

WATER REUSE CONSORTIUM

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WATER REUSE[®] 2024 SYMPOSIUM

REMOVING BARRIERS, ELEVATING OPPORTUNITIES



Agenda

- Panelist Introductions
- Water Reuse Consortium Overview (Dr. Dawn Morrison)
- University of Southern California Research Program (Dr. Amy Childress)
- University of Nevada-Reno Research Program (Dr. Eric Marchand & Dr. Sage Hiibel)
- University of Arizona Research Program (Dr. Andrea Achilli)
- USACE ERDC-CERL Research Program (Ms. Kathryn Gunderson)
- Questions & Discussion

Water Reuse Consortium Overview



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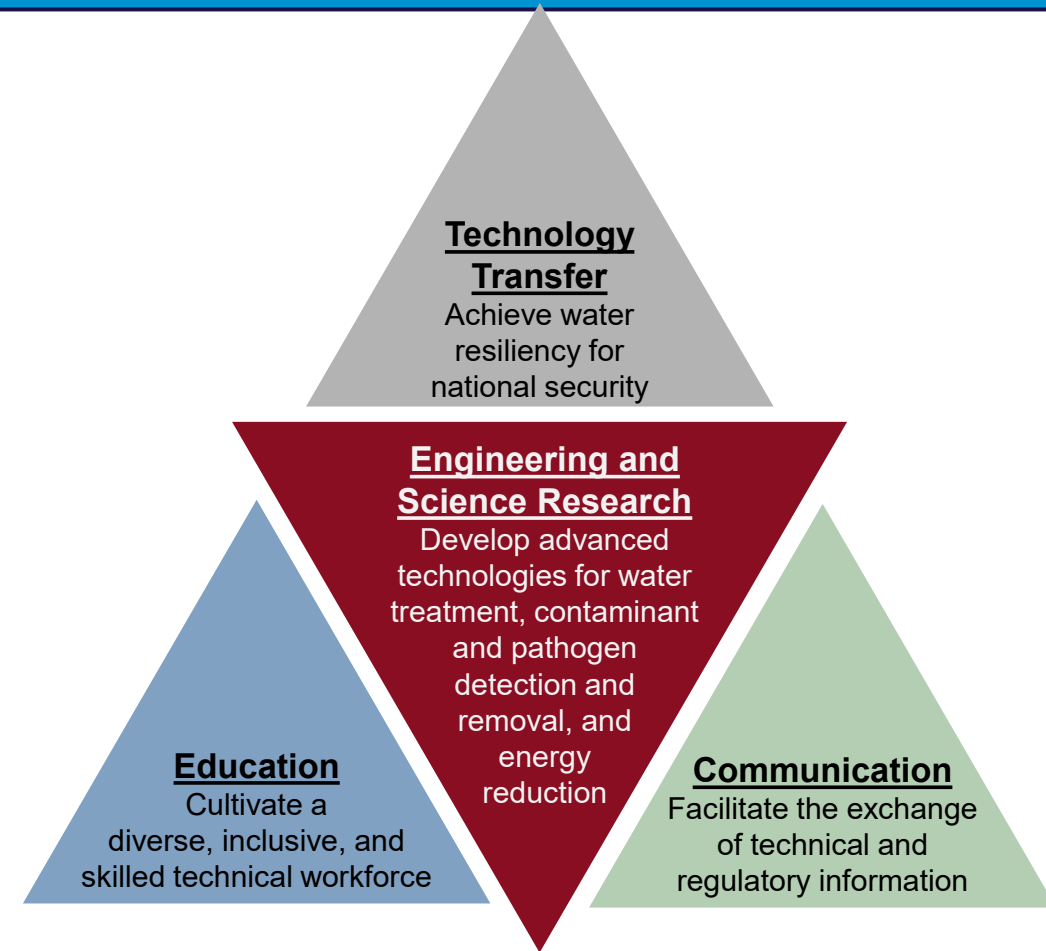
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Overview

- Government/Academia collaboration to advance water reuse.
 - University of Southern California
 - University of Arizona
 - University of Nevada, Reno
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Engineer Research Development Center, Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (ERDC -CERL)
- Launched May 2023: [Press Release](#)
- **Vision:** Advancing water resiliency and self-sufficiency at DoD military facilities and municipalities through water reuse.
- **Mission:** The Water Reuse Consortium will accelerate the integration of water reuse into military and municipal water supply portfolios to ensure the security, sustainability, and resilience of our nation’s water resources through research, education, communication, and technology transfer.



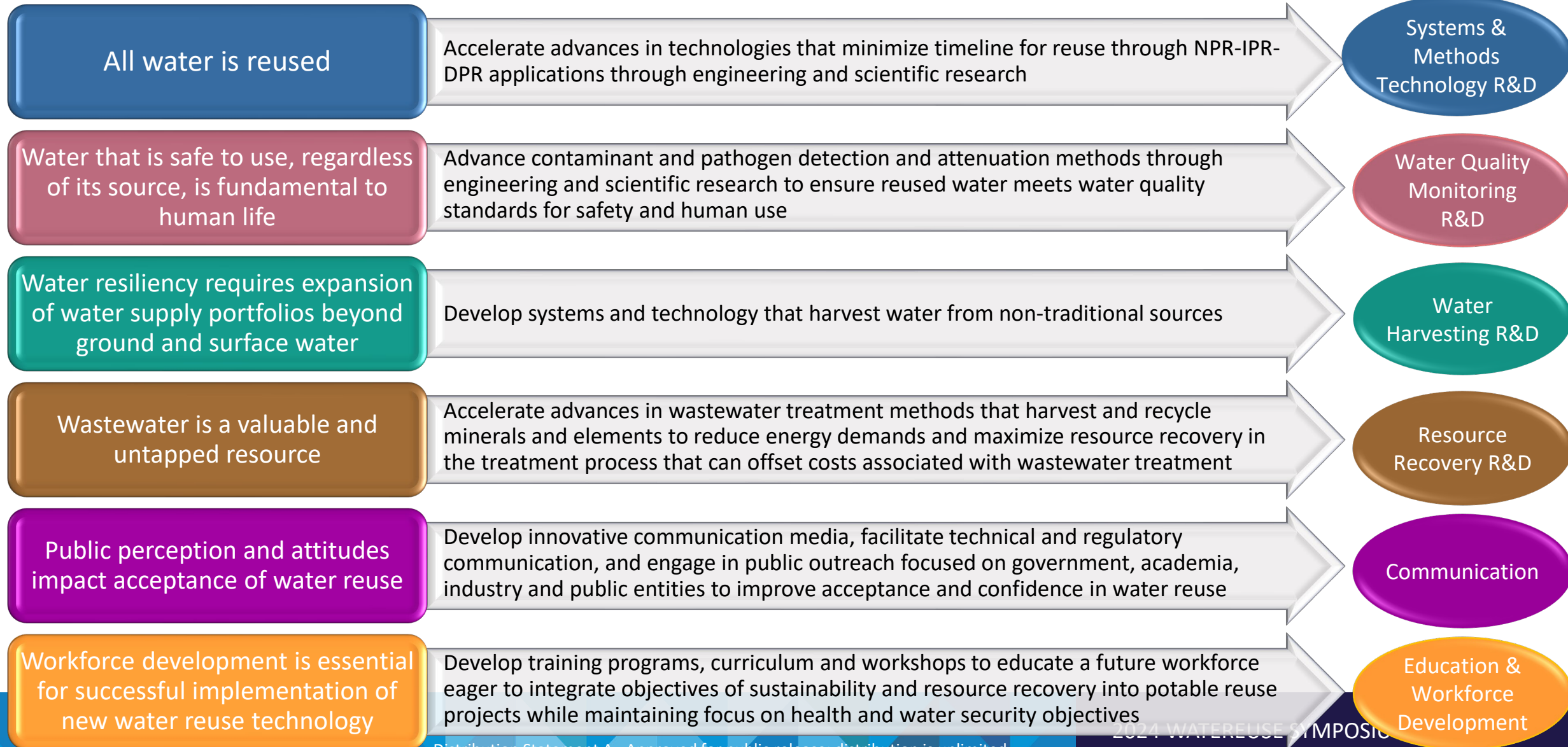
“Many of our most fundamental national security interests depend on water security.”
Vice President Harris (CNN.com, June 1, 2022)

FUNDAMENTALS → Goals → Portfolio

PORTFOLIO CATEGORY

FUNDAMENTALS







GOALS



Research Portfolio










Systems & Methods Technology R&D

All water is reused

1. Develop and test various treatment systems (UF/RO; BAF/Ozone, EEMR) for advanced water treatment in decentralized and autonomous systems. Advance electrochemical treatment for primary RO concentrate 
2. Develop/optimize novel MBfR enriched with n-DAMO for energy efficient biological nutrient removal 
3. Investigate next generation emerging technologies for potable reuse 
4. Conduct bench top analysis of various treatment trains for treating military wastewater 
5. Conduct pilot study to test hypothesis of whether military wastewater is the same as municipal wastewater 
6. Establish the Nevada Center for Water Resiliency 

Water Quality Monitoring R&D


Water that is safe to use, regardless of its source, is fundamental to human life

7. Evaluate UV light as a tertiary treatment for trace organics that are not removed by conventional wastewater treatment processes 
8. Enable unsupervised water system that self-diagnoses and self-corrects 
9. Develop, optimize, and validate an effective and consistent concentration and recovery method as an alternative to VIRADEL (current method used by EPA) using tangential flow filtration (TFF) to capture viruses from feed as well as product water streams following advanced treatment 
10. Develop simplified methods with real-time sensing of PFAS in wastewater that significantly reduce cost and time to detect PFAS and may support development of remediation methods 
11. Investigate temporal patterns and bacterial hosts of resistance genes in last resort antibiotics (colistin) and test novel bench scale bioreactor system to reduce proliferation of antibiotic resistant genes in water. Also look at using AnMBR for removing PFAS 
12. Assess UV/Chlorine advanced oxidation using dark controls 
13. Investigate bromamine formation in blended sea/wastewater streams in order to better understand and prevent their formation and identify best methods for disinfection strategies 
14. Conduct a toxilogical assessment of potable reuse and conventional drinking water to identify where the toxicity drivers are coming from 
15. Develop predictive models for DPR including pathogen benchmarking, supply chain modeling (NVH2O FLOW), LCA of DPR methods (membrane vs. non-membrane) and "tunable" for-purpose reuse treatment systems 

Research Portfolio (cont.)




Water Harvesting R&D

Water resiliency requires expansion of water supply portfolios beyond ground and surface water

16. Advance and evaluate mobile water recovery system for stormwater and DOT water 
17. Evaluate cost and environmental implications of sharing infrastructure and integrating systems of potable reuse and desalination 








Resource Recovery R&D

Wastewater is a valuable and untapped resource

18. Develop novel crystallizer in next-generation demonstration-scale membrane distillation-concentrated solar power/photovoltaic testbed to realize zero liquid discharge for improved concentrate management 
19. Advance methods (solar evaporation, MDC) for recovering resources (emphasizing Lithium) from solar/geothermal/battery recycling brines and mine tailings 
20. Advance techniques for scaling interruption in reverse osmosis process to operate at high water recoveries and minimize liquid discharge 




Communication

Public perception and attitudes impact acceptance of water reuse

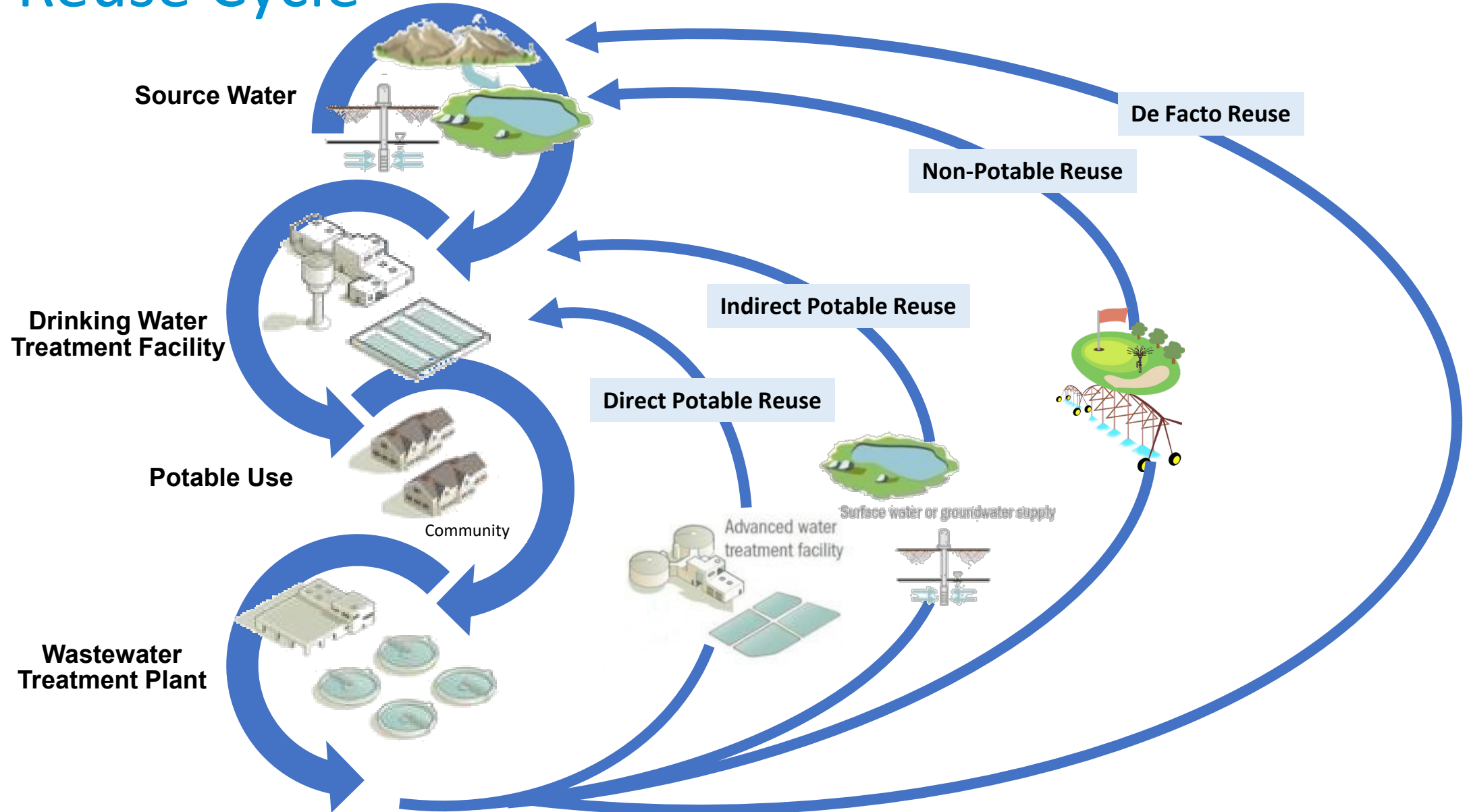
21. Write and disseminate the Potable Water Reuse Report as a communication vehicle to help share knowledge across stakeholder 
22. Implement visual media concepts as communication device for advancing education and knowledge about water reuse, and the research and development 
23. Develop a high-level document for military users that provides a one-stop source for all things water reuse 
24. Conduct Techno-Economic Analysis (TEA) and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) for water reuse and concentrate management technologies 
25. Conduct risk/threat assessment for water reuse; long-term risk assessment of IPR; and assess long-term resiliency of water reuse systems 
26. Determine baseline for water reuse across Army enterprise and develop installation-specific recommendations for advancing water reuse 
27. Characterize risk perceptions and quantify acceptance of direct potable water reuse technologies 

Education & Workforce Development

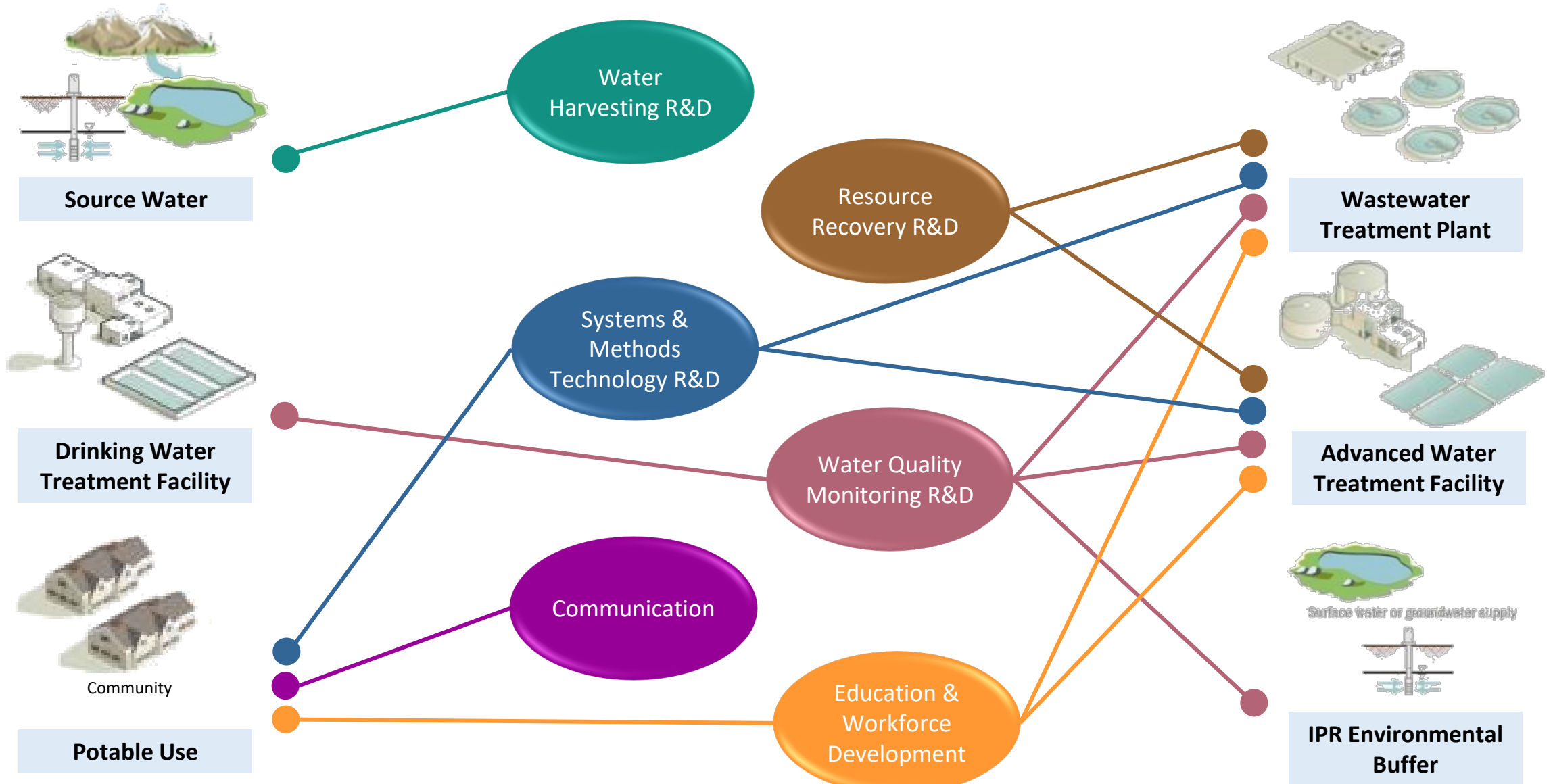
Workforce development is essential for successful implementation of new water reuse technology

28. Develop educational curriculum (virtual, classroom, and hand's on at WEST Center) for students, workshops for practitioners 
29. Conduct workshops, produce factsheets and develop a water dashboard for water quality metrics and citizen science reporting 
30. Conduct colloquiums that bring together industry, academia, and government to identify emerging topics in IPR and DPR 

Water Reuse Cycle



Accelerating the Water Reuse Cycle



Collaboration & Coordination Efforts

Environmental Protection Agency WRAP
WRAP 7.10: Implement the DOD-funded Water Reuse Consortium for Water Resiliency at Military and Municipal Facilities



Defense Center Public Health- Aberdeen (DCPH-A)
 Partnering on military wastewater characterization



Department of Energy NAWI
 Coordination in progress



Army Materiel Command (AMC) Installation Management Command (IMCOM)
 Partnering on installation water reuse baseline data



Trussell Engineering
Potable Water Reuse Report
[\(https://rewater.usc.edu/potable-water-reuse-report/\)](https://rewater.usc.edu/potable-water-reuse-report/)



Partner University Centers

- USC ReWater Center
- UA Water & Energy Sustainable Technology (WEST) Center
- Nevada Water Innovation Institute
- Nevada Center for Water Resiliency



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USC ReWater Center

- We are a team of academic researchers alongside industrial, municipal, and government partners solving the public health, energy, and sustainability challenges of potable reuse
- The solutions we pursue balance water quality objectives with energy, nutrient, and resource extraction, as well as environmental aspects associated of residuals disposal
- We seek to advance education on potable reuse and facilitate communication with the public and amongst the potable reuse community

Selected Research Themes

High-recovery
membrane processes
for minimum liquid
discharge

Potable water reuse
of feed streams
with increasing
salinity

Next generation
secondary wastewater
treatment for potable
reuse

Total organic chlorine
analysis to assess
safety of UV/chlorine
advanced oxidation

Disinfection strategies
for blended reuse
streams

Toxicities of
contaminants and
contaminant mixtures

Next Gen Secondary WW Treatment for Potable Reuse

Research and development

Industry interactions

Education and training

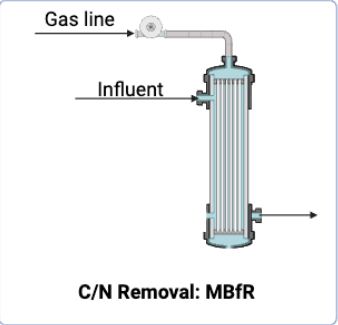
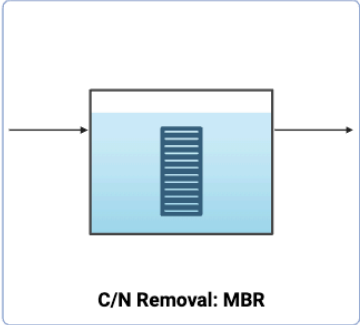
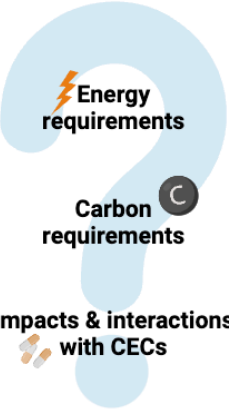
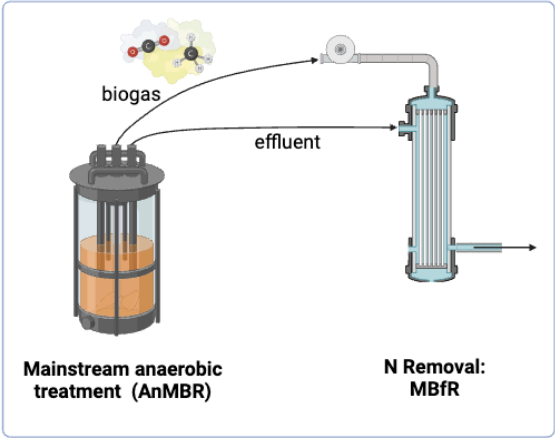
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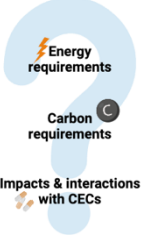
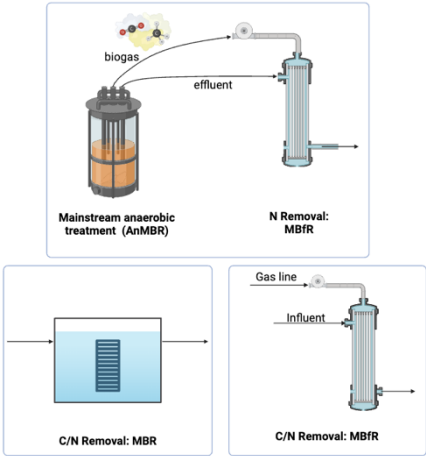
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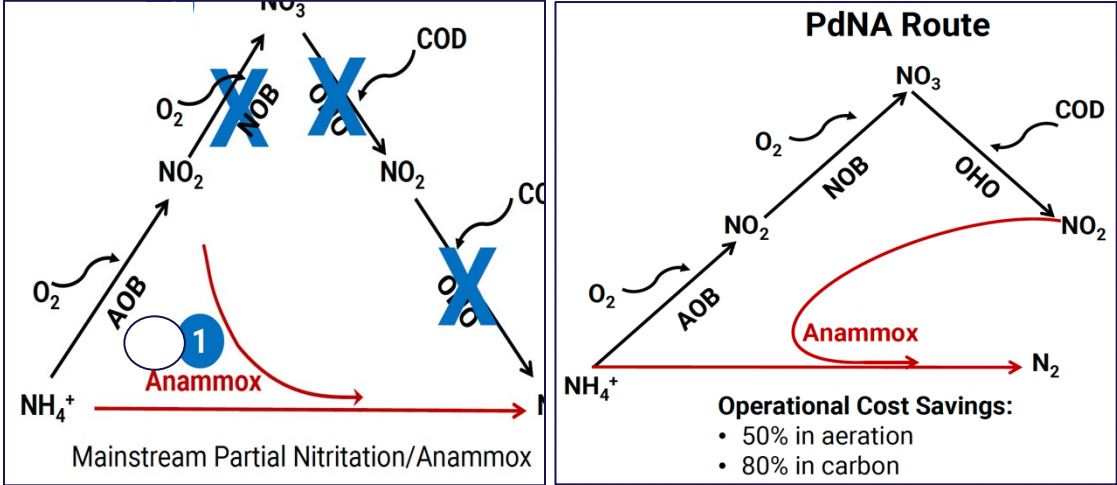


Industry interactions



Charles Bott – Hampton Roads Sewer District

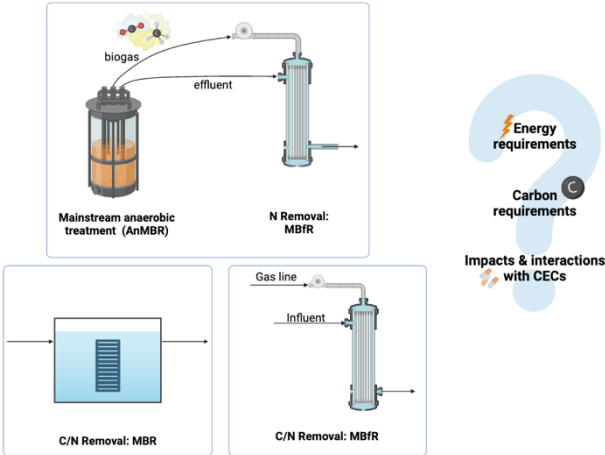
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Next Gen Secondary WW Treatment for Potable Reuse

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Education and training

You are a utility currently practicing Potable Reuse with a new initiative to improve the removal of nutrients and CECs. Where do you recommend the utility invest its money and resources to achieve this goal: upgrading the secondary treatment of wastewater at the wastewater treatment plant or treating the RO concentrate at the AWPF?

Proposition: It is better to improve secondary treatment at the water reclamation facility rather than treat the RO concentrate at the AWPF.

Pro group: Argue in favor of the proposition. Present a case in defense of improving secondary treatment at the WWTP.

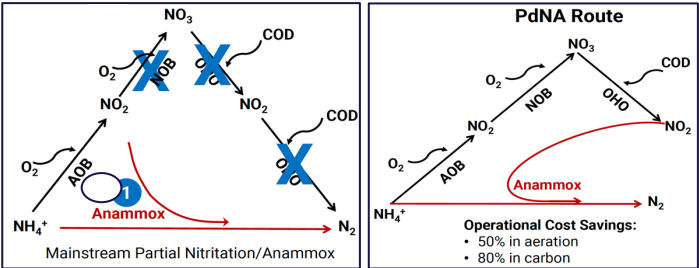
Con group: Argue in opposition to the proposition. Present a case in defense of advanced treatment that improves the quality of the RO concentrate.

Considerations:

- What technologies are used to improve RO concentrate water quality through advanced treatment?
- What is the impact of the waste streams to the environment?
- How might decreasing wastewater flows (as a result of conservation) affect the decision?
- How energy or resource intensive is the treatment?

Resources:

- UC Berkeley, Stanford University and SFEI, *Reverse Osmosis Concentrate Treatment Research Results and Context for San Francisco Bay*, Santa Clara Valley Water District, 2020.
- C. T. K. Finnerty, A. E. Childress, K. M. Hardy, E. M. V. Hoek, M. S. Mauter, M. H. Plumlee, J. B. Rose, M. D. Sobsey, P. Westerhoff, P. J. J. Alvarez and M. Elimelech, *The Future of Municipal Wastewater Reuse Concentrate Management: Drivers, Challenges, and Opportunities*, *Environmental Science & Technology*, 2024, **58**, 3-16.
- San Diego Internal Report on O3/BAC pre-treatment (pending approval)
- WRF 4833: Understanding the Impacts of Wastewater Treatment Performance on Advanced Water Treatment Processes and Finished Water Quality

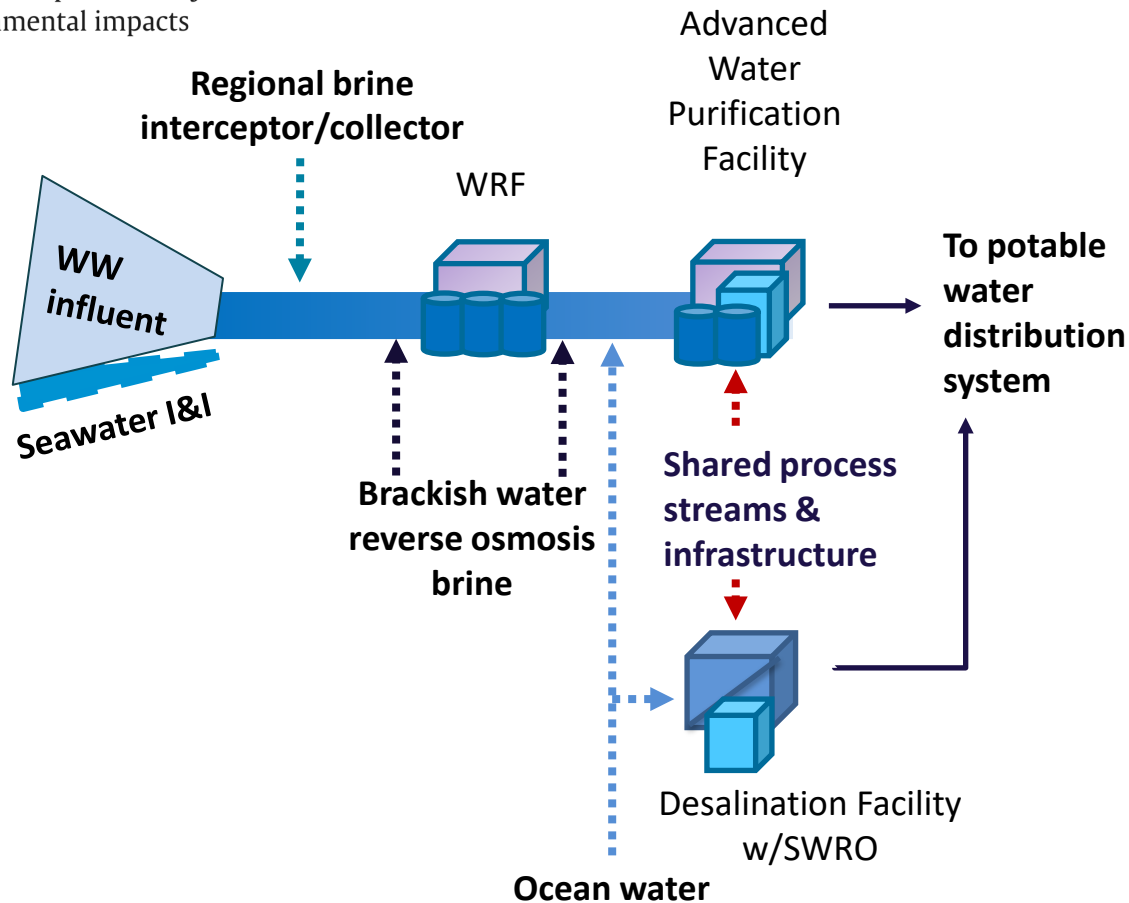


Integrated Systems of Potable Reuse and Desalination



Desalination
Volume 569, 1 January 2024, 116941

Augmenting ocean water desalination with potable reuse: Concept feasibility in terms of cost and environmental impacts



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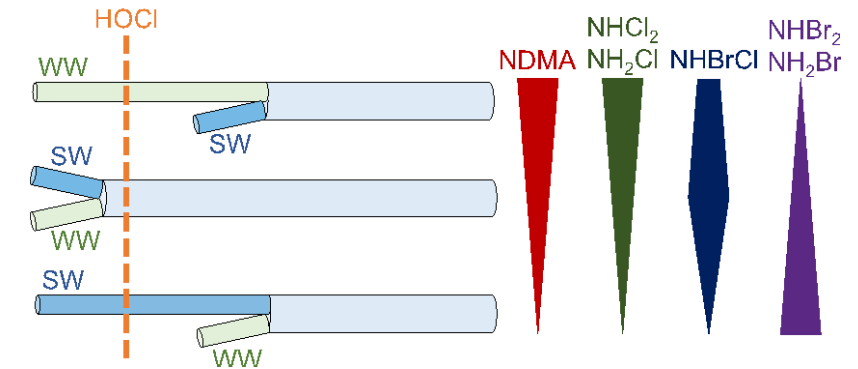
Article

Minimizing *N*-Nitrosodimethylamine Formation During Disinfection of Blended Seawater and Wastewater Effluent

Sophia L. Plata, Amy E. Childress, and Daniel L. McCurry*

Cite This: <https://doi.org/10.1021/acsestwater.3c00617>

Read Online



Chlorinating seawater prior to blending with wastewater was found to minimize NDMA formation

Potable Water Reuse Colloquium

- To facilitate academic and industry research exchange:
 - Brian Bernardos: California Division of Drinking Water
 - Dan Gerrity: Southern Nevada Water Authority
 - Han Gu: Orange County Water District
 - Charles Bott: Hampton Roads Sewer District
 - Shane Snyder: Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
 - Billy Raseman: Hazen and Sawyer
- To identify knowledge gaps and determine research priorities
- To visit potable water reuse facilities and interact with practitioners on the forefront of providing safe potable water

Potable Water Reuse Report

- Intended to connect the potable water reuse community – including practitioners, regulators, and academics – to keep them up-to-date with the industry’s rapidly evolving developments
- Bridge real-time practice and academic publications that can lag years behind
- Released every other month via email and online



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Water Campus



High Bay Area

- Water Campus
 - Co-located with Pima County Agua Nueva WRF
 - Wide range of water qualities
 - Direct sources reclaimed water
- High-Bay Area
 - Intermediate, field-scale treatment
 - Flow-through capabilities for reclaimed water
 - Multiple advanced technologies available for use

Program Thrusts

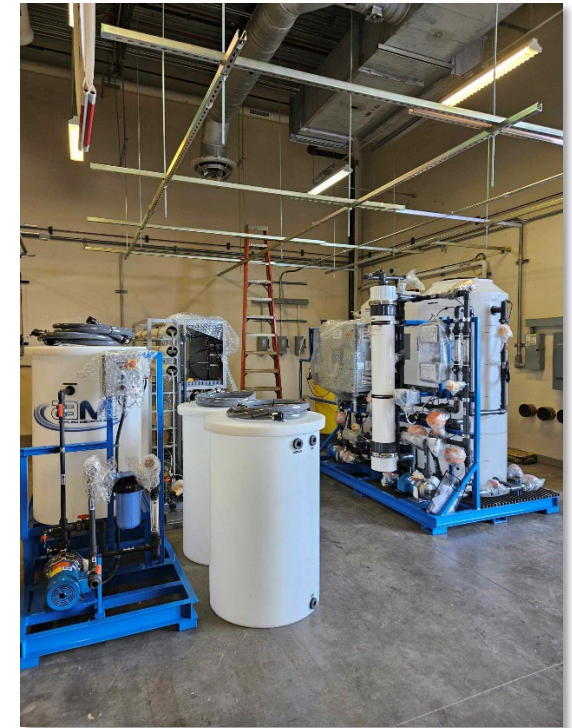
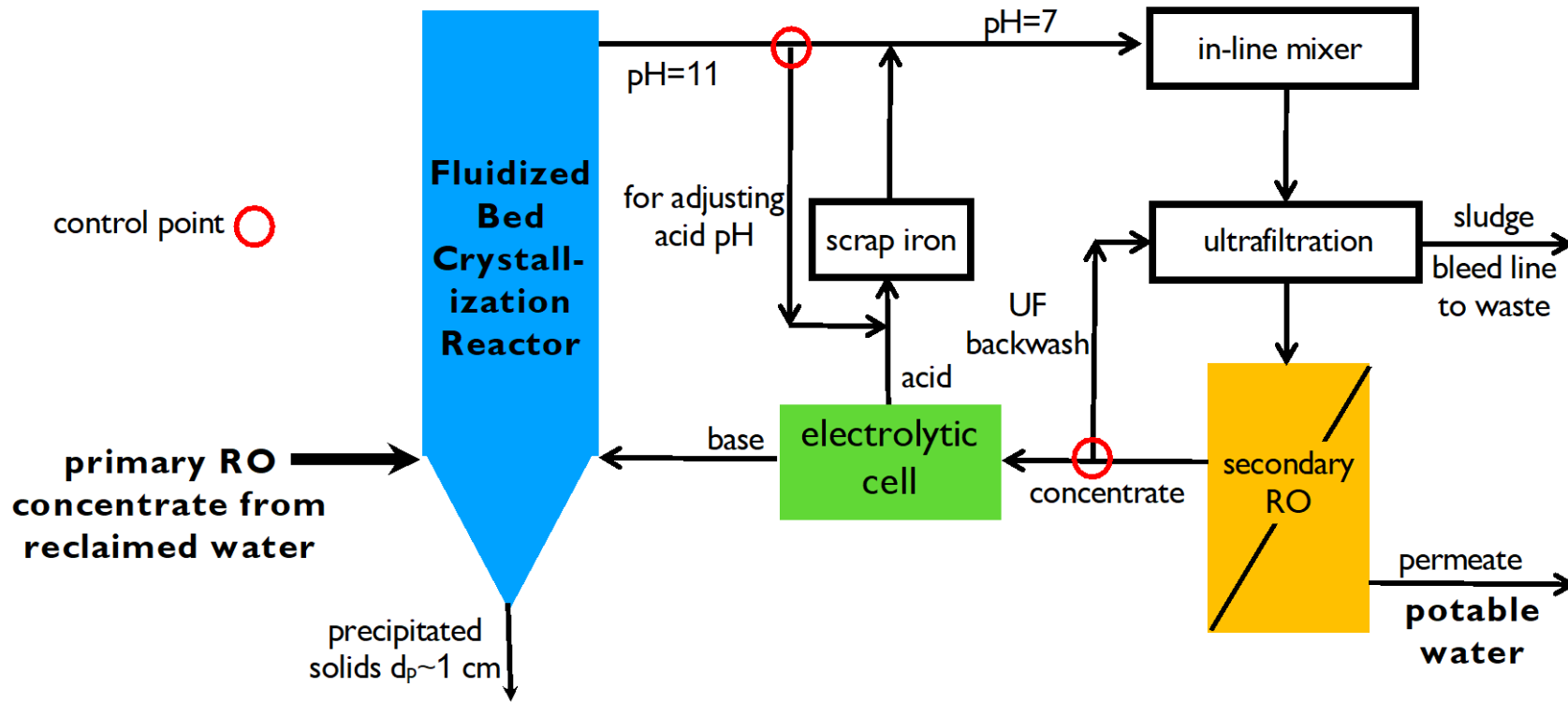
	Research Thrust #1	Research Thrust #2	Research Thrust #3	Research Thrust #4	Research Thrust #5
Title	Autonomous and distributed water systems	Data science	Concentrate management	Attenuation of trace organics	Detection and attenuation of viruses
Goal	Realize water circularity through potable water reuse	Enable unsupervised water system that self-diagnose and -correct	Reduce waste, integrate renewables, and maximize re-use to approach zero-liquid discharge	Understand fate and transformation of organics in water reuse	Understand transport of viruses through water reuse systems
Physical-layer Scale	Source-to-community	Data-to-treatment	Treatment-to-environment	Treatment-to-Community	Treatment-to-Community

	Research Thrust #6	Research Thrust #7	Research Thrust #8
Cross-cutting Competencies	Sustainability and Circularity	Education and Workforce Development	Technology Transfer

Electrochemically Enhanced Reverse Osmosis

Towards an electrified universal process for high-recovery desalination and water reuse:

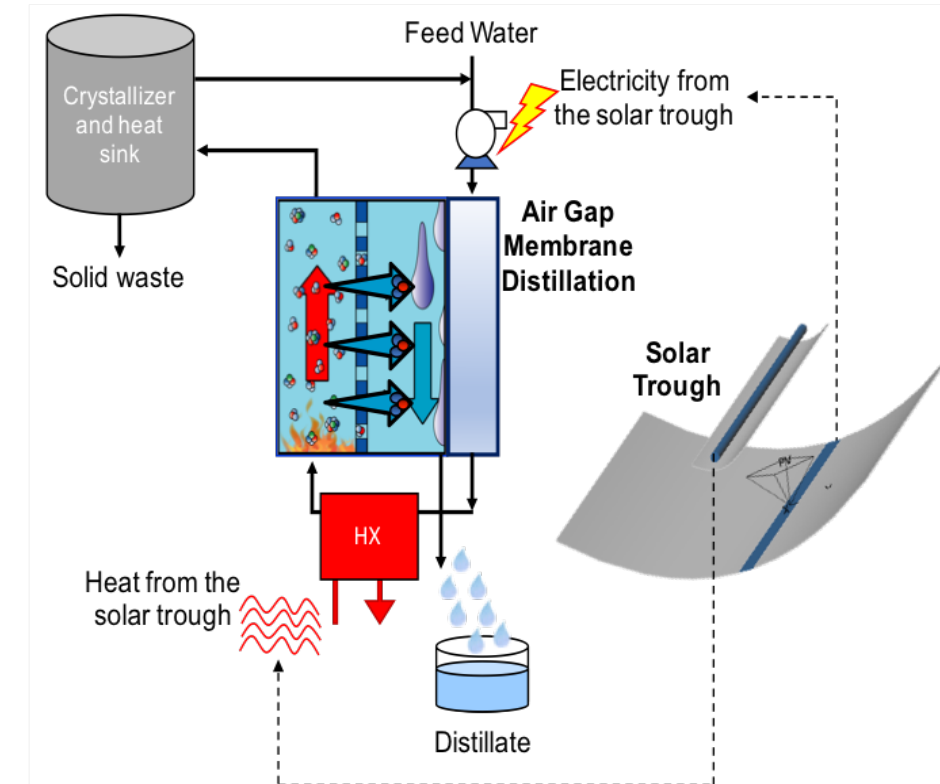
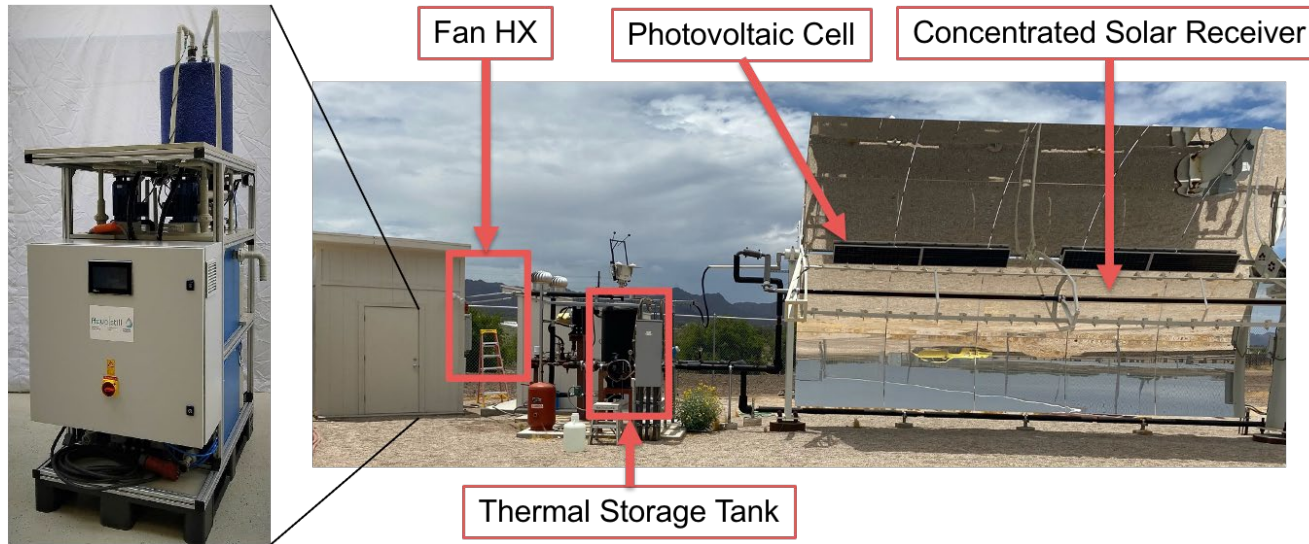
- 1 – High pH crystallization for scaling removal
- 2 – Low pH ferric coagulant generation for fouling removal



Xu, J., Phakdon, T., Achilli, A., Hickenbottom, K., & Farrell, J. (2022). Pretreatment of reverse osmosis concentrate from reclaimed water for conventional and high-efficiency reverse osmosis and evaluation of electrochemical production of reagents. *ACS ES&T Water*, 2 (6), 1022-1030.

Concentrate Management

Towards zero-liquid discharge through direct use of concentrated solar power to drive a membrane distillation process



Inkawich, M., Shingler, J., Ketchum, R. S., Pan, W., Norwood, R. A., & Hickenbottom, K. L. (2023). Temporal performance indicators for an integrated pilot-scale membrane distillation-concentrated solar power/photovoltaic system. *Applied Energy*, 349, 121675.

Hands-on Training for Water Resiliency and Self-Sufficiency

Leverage our expertise on hands-on training on emerging membrane processes for water purification to deliver content for workforce development



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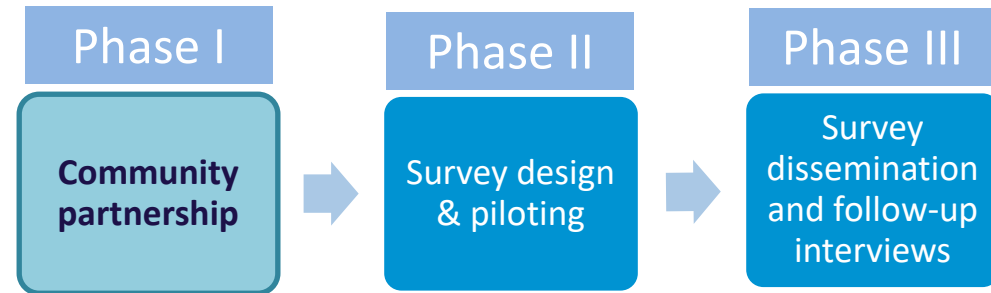
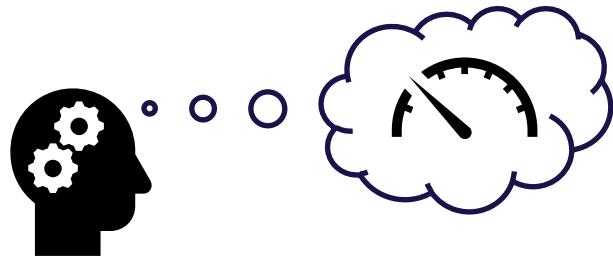


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Márquez, I., Sáez, A. E., Ogden, K., & Achilli, A. (2022). A hands-on course on intensified membrane processes for sustainable water purification. *Chemical Engineering Education*, 56(3).

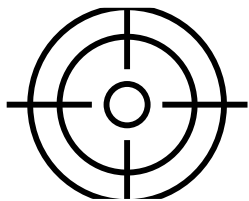
Community Assessment of Risk Perception in Water Reuse

Use surveys and interviews to measure risk perception and acceptance of water reuse application and characterize differences in risk perceptions and rationales

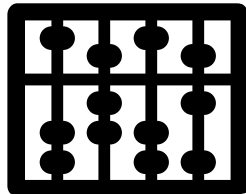


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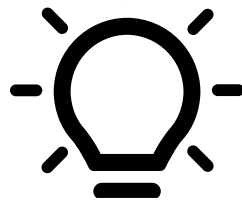
- ✓ UA IRB approval.
- ✓ Letter of support from Phoenix.
- Pending letters from ADEQ and Scottsdale.
- Connecting with Cottonwood.



Factors assoc.
acceptability



Elucidate
rationales



Inform
outreach

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Nevada Center for Water Resiliency (NCWR)

Specific research goals

- Developing and testing advanced water treatment technology for potable water reuse
- Recovering resources from wastewater streams
- Detection and treatment methods for emerging contaminants (e.g., PFAS)
- Reclaiming non-traditional water for reuse applications and agricultural reuse
- Reducing the water footprint for mining operations (e.g., lithium recovery)



NCWR High-Bay Laboratory Enhancements

- Development of advanced physical space to expand large-scale applied research activities
 - High-bay laboratory on the main UNR campus
 - Demonstration space with direct access to municipal wastewater
 - Testing of advanced of demonstration treatment units prior to deployment in the field
 - Expanded analytical capabilities
 - Emerging contaminants of concern
 - Biological agents and markers
 - Sensors for distributed systems

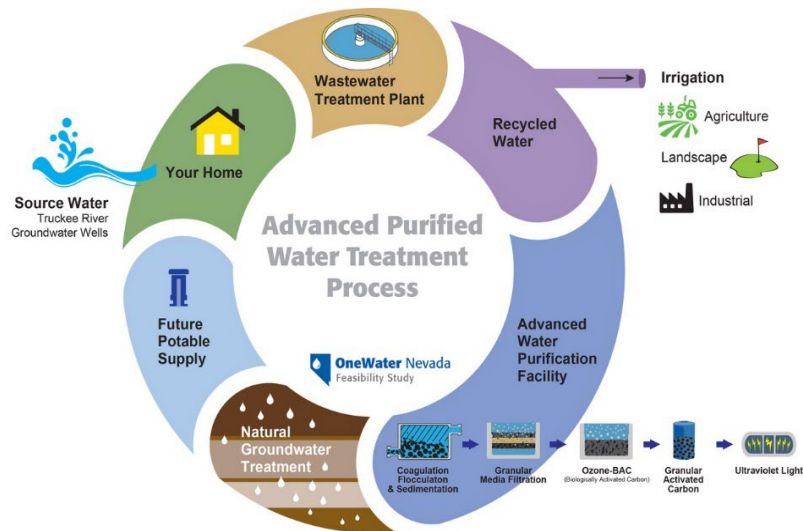


Partnering with the Nevada Water Innovation Institute

- University-utility partnership



- OneWater Nevada Feasibility Study



National Advanced Purified Water Programs and Demonstrations

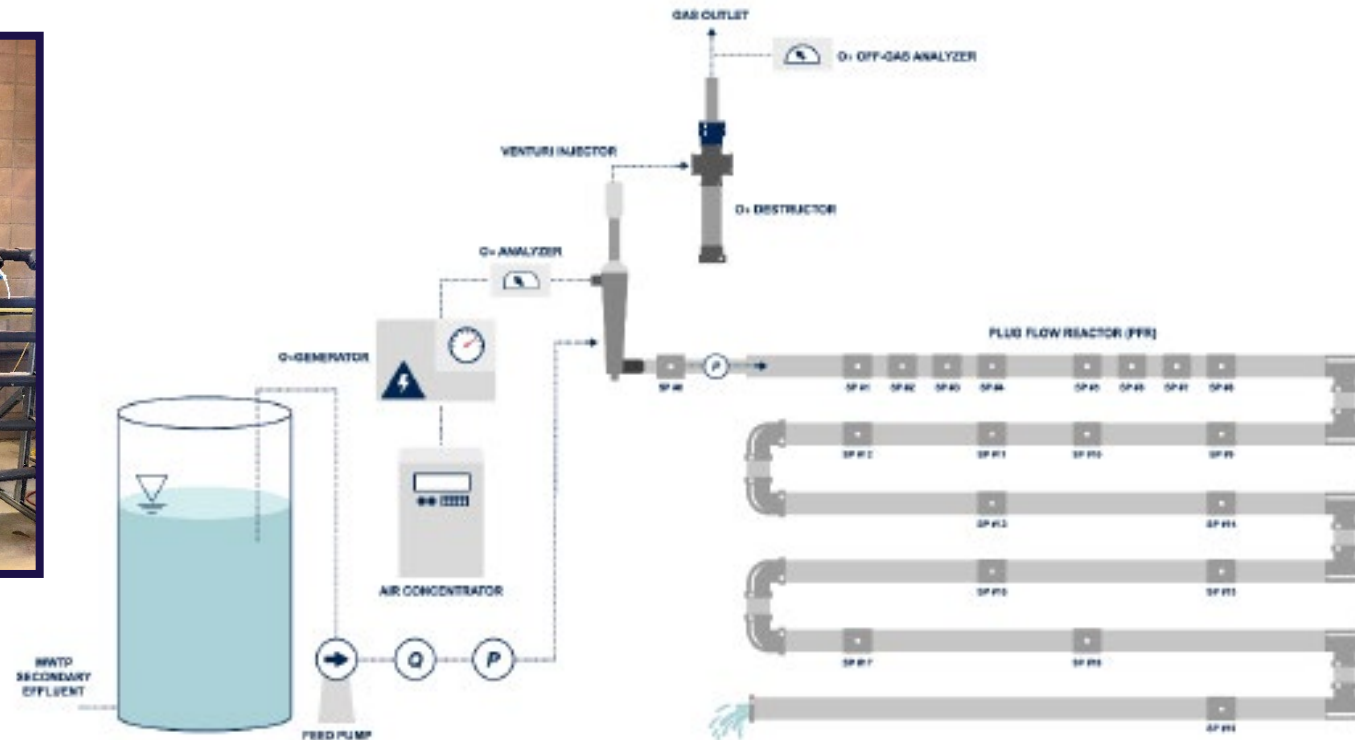


Advanced Water Reuse Technology

- Benchmarking pathogen reduction during advanced treatment (located at the Reno-Stead Water Reclamation Facility, RSWRF)
- Advanced pretreatment for DPR applications



Pilot-scale plug flow ozone contactor system



Leveraging Alternative Water Sources

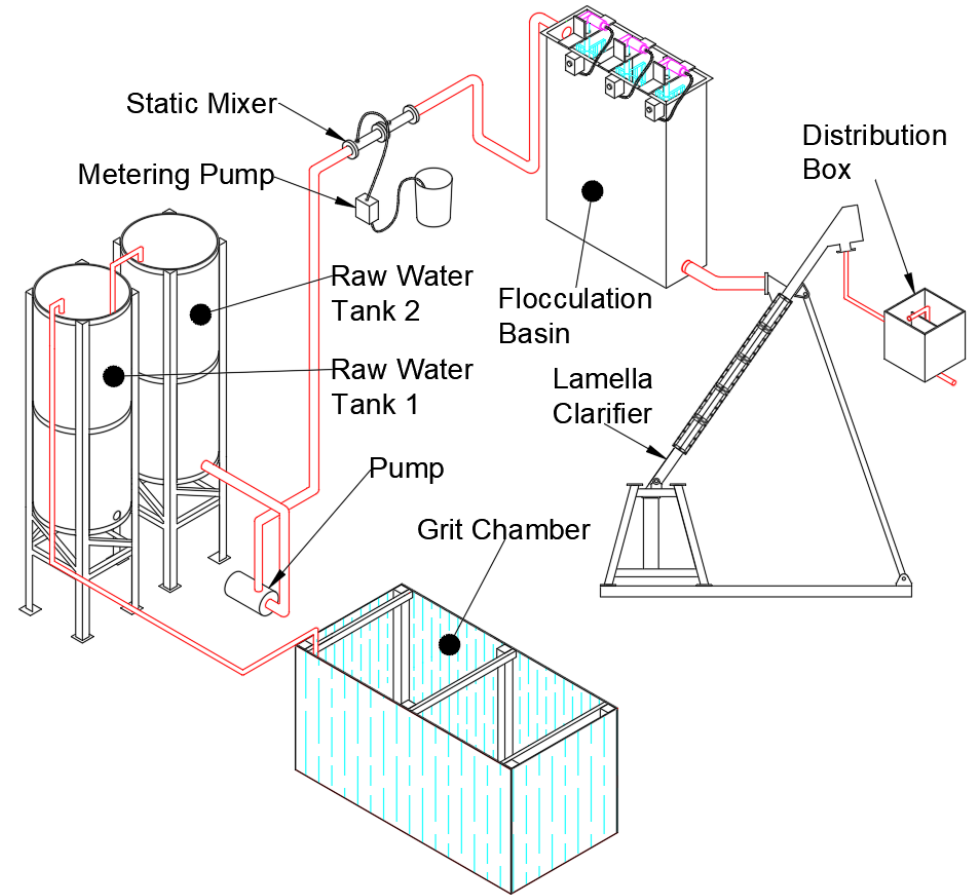
- Stormwater characterization for reuse applications
- Water minimization and reuse at DOT facilities
- Treatment and Reuse of Vacuum Truck Wastewater



Bench-scale testing



Vactor V2100 at Nevada DOT Maintenance Yard



Pilot-scale stormwater treatment system schematic

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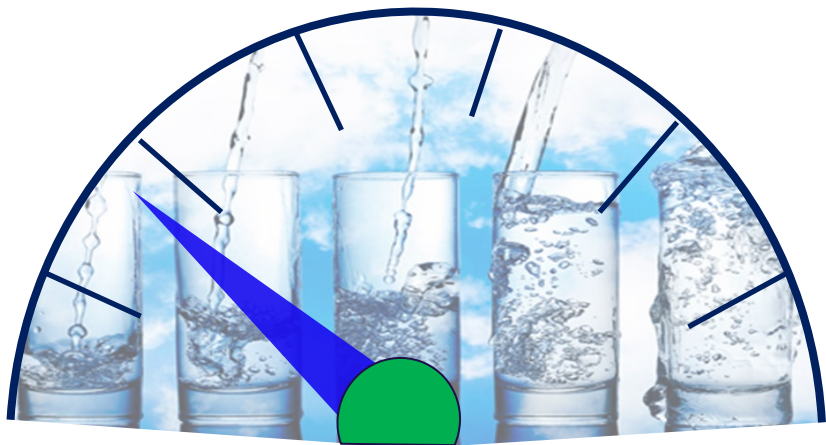


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Goal: Move the needle on water reuse at Army installations



Drivers for Reuse at Army Installations:

- Resiliency
- Water security
- Environmental stewardship
- Transition to expeditionary settings

Recent DoD Water Reuse policy:

Applicable
Guidelines for
Water Reuse at
Army Installations

Army Memo- Energy
and Water Goal
Attainment
Responsibility Policy

Water reuse in
irrigation

Army Directive 2020-
03 Installation Energy
and Water Resilience
Policy

Water reuse in
irrigation

UFC 3-201-02
Landscape Architecture

30 June 2014

13 Jan 2017

16 Jan 2017

31 Mar 2020

01 Dec 2020

09 Feb 2021

Public Works
Technical Bulletin

36% reduction in
potable water use
from FY07 to FY25

Army Memo
Sustainable Design
and Development
Policy

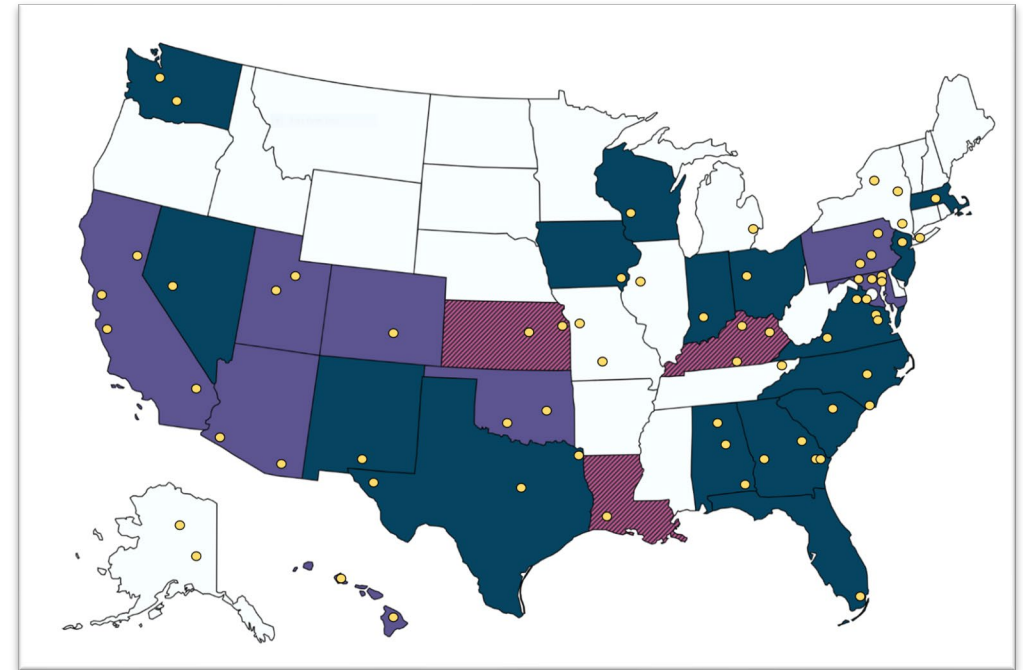
Resiliency +
14 days mandate

UFC 1-200-02 High
Performance and
Sustainable Building
Requirements

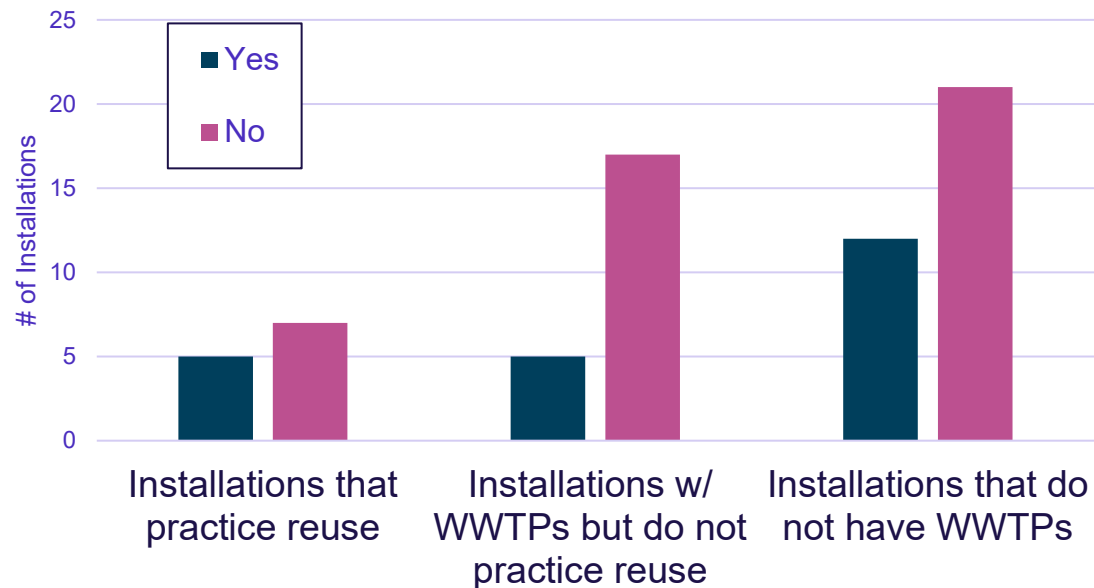
Include reuse in water
management plans

Objectives

- Establish baseline status of reuse at Army installations
- Prepare installations for tech transfer
 - Characterize military wastewater to determine if constituents differ from municipal wastewater
 - Create database of installation water and wastewater information for USACE researchers
 - Installation recommendations



Interest in Expanding Reuse



Challenges:

- Identified barriers to reuse
- Diversity of Army installations
 - Regulations
 - Geographical location
- Differing missions/commanders

Wastewater Characterization

Basis for study:



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Article

Centurial Persistence of Forever Chemicals at Military Fire Training Sites

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Source separated graywater: Chemistry, unit operations, and criteria towards re-use

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- Constituents to be tested for:
 - COD/BOD
 - TSS
 - Oil and Grease
 - Nutrients
 - Metals
 - Pesticides/Herbicides
 - VOCs/SVOCs
 - PFOA/PFAS
 - PPCPs
 - MBAS

Installation Recommendations

For Army installations located inside the United States:

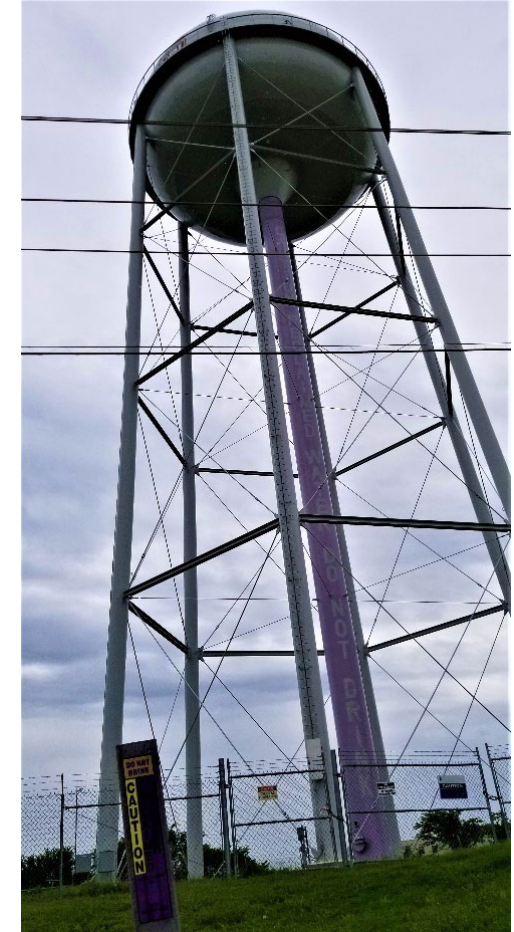
- Provide site recommendations on expanding reuse using data on
 - Current potable water use applications
 - Amount of WWTP effluent produced
 - Current water treatment infrastructure
 - NPDES permits
 - State regulations for reuse
 - Water scarcity index
 - Geographical considerations
- Recommendations to include:
 - Technologies available to implement
 - Additions to treatment train
 - Alternative technologies for reuse
 - WRC partner technologies
 - For what applications water can be reused and how much is available
 - How to address installation's stated barriers to reuse



Reclaimed water hydrant for WWTP washdown



Fill station for dust control



Reclaimed water storage tower

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!



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BACKUP SLIDES

WRC WRAP Action 7.10

- WRC is WRAP 7.10: *Implement the DOD-funded Water Reuse Consortium for Water Resiliency at Military and Municipal Facilities*
 - Accelerate advances in technologies for water reuse, contaminant and pathogen detection and attenuation, and energy reduction through engineering and scientific research.
 - Educate a diverse future workforce eager to integrate objectives of sustainability and resource recovery into water reuse projects while maintaining focus on health and water security objectives.
 - Facilitate technical and regulatory communication that will be valuable to all stakeholders, including DoD (civilian works and military operations), EPA (federal regulation of drinking water), the Department of Energy (energy for water), local and regional public utilities, industry partners, and other government agencies.
 - Translate research in both military and non-military water reuse applications through partnerships with industry, government, academic, and community stakeholders.
 - Improve public acceptance and confidence in water reuse through visual media, research, and regular reports.

Water Reuse Consortium Deliverables

Publications:

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- American Chemical Society Conference Fall 2023, August 15, 2023, San Francisco, California
- American Water Works Association – Annual Conference and Exposition, June 12, 2023, Toronto, Canada. (AEESP Distinguished Lecture)
- American Water Works Association Potable Reuse and Biological Treatment Symposium, July 24, 2023, Salt Lake City, Utah
- International Congress on Membranes and Membrane Processes (ICOM), July 9, 2023, Tokyo, Japan
- WaterReuse Symposium, March 5-8, 2023, Atlanta, Georgia
- SERDP/ESTCP Symposium November 28, 2023, Alexandria, Virginia
- WaterReuse Symposium March 11-14, 2024, Denver, Colorado

Water Reuse Consortium Communications

Websites:

- Water Reuse Consortium: <https://waterreuseconsortium.com/>
- University of Southern California: <https://rewater.usc.edu/>
- University of Arizona: <https://www.waterresiliency.org/>

Press Releases (hyperlinked to article):

- [Universities In California, Arizona, And Nevada Form Consortium To Address Clean Water Access And Sustainability Challenges](#)
- [“The Circuit News” \(Twitter/YouTube\)](#)
- [Western Universities Form Water Consortium \(Food Manufacturing\)](#)
- [WATER SECURITY The New Water Reuse Consortium Will Address Clean Water Access and Sustainability Challenges \(Homeland Security News Wire\) Universities in California, Arizona, and Nevada Form Water Reuse Consortium \(Morning Ag Clips\)](#)
- [Engineering receives \\$4 million Army grant to establish Nevada Center for Water Resiliency \(Nevada Today\)](#)
- [\\$10M for drinking-water treatment study is largest liquid funding in UA history](#)
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AERIAL VIEW OF GLEN CANYON DAM AND GLEN CANYON DAM BRIDGE OVER LAKE POWELL, GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, STOCK PHOTO

A novel collaboration among the University of Southern California (USC), the University of Arizona (UA), and the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), has resulted in the Water Reuse Consortium. This groundbreaking partnership has been awarded a \$12.3 million cooperative agreement for phase one of a three-phase \$38 million program with ERDC-CERL to tackle pressing water challenges through innovative research, education, communication, and unprecedented collaborative efforts between government, local communities, industry, and academia.

The Water Reuse Consortium brings together the expertise of three leading academic institutions renowned for their contributions to water management and environmental sustainability, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ERDC-CERL. By leveraging their combined knowledge, resources, and engineering expertise, the Consortium seeks to revolutionize water reuse practices and promote sustainable solutions for the benefit of communities, industries, and the environment.