements
- Monitoring
- Blending, well protection zone
- Source Control
- Security/safety
- Engineer's Report/BODR

- Start early & build on past experiences/similar projects
- Maintain good relationships
- Operating permit from State regulator:
  - Water Quality Control Board
  - Departments of Environmental Protection

### Input from other agencies

- Health departments
- Local agencies
- Different agencies interpret regulations differently
- Anti-degradation policy
- Direct potable reuse



## WATER QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

Parameter	GWRs (PH1) (mg/L)	Vander Lans (mg/L)	Big Spring (TX) Wichita Falls (TX)	Hampton Roads (VA)
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	(20)	(15)	6	N/A
TOC	0.5/RWC	0.5/RWC		N.R.
TSS	(20)	(15)	10	None
TDS	500	500		N/A
Total Nitrogen	5	5		Avg: <5 mg/L Max: 8 mg/L
Total Nitrite + nitrate	3			
Nitrate	3			
Nitrite	1	1		
Ammonia			1	
Phosphorus			0.5	
NDMA (ppt)	10	10		<10 ng/L other CECs as well

(X) Indicates WWTP effluent/AWT influent limit



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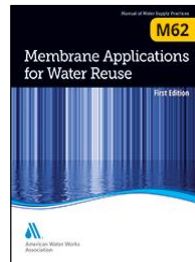
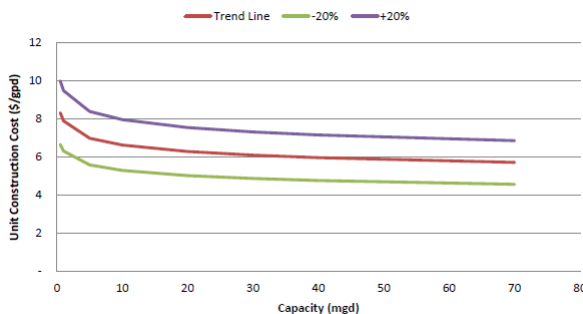
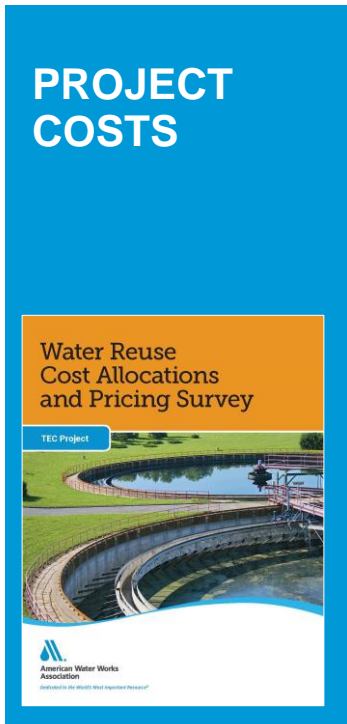
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- FUNDING SOURCES
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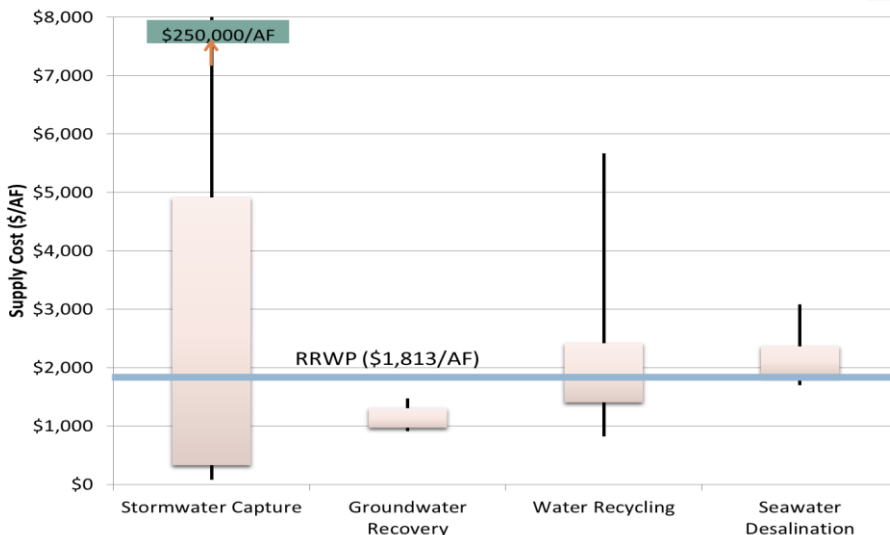
Potable Reuse Treatment Plant Construction Cost (MF/RO Based Facility, 2018)

- Cost Estimating
  - AWWA - M62 for Membrane Applications in Water Reuse
  - EPA - Drinking Water Treatment Technology Unit Cost Models
  - Vendors/Consultants/historical databases/cost manuals
- Control cost creep
- **No two projects are alike**



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## PROJECT COSTS



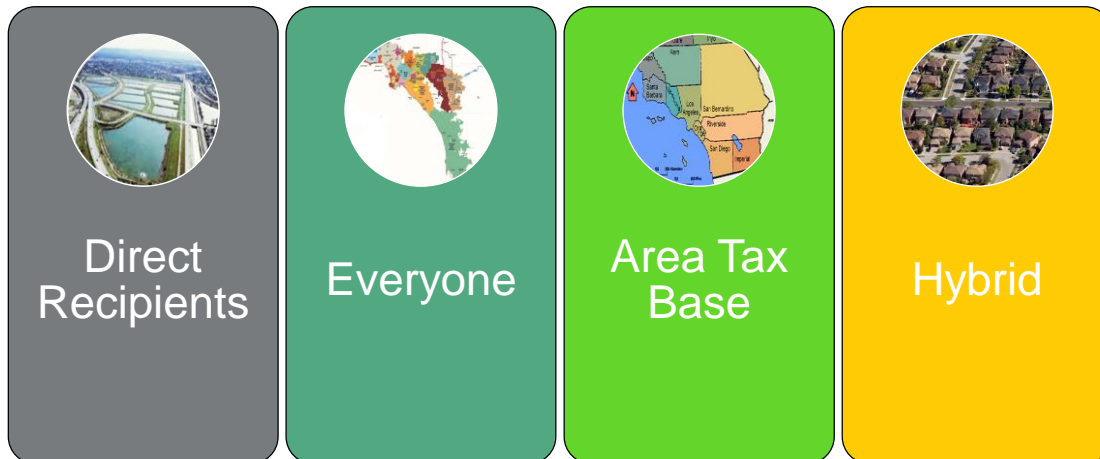
Source: MWD (2019)



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## FUNDING

- Grants (Stimulus funds, Bureau of Rec, State bonds, other)
- Partners (OCSD @ \$189M)
- Regional Agencies (LRP subsidy from MWD)
- Loans (State Revolving Funds, Federal WIFIA)



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## PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Plan, research, execute and evaluate
- Inform the public early, before start-up
- Be active in generating an up-to-date list of supporters with written support letters
- Public education should address:
  - Health and safety, testimonials
  - Women/mothers/elderly are key support groups
  - Face to face meetings work best, don't use jargon
- Key messages:
  - Reliability, sustainability, supplies are threatened, diversity of supply
- Stress multiple safeguards, proven technology & processes are checked continuously for safety



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# SCHEDULE

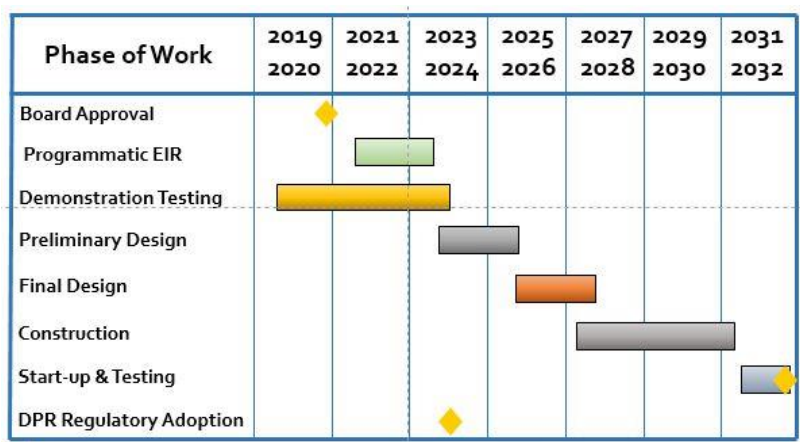
## SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS



# SCHEDULE

- Develop realistic schedule for all phases
- Keep the project on schedule
- Timing is important
- Delays can increase project cost

Regional Recycled Water Program Schedule



◆ Milestone

Note: Assumes Late 2020 Board Approval



# SUMMARY



**SUMMARY**



Pure Water  
San Diego



HRSD - SWIFT



WRD  
LEO J. VANDER LANS  
FACILITY

Groundwater Replenishment System (2008)



- AWWFs are now regularly implemented successfully
- Projects must stand on their own merits
- A supportive Agency management structure is necessary to push the project to completion
- Good relationships and communication are essential for permitting and resolving issues
- Experience and networking provide immeasurable benefit and direction
- Develop a reasonable schedule and keep it
- Even though the cost is significant, the benefits can outweigh the costs
- No matter where you are in the process, its worth it





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# QUESTIONS

## Additional Resources

AWWA Reuse Committee

AWWA M24 – Planning for the Distribution of Reclaimed Water

AWWA M62 – Membrane Applications for Water Reuse

AWWA et. al. - Framework for Direct Potable Reuse

EPA - Guidelines for Water Reuse

EPA - Water Reuse Action Plan

EPA – Potable Reuse Compendium

<https://www.awwa.org/Resources-Tools/Resource-Topics/Reuse>  
<https://www.epa.gov/waterreuse/basic-information-about-water-reuse>

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# FINAL CONCLUSIONS



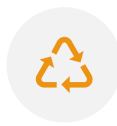
# EMERGING ISSUES

- Major issues
  - Public perception/acceptance
  - Perceived chemical risks
  - The media's understanding of reuse
  - Lack of political support
  - Better understanding of economics
  - Funding
  - Climate Change
  - Energy/Water Nexus



# THE FUTURE

## OF WATER REUSE!



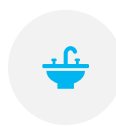
INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE IS INEVITABLE



INCREASED DESALINATION – BOTH BRACKISH GROUNDWATER AND SEAWATER – ALSO IS INEVITABLE



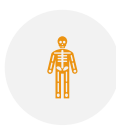
EDUCATION & OUTREACH/STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT IS KEY TO ACCEPTANCE



SHOULD NOT HOLD RECLAIMED WATER TO A HIGHER STANDARD THAN POTABLE WATER

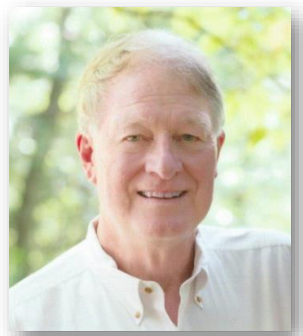


EFFICACY OF TECHNOLOGY IS NOT AN ISSUE



CONCERNS ABOUT EDGS/PHACS, OTHER "MICROCONSTITUENTS" MUST BE ADDRESSED

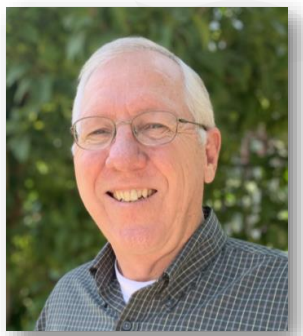
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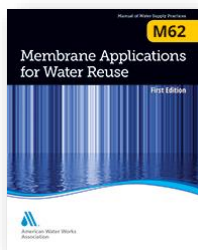
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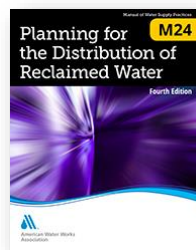
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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [AWWA's Water Resources Planning & Sustainability Resource Community](#)
- [AWWA Reuse Resource Community](#)



**M62 Membrane Applications  
for Water Reuse**  
AWWA Catalog No: 30062



**M24 Planning for the  
Distribution of Reclaimed  
Water, Fourth Edition**  
AWWA Catalog No: 3024-4E

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