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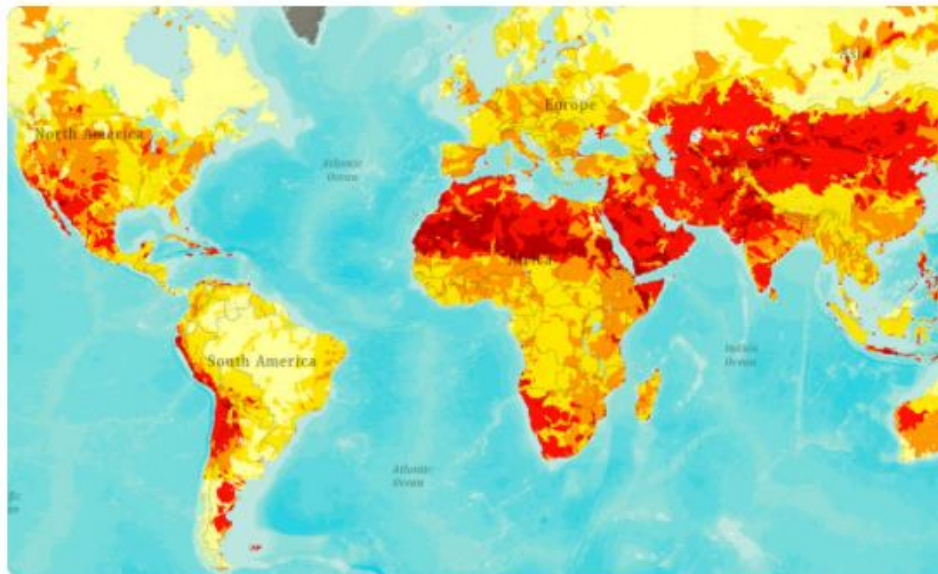
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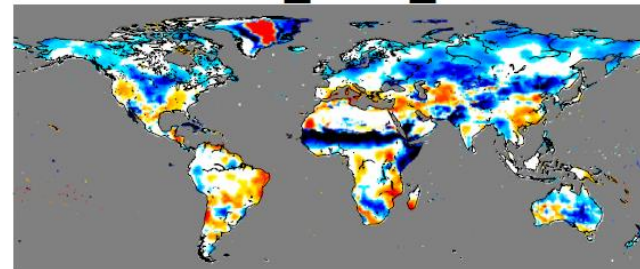
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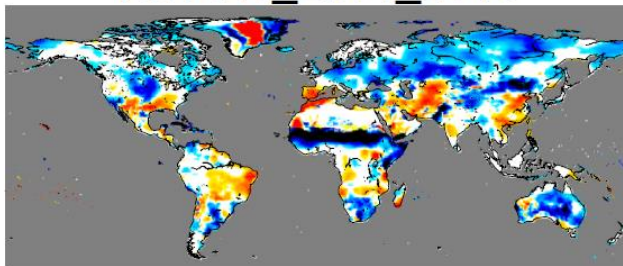
## FUTURE WATER SUPPLIES

Global pattern of change (ratio) in the mean annual runoff from the baseline period (1971–2000) to 2040. Hanasaki et. al (2013)

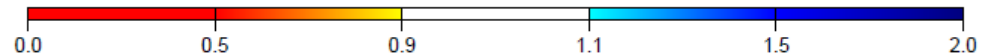
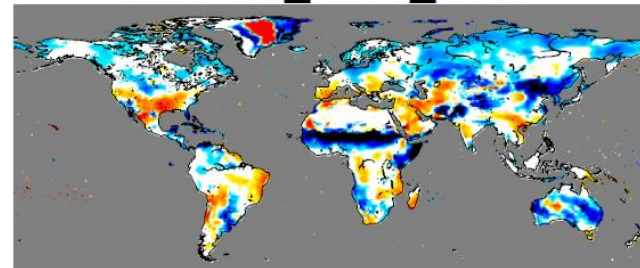
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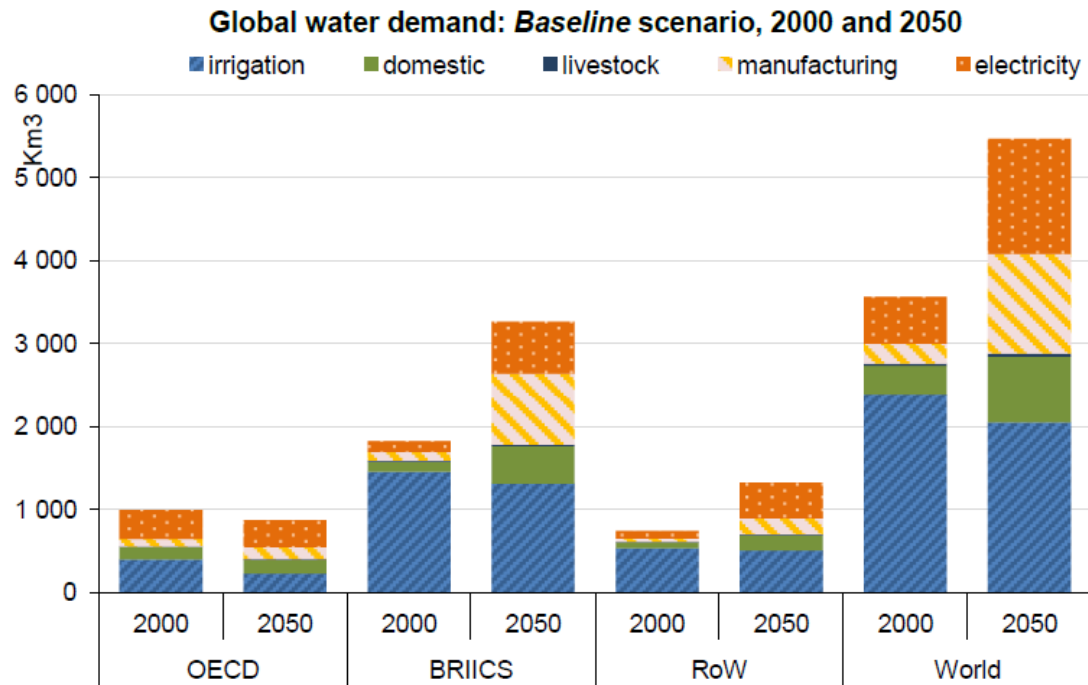
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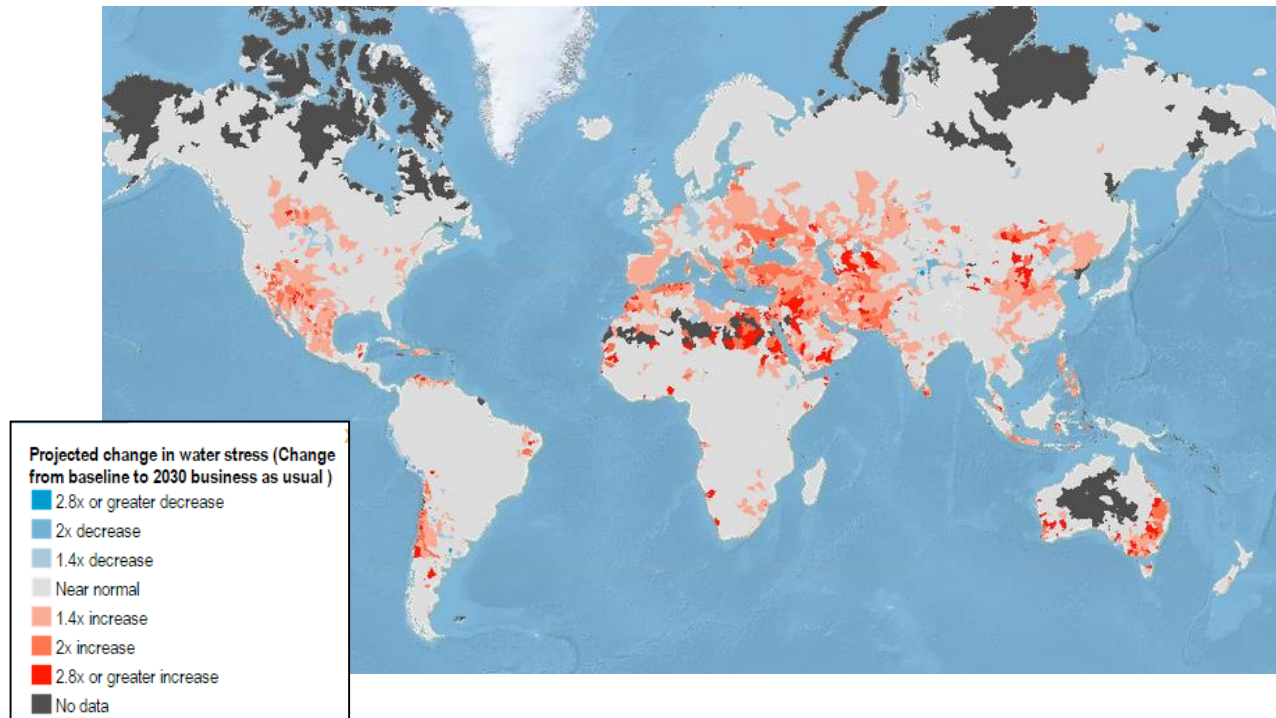


# FUTURE WATER DEMAND



Source: OECD (2012)

## FUTURE WATER STRESS

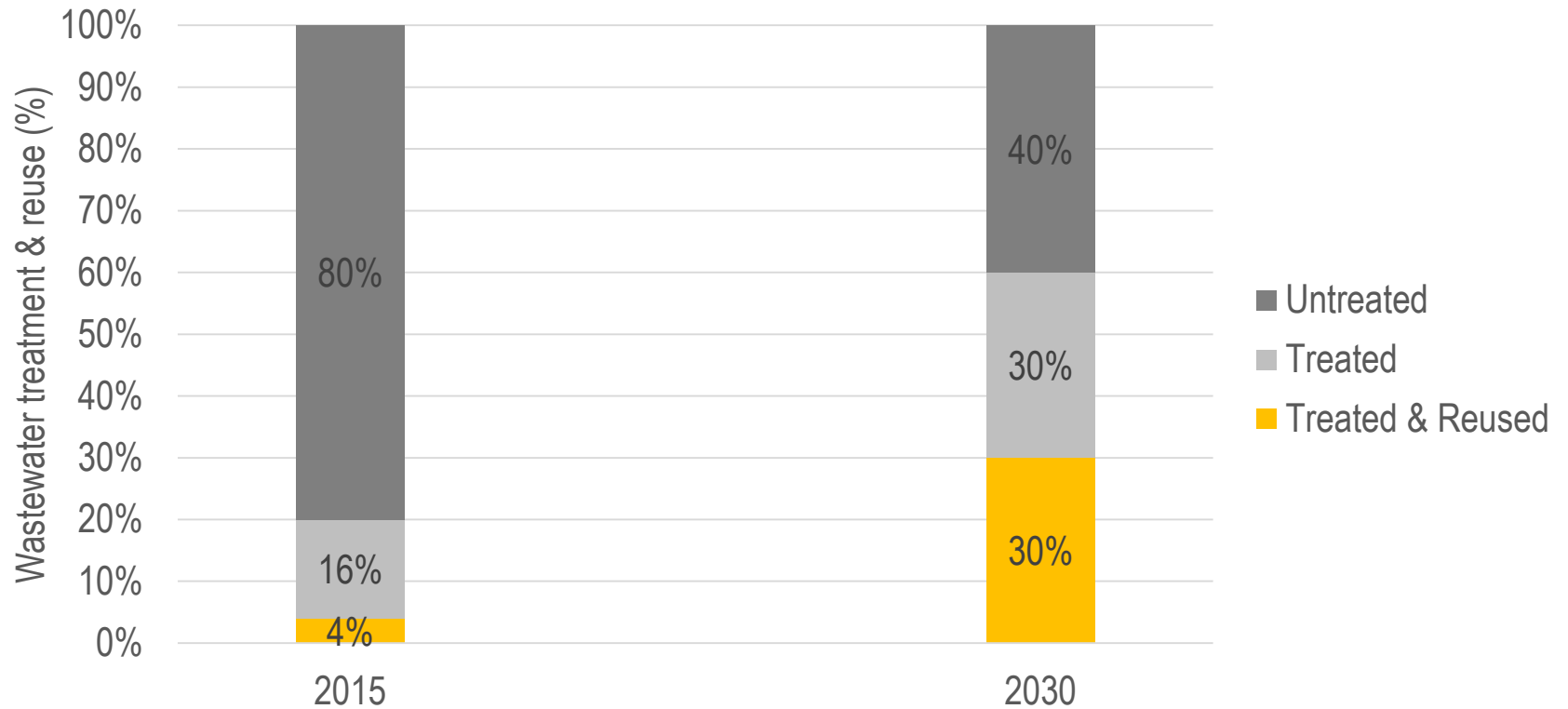


Source: WRI (2015)

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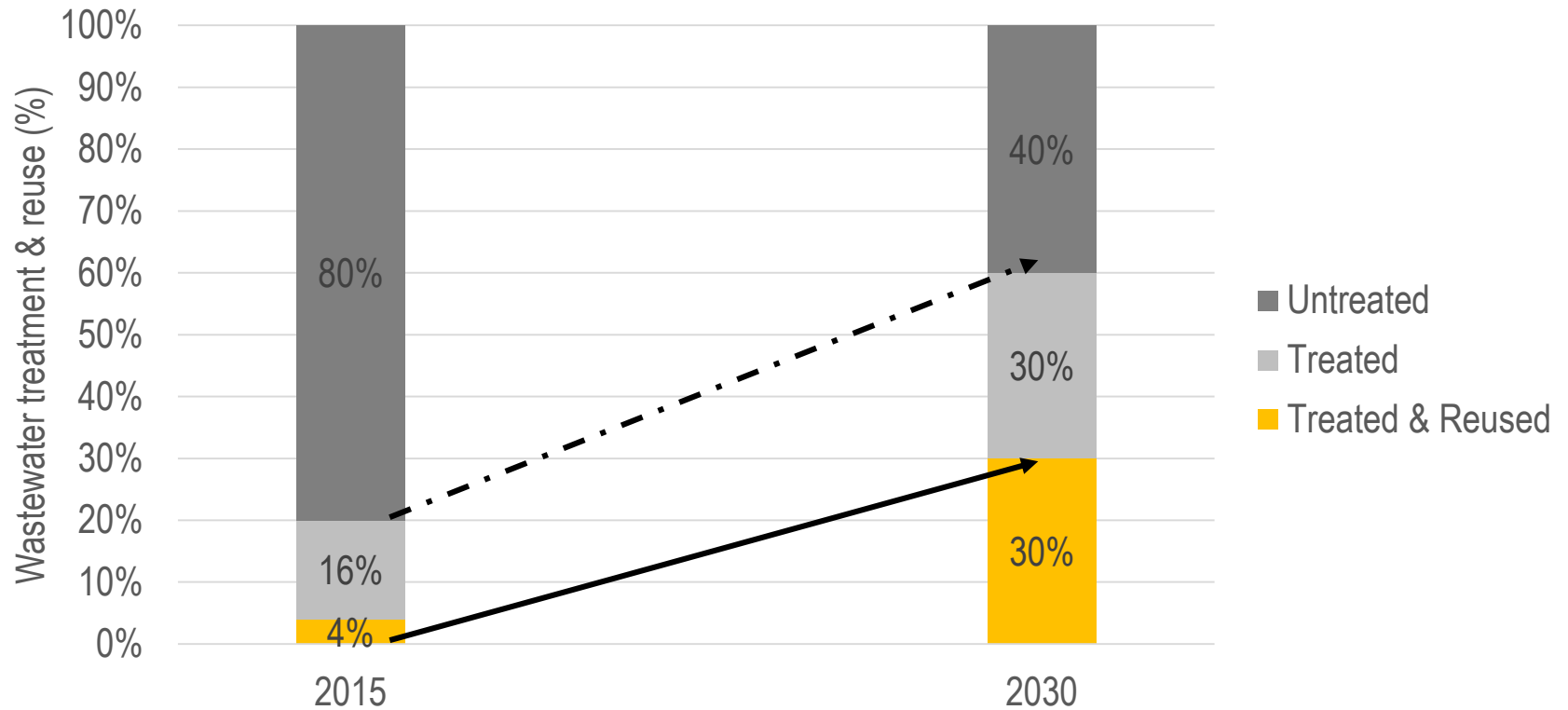


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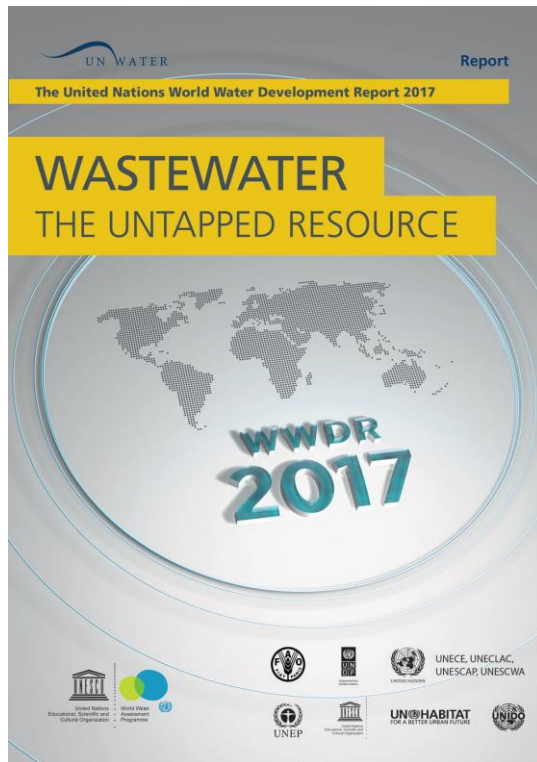
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## 2017 UN World Water Development Report, Wastewater: The Untapped Resource

## ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR CHANGE

- Fit-for-purpose technical solutions
- Suitable legal and regulatory frameworks
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## COST RECOVERY AND APPROPRIATE FINANCING MECHANISMS

### Challenges

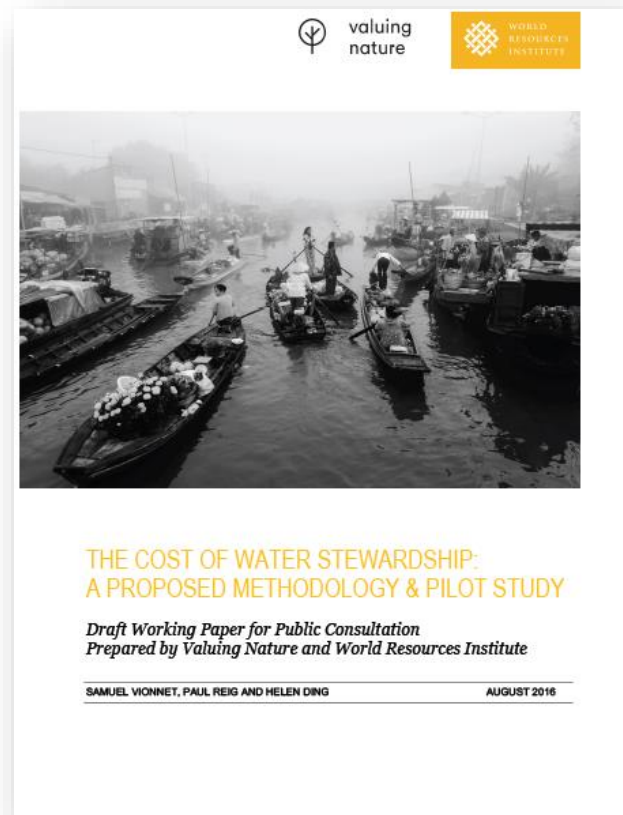
- *Potable water is underpriced*
- *Treated wastewater must be priced lower than potable water*
- *Revenues from selling treated wastewater lower than operational and maintenance costs*

### Opportunities

- *Pricing water to reflect its cost and help drive investments in reuse.*
- *New business models for wastewater treatment and reuse*
  - *Water Swaps*
  - *Replenishment of Natural Capital*
  - *On-site value creation*
  - *Marketing reclaimed water*
  - *Hedging future water markets*



## COST OF WATER STEWARDSHIP



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# WATER FOR GROWTH

## Incorporating water reuse into water stewardship strategies

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# WHAT IS THE NEW NORMAL?

## CHALLENGES



### PUBLIC POLICY

- Over allocation
- Poor data
- 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> century policies



### ENERGY WATER FOOD NEXUS

- Increased demand
- Siloed solutions



### INFRASTRUCTURE

- Underfunded
- Price of water

## TRENDS



### DIGITAL WATER

- Inexpensive sensors
- Internet of things
- Big data
- Artificial intelligence



### NEXUS SOLUTIONS

- Water funds
- Incentives
- Green bonds
- Prize competitions



### ONE WATER/CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- Efficiency
- Reuse/Recycling
- Energy/Nutrients



### INNOVATION

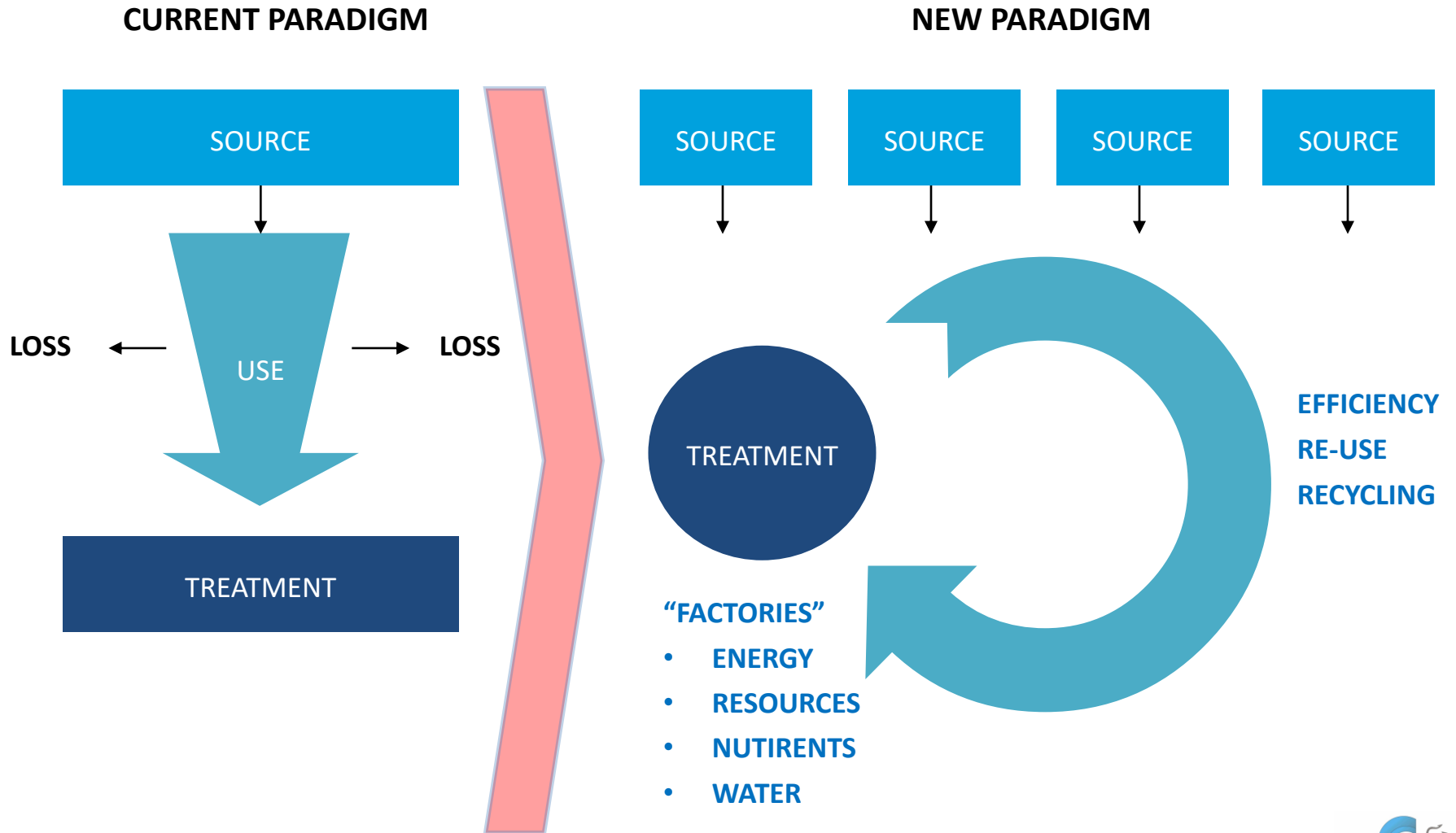
- Exponential tech
- Partnerships
- Funding/financing
- Business models
- Water trading



### DECENTRALIZED/OFF GRID

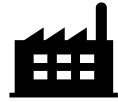
- Air moisture capture
- POU/POE treatment

# THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY DRIVES INNOVATION AND VALUE

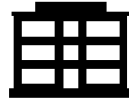


Adapted from Lux Research Water Intelligence 2008

# WATER RISK AS A BUSINESS RISK



## Supply Chain



## Operations



## Product Use



## Financial Impact



### Physical

Water scarcity drives up input prices (~2%-20%)

Increased capital expenditure on water treatment, extraction or alternative technologies raises costs

Non-availability or scarcity of water required for using product or service limits growth



### Regulatory

Suspension or withdrawal of supplier's water license or discharge permits disrupts supply chain

Reallocation to more urgent needs during drought disrupts operations

Restrictions on use of particular products or services due to water intensity raises costs or checks growth



### Reputational

Responsibility "by association" for suppliers' water pollution damages brand or reputation, hinders growth

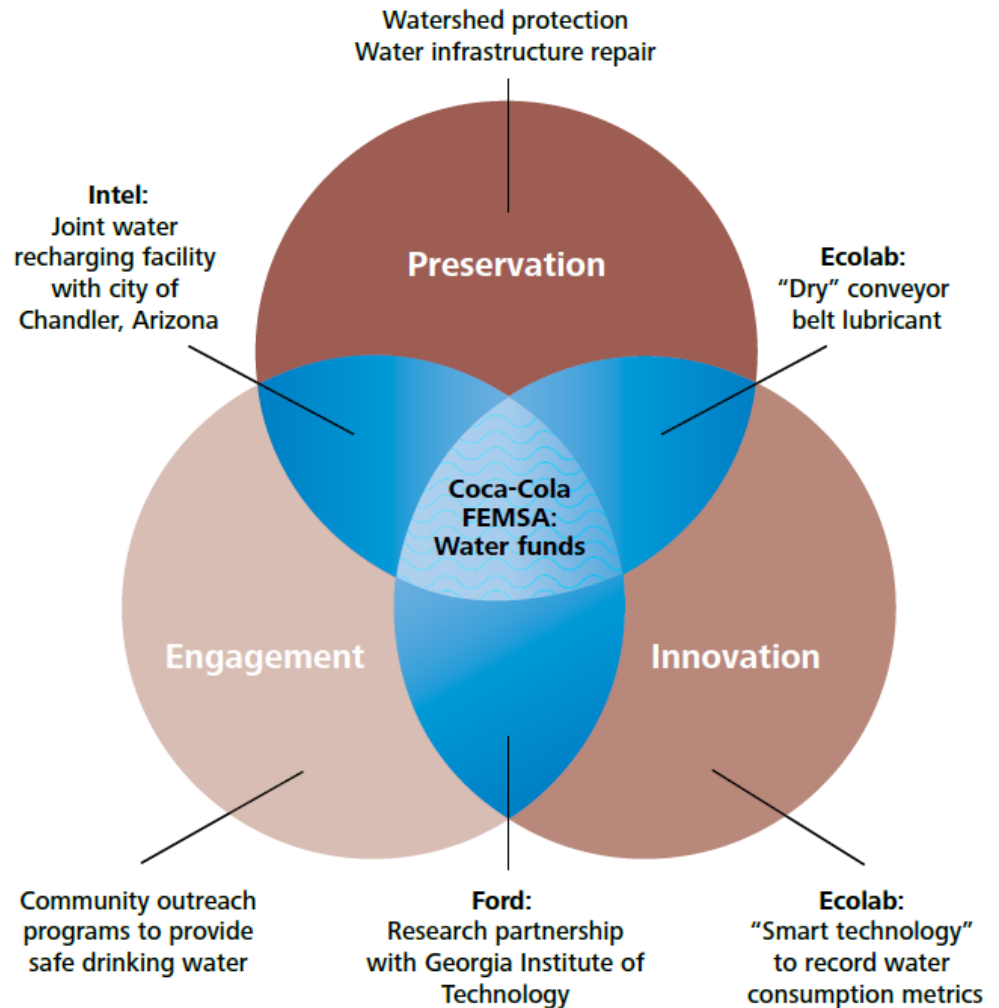
Competition with household demands, or pollution incidents, damages brand or reputation, hinders growth

Public outcry regarding water intensity of product damages brand, reputation, hinders growth

- **Lost revenue**
- **Higher costs from:**
  - Supply chain
  - Changes in production
  - Capital expenditure
  - Regulatory compliance
  - Increasing price of consuming or discharging water
- **Delayed or suppressed growth**
- **Potential higher cost of capital**

# WATER STEWARDSHIP - HOW TO MITIGATE THESE RISKS?

- Incorporate water risk into ‘traditional’ corporate risk management processes
- Quantify the “real” value of water to the business
- Understand the energy-water nexus and its potential business implications, set targets across the value chain
- Increase focus on engagement and innovation
- Look for opportunities in the overlaps
- Make a public commitment to water stewardship
- Practice “radical transparency” about water and seek opportunities to collaborate – or clear the (internal) path for collaboration



# A LICENSE TO GROW STRATEGY



## No strategy

- Water scarcity not acknowledged as an issue
- All resources treated equally
- Cash flows heavily weighted
- Market price of water governs decisions



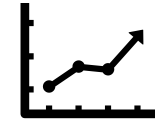
## Efficiency strategy

- Water scarcity as a driver of cost
- Consider cost of acquisition and use of water
- Heavily weight profitability risk
- Focus on water conservation
- Set internal water efficiency goals



## Risk Strategy

- Manage water scarcity risk at the facility or business-unit level
- Pursue stakeholder engagement to improve water access
- May calculate full cost of water
- May participate in public policy formulation
- Ad hoc investment in technology innovation
- "Social license-to-operate" risks heavily weighted



## LICENSE-TO-GROW STRATEGY

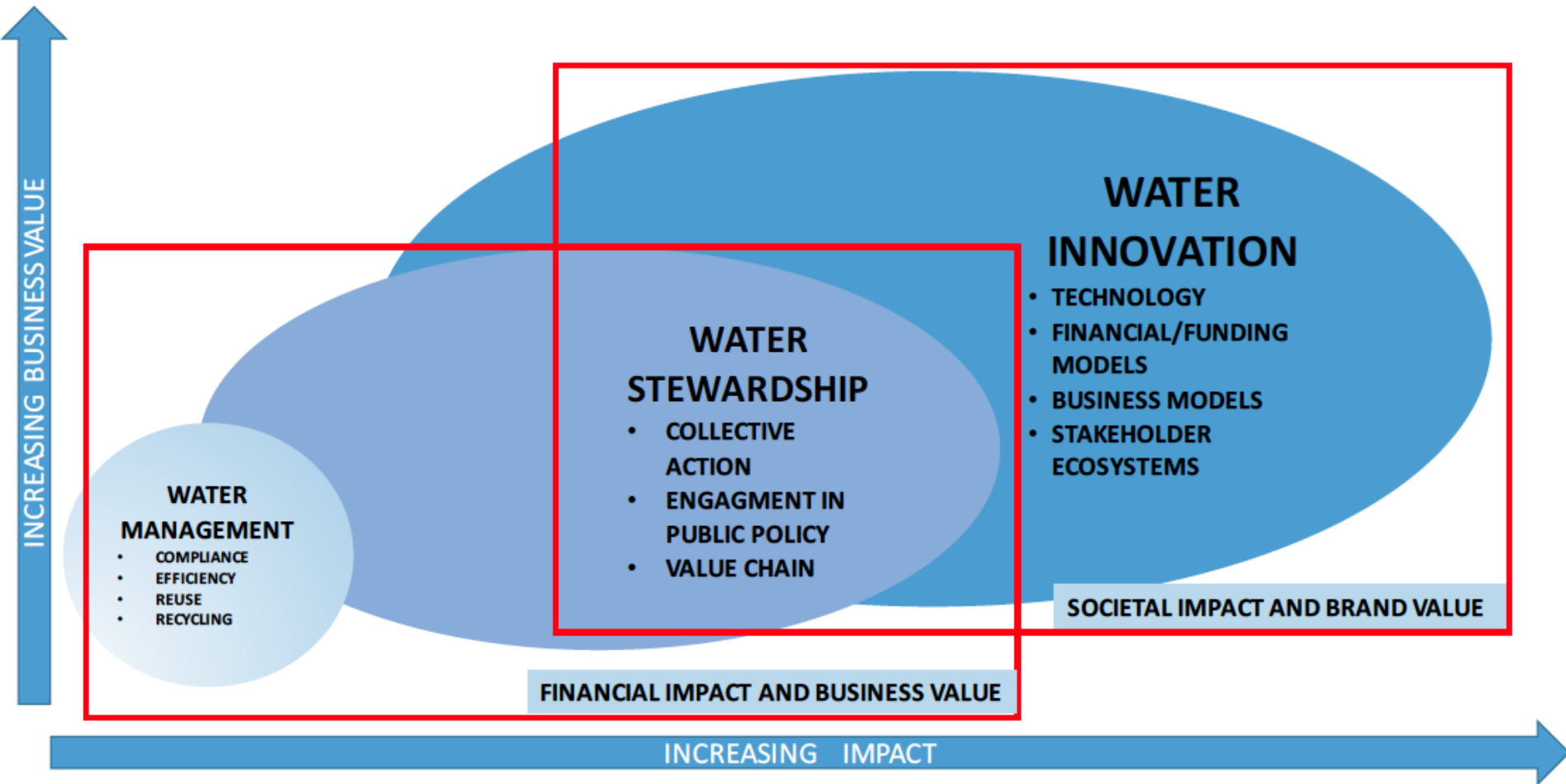
- **Quantify *value of water***
- **Proactively drive business "ecosystems and aligned action"**
- **Innovation - develop product/service offerings that address water scarcity**
- **Manage water scarcity as a platform for growth**
- **Participate in water-related policy development**

## INCREASING VALUE AND COLLECTIVE ACTION

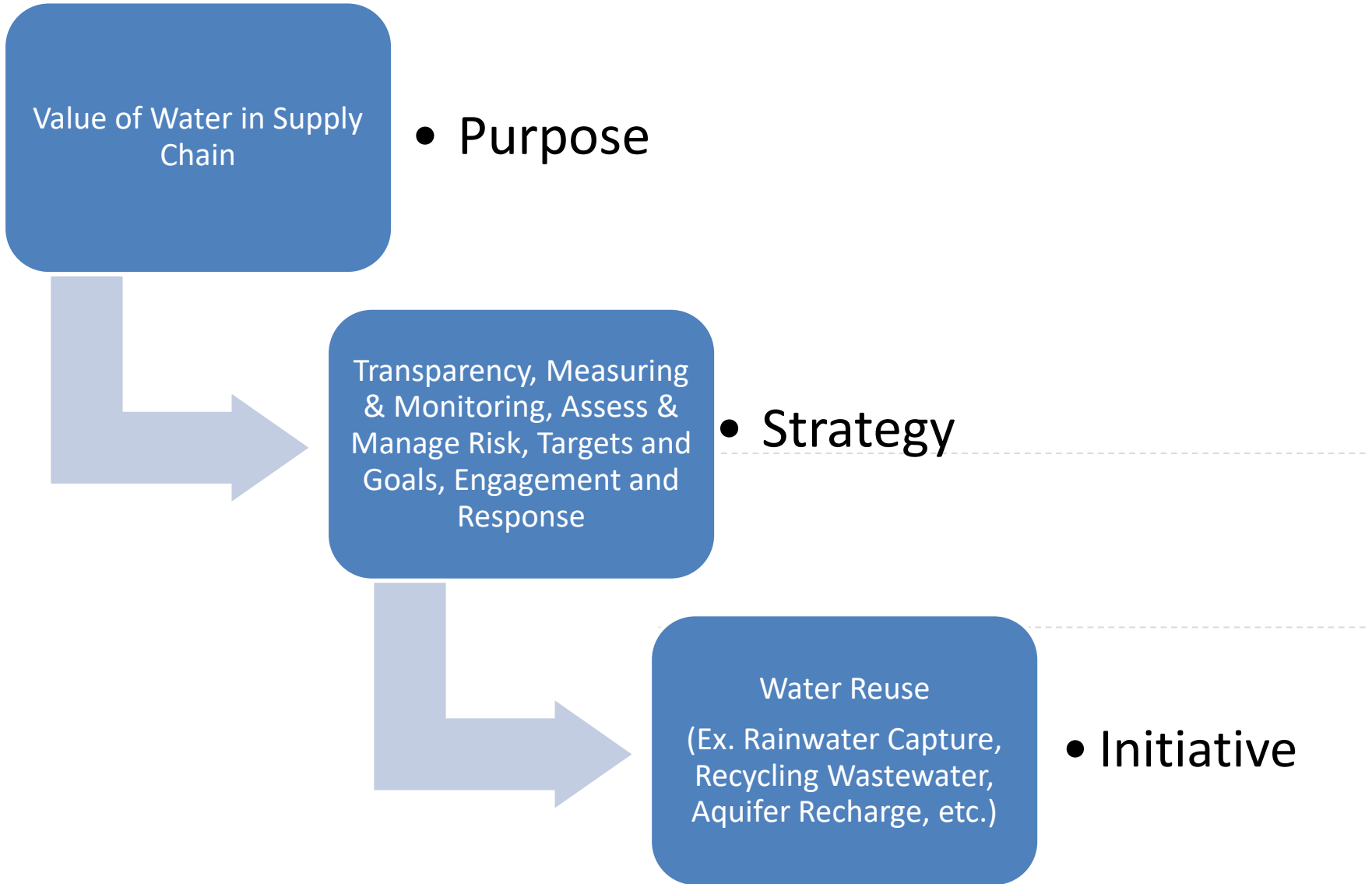




# CREATING ABUNDANCE THROUGH INNOVATION



# OVERVIEW OF WATER REUSE AS A COMPONENT OF WATER STEWARDSHIP



## Respect for the Human Right to Water as a Company Value



- Tenants of Water Policy- Safety, Sufficiency, Transparency, Physical Availability, and Responsibility.

### Reduce

- 57 Billion Gallons of Water Conserved Since 1998
- Ultra Pure Water Conservation
- Water Efficient Facilities

### Reuse

- Treat and Return 80% of Water Withdrawal to Local Communities
- Reuse of Greywater and Rainwater

### Innovate

- Solar Hot Water System in India, Costa Rica, and Israel
- IoT Sensor Technology

## Commitment to Advancing the Circular Economy



- Chemical Industry is Uniquely Positioned to Contribute to Water Stewardship
  1. “Reduce Water Scarcity With New Treatments
  2. Develop New Technologies to Improve Water Availability, Water Quality, Cost and Energy Efficiency
  3. Turn Wastewater Into A Valuable Resource Through Advanced Reclamation Process”

### Ternuezen, Netherlands

- Recycles 3.6 million m<sup>3</sup>/year of treated municipal wastewater
- Reduced Energy Associated with Treatment by 95%
- Reduced Carbon Dioxide Emissions by 60,000 Tonnes Annually

### Tarragona, Spain

- Recycles 6.9 million m<sup>3</sup>/year of treated municipal wastewater
- 40% of Water Needs From One Facility
- 2016 Environmental Leader’s Project of the Year

### Freeport, Texas

- Recycled Water Expected to Save 20 Million m<sup>3</sup>/Year
- 10% Water Reduction
- Production of Ethylene and Polyethylene at Lower Cost

## CDP Water Report A List Company



- Leader in Water Management, Water Risk Reduction and Information Disclosure
- Target: Effective Wastewater Management and Reduced Consumption Specific to Local Needs.

### Actions

- Reduce Consumption in Existing Practice
- Introduce Technology that Reduces Industrial Water Consumption Through Rainwater Use and Improving Recycling Methods

### Results

- 5.1% Reduction in Total Water Consumption
- 4.2% Reduction in Consumption per Unit
- In North America Facilities, Reduction in 99.8 Million Gallons

### Examples

- Motomachi Plant, Japan-Utilizing Wastewater to Create a Variety of Waterfront Environments
- Mississippi Plant, USA-Harvesting Rainwater
- Kentucky Plant, USA-Capturing Condensation

# Thank You

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# World Water Week

*West Basin Municipal Water District*

*August 28, 2017*



# WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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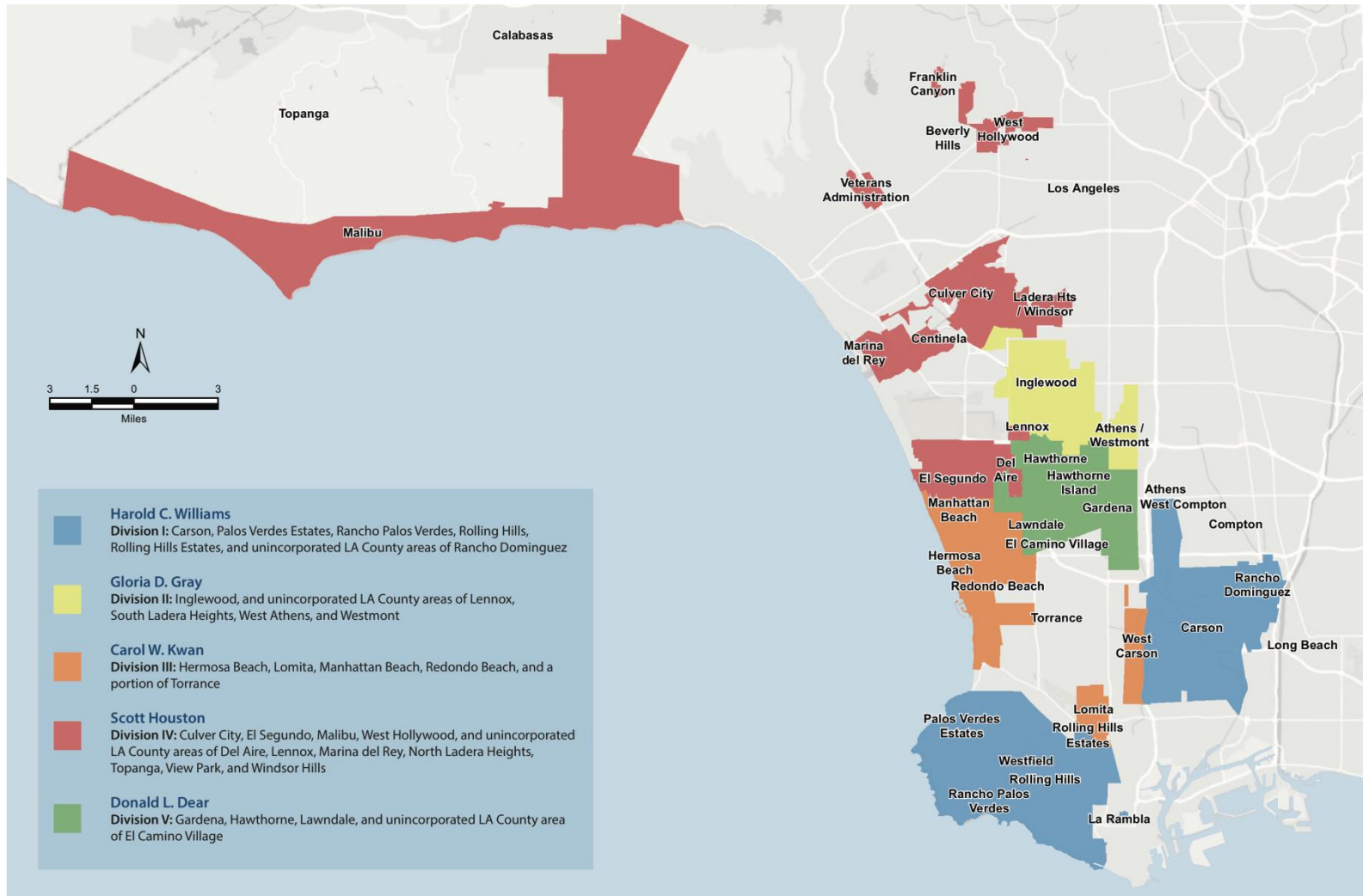
## Celebrating 70 Years! 1947-2017



- Public wholesale water agency
- Member of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- Provides imported drinking water to nearly 1 million people in 17 cities
- Industry leader in implementing effective water conservation programs, producing recycled water, exploring desalination and providing community education



# West Basin Service Area



# West Basin Board of Directors



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*President*



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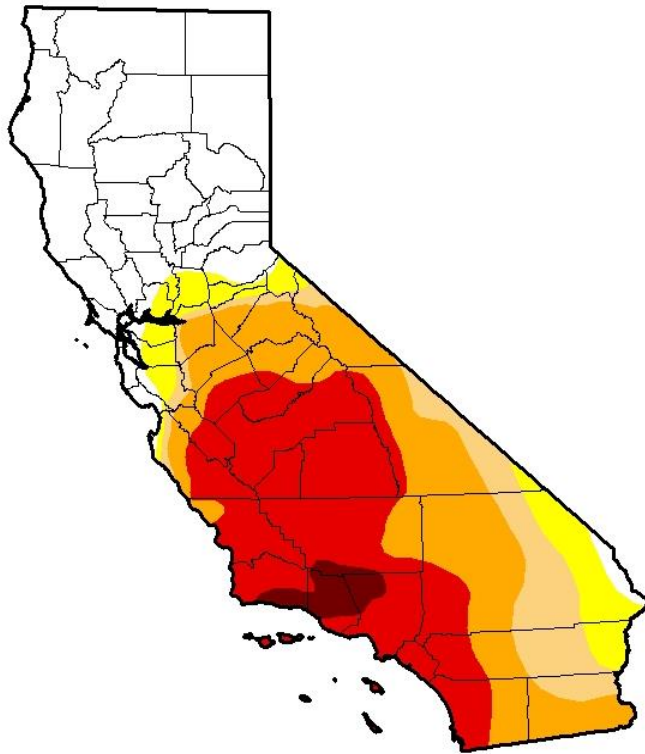
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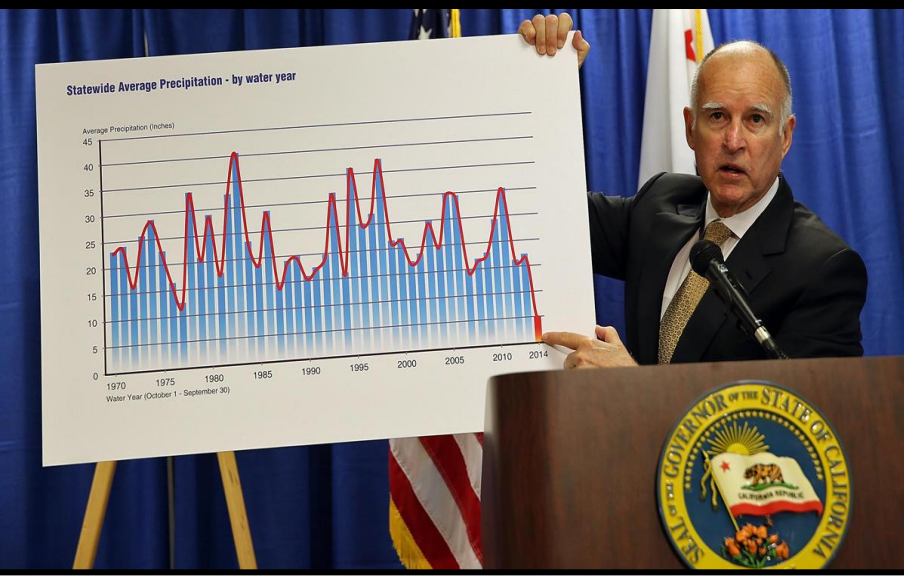
# Challenges to a Reliable Water Future



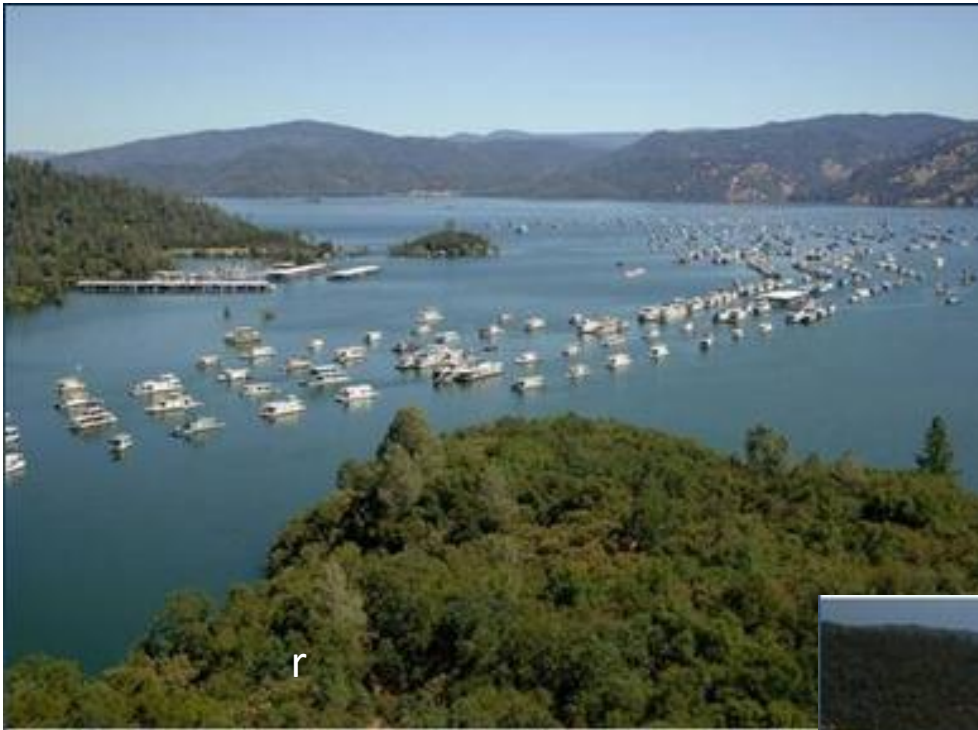
*U.S. Drought Monitor*  
**California**



# California's Historic Drought



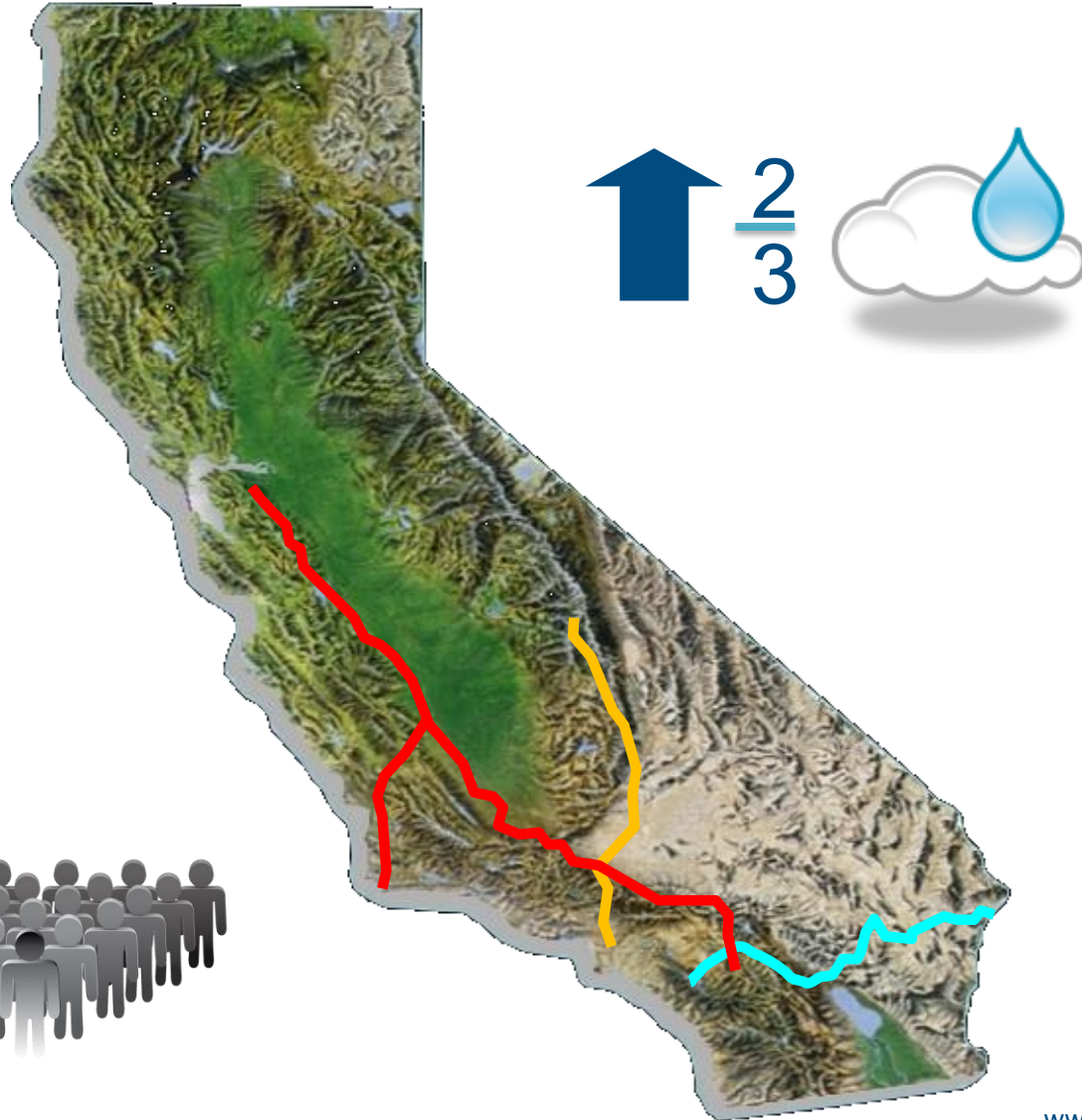
# Lake Oroville - 2010



# Lake Oroville - 2014



# Where Does Our Water Come From?



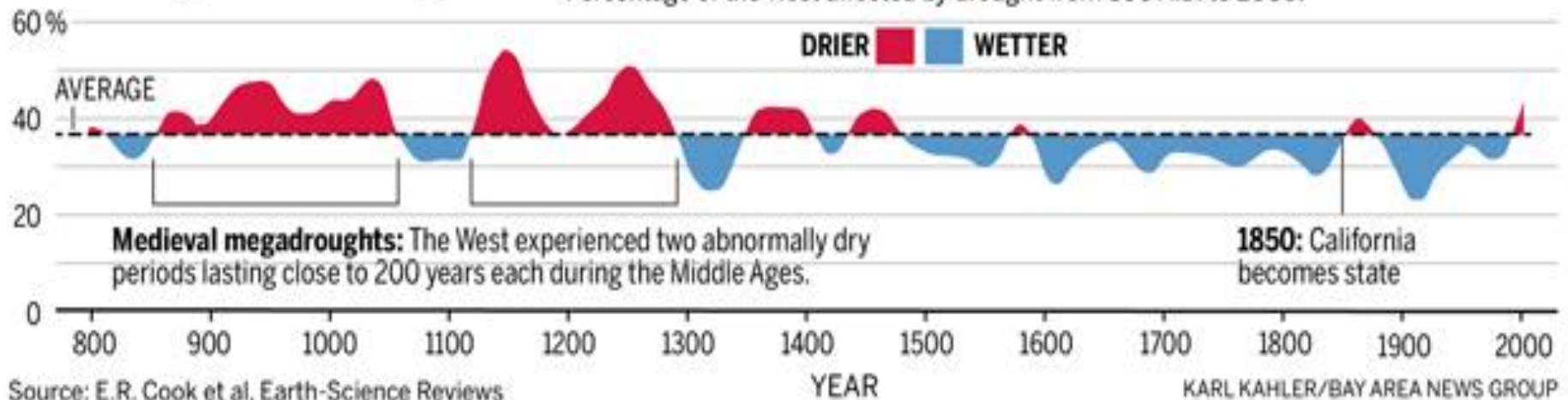
60%  
Water Supply  
For 19 Million



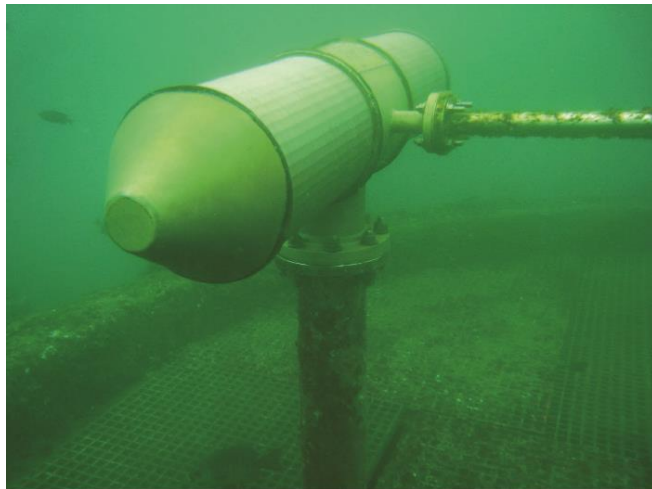
# Food for Thought: Are these the first 4 years of a mega-drought?

## A 200-year drought?

Evidence from tree rings shows that drought was historically much more widespread in the American West than now, while the 20th century was wetter than normal. Percentage of the West affected by drought from 800 A.D. to 2000:



# Balanced Approach to Reliability

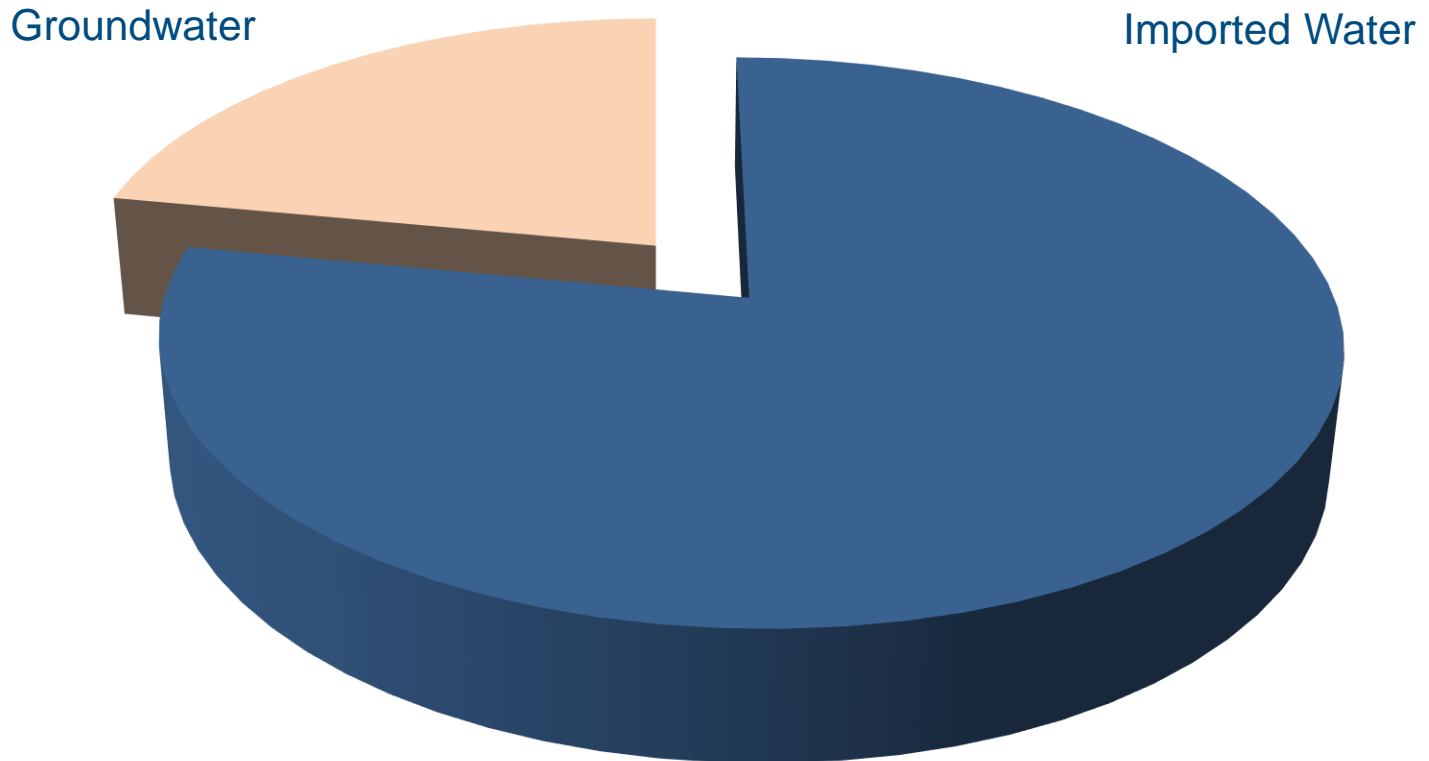




# Water Reliability Through Supply Diversification



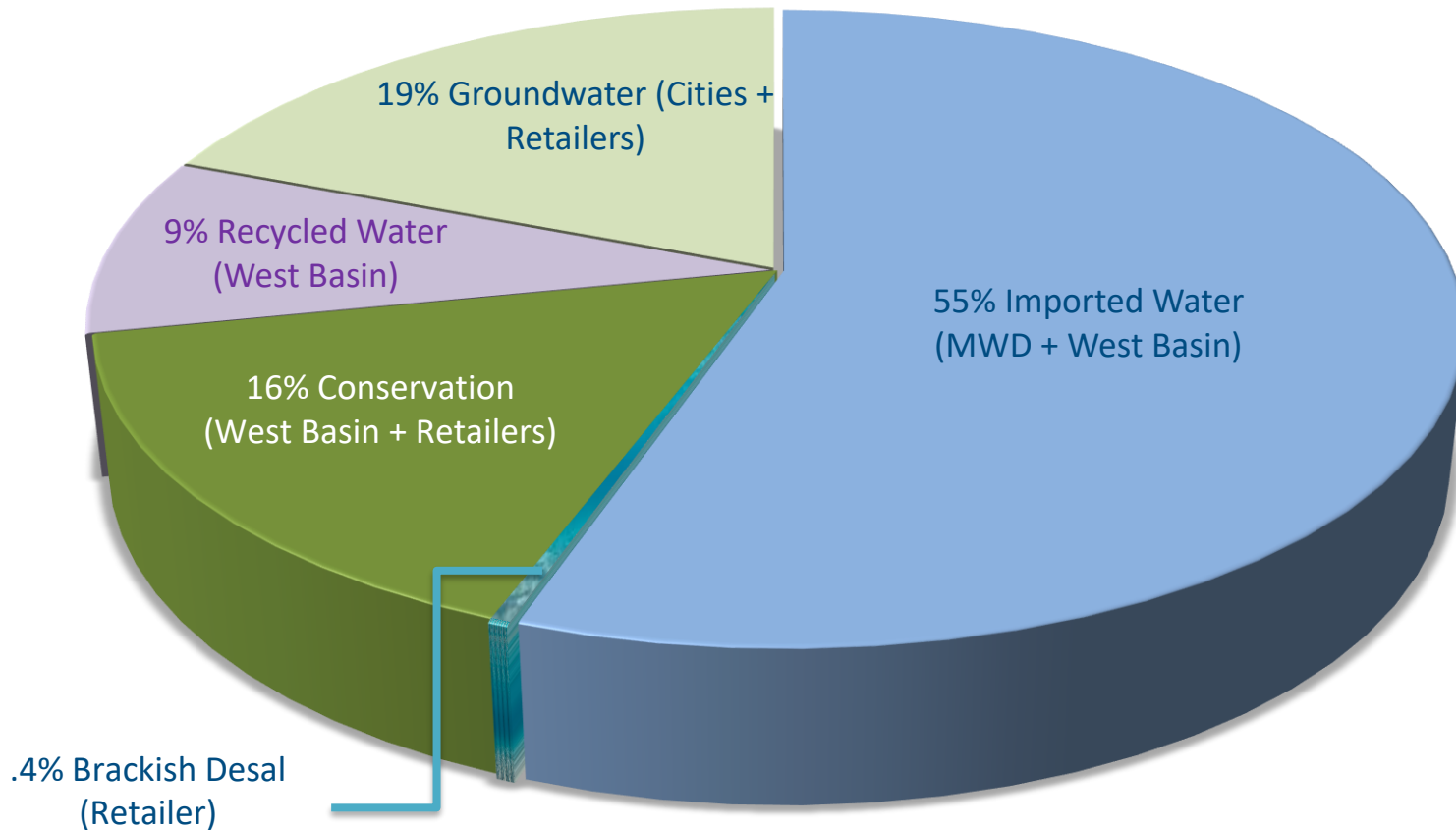
## 1990 Water Supply



# Water Reliability Through Supply Diversification



## 2015 Water Supply Portfolio



*Percentages rounded and based on 2015 Urban Water Management Plan data*

# Water Recycling



- More than **175 billion gallons** of water produced
- Over **13,000** visitors annually
- **Five** “designer” waters

**Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility**  
El Segundo, Calif.

# “Fit for Purpose” Recycled Water



**Disinfected Tertiary for Irrigation**



**Nitrified for Cooling Towers**

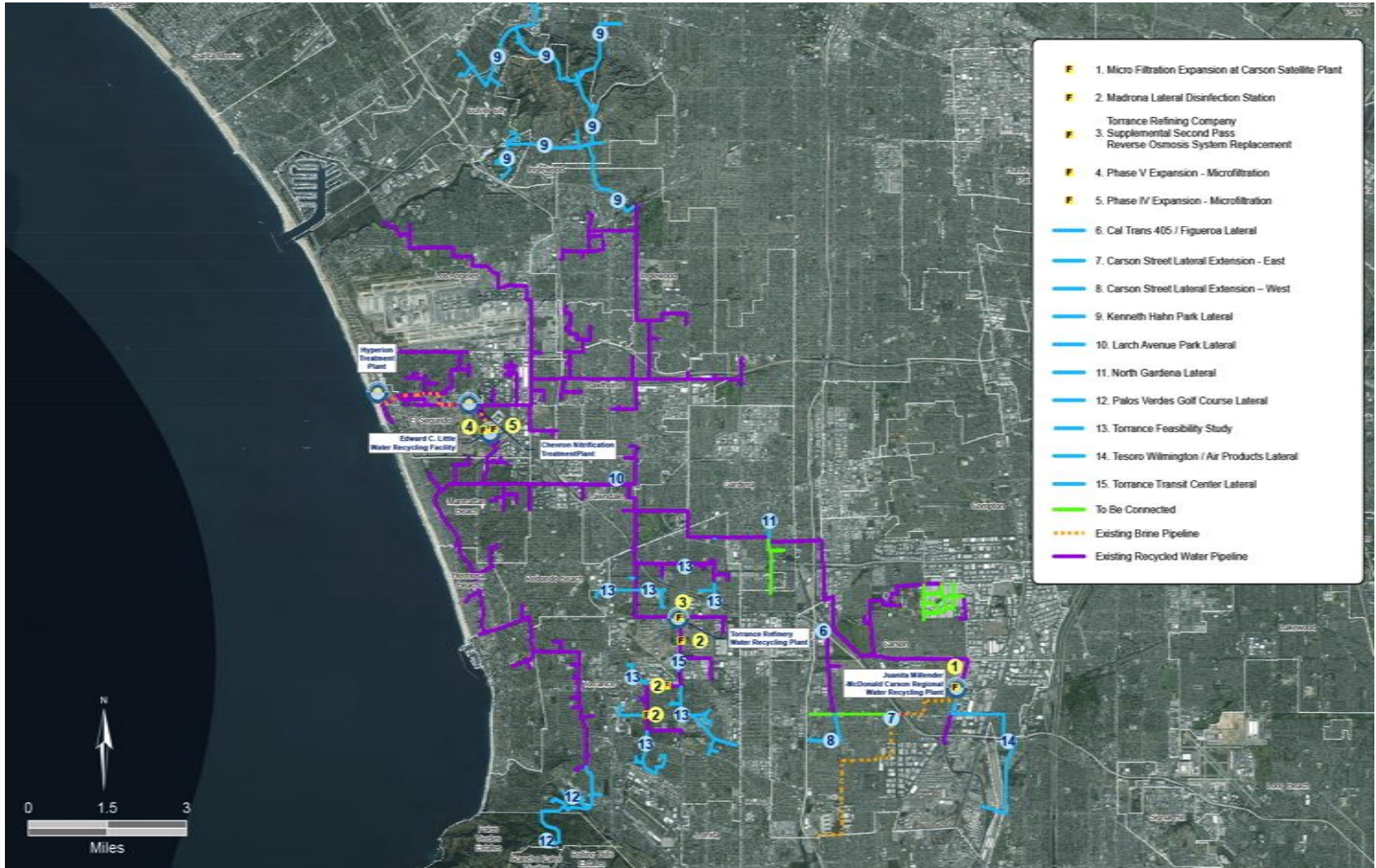


**RO for Industrial Boilers (1x and 2x)**



**RO/UV for GW Replenishment**

# Recycled Water Distribution System



# 5 Designer Recycled Waters



# Piloting New Technologies



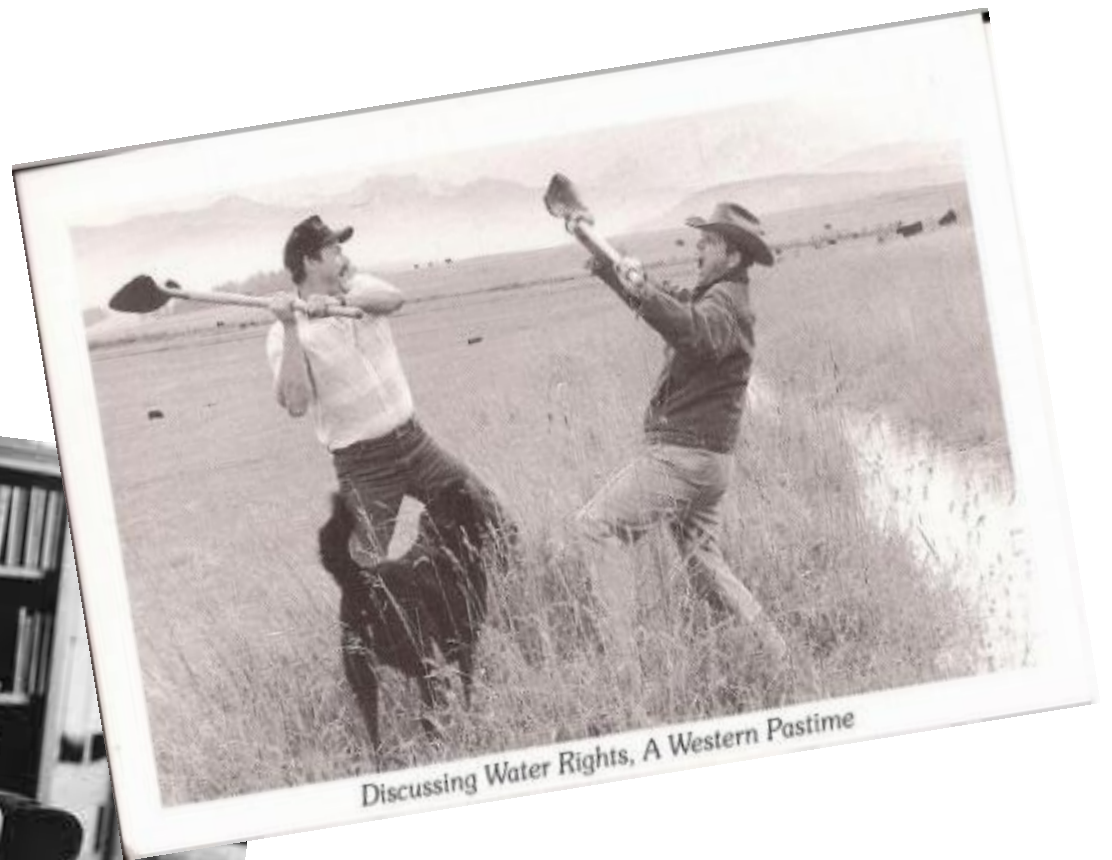
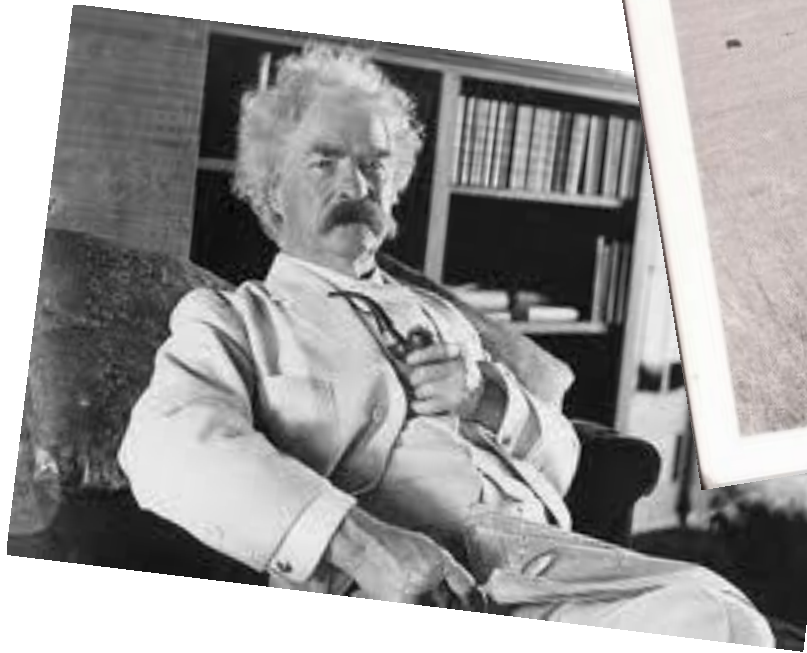
**\$13 million Pilot Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) Treatment at Hyperion WRP**



# Exploring New Drought-Proof Sources







Discussing Water Rights, A Western Pastime

***“Whiskey is for Drinking,  
Water is for Fighting!”***



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***Thank you!***

# Accelerating adoption of water reuse

Presentation at Stockholm World Water Week

**Albert Cho**, Vice President, Strategy and Business Development

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migrations and our future power generation

**Greenland**  
Greenland's ice sheet will be melting rapidly

**Scandinavia/UK/Northern Russia/Greenland**  
Compact high-rise cities would provide shelter for much of the world's population

**Siberia**  
Reliable precipitation and warmer temperatures provide ideal growing conditions for most of the world's subsistence crops

**Arctic passage**

With no sea ice, this valuable shipping route is open all year, providing transportation links between habitable zones in Canada and Russia

**Canada**

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**South-west US**

Desertification led to the last inhabitants of this region migrating north. The Colorado river is a mere trickle. The land is used for solar farming and geothermal energy

**North Africa/Middle East/Southern US**

Solar Energy Belt stretches for thousands of kilometres, employing a mixture of photovoltaic and solar thermal energy. At frequent intervals a high voltage direct-current substation sends power north

**Amazon Desert**

**Peru**  
Deglaciation means this area is dry and uninhabitable

**Africa**  
Mostly desert, though some models show greening of the Sahel

**Southern Europe**

Deserts have encroached on the continent, rivers have dried up and the Alps are snow-free. Goats and other hardy animals are kept at the fringes

**Southern China**

Dried rivers and aquifers mean this region has been abandoned. Intense monsoons have helped erode the land, leaving a dustbowl

**Asia**

Most of the Himalayan glaciers have melted, with repercussions for many of the major rivers in the region. Bangladesh is largely abandoned, as is south India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Isolated communities remain in pockets

**Polynesia**  
Vanished beneath the sea

**Patagonia**

Melted glaciers revealed a new arable zone, although the poor soils needed preparation

**Australia**

In the far north and Tasmania, compact cities house people and crops are grown. The rest of the continent is given to solar energy production and uranium mining for nuclear power

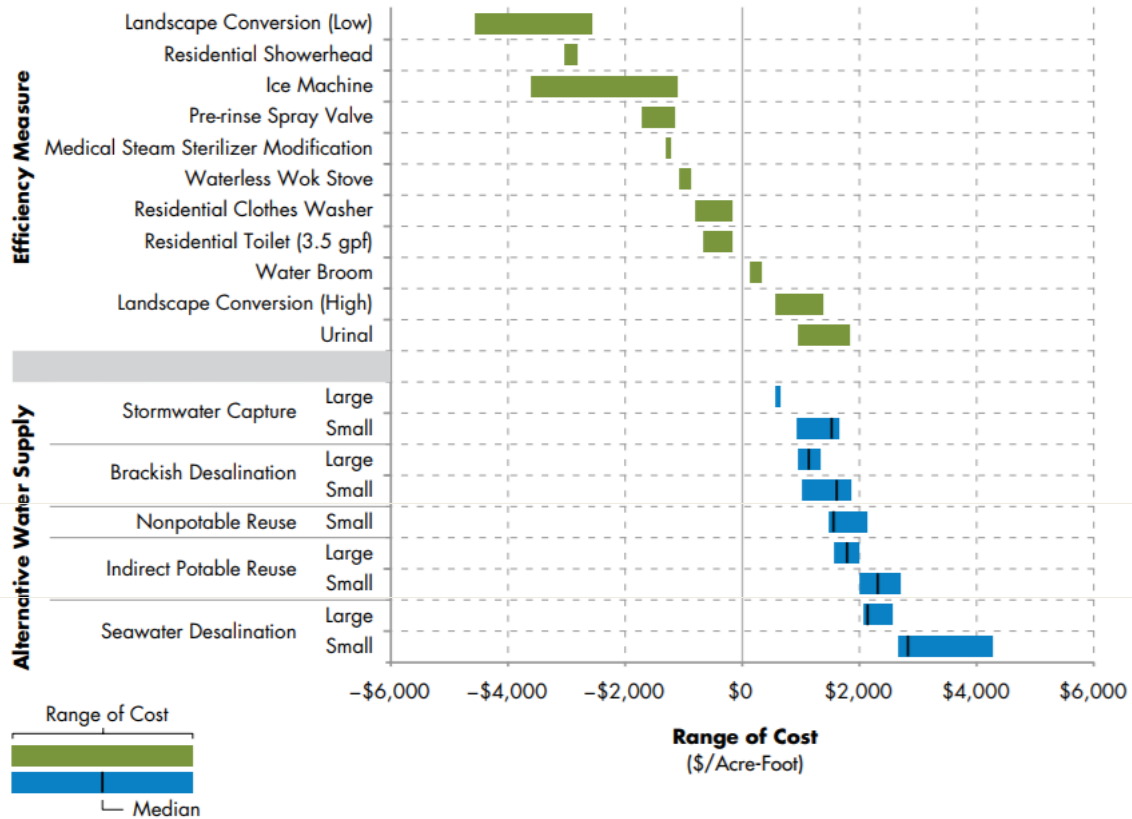
**New Zealand**  
Unrecognisable. This densely populated island state has high-rise cities and intensive farming

**Western Antarctica**  
Unrecognisable now. Densely populated with high-rise cities

Source: Parag Khanna, New Scientist

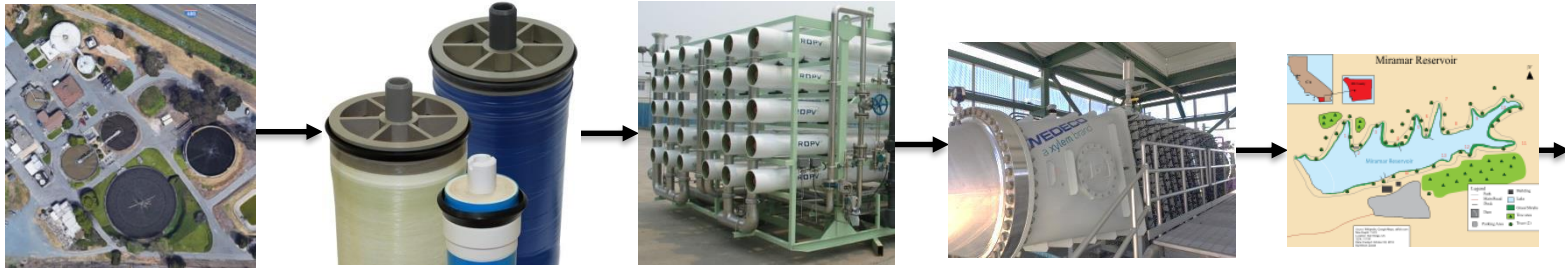
# Comparative economics of water supply

Levelized Cost of Alternative Water Supplies and Water Conservation and Efficiency Measures, in 2015 dollars per acre-foot



Source: Pacific Institute

# Common Processes for Wastewater Reuse



	Secondary/Tertiary Treatment	Membrane Filtration	Reverse Osmosis	AOP	Environmental Buffer
Influent Quality	“Dirty” – lots of solids, organic matter	“Lake Water” – clean, but lots of floaty stuff	“Clear water” – minimal foulants	“Tap Water” – looks like drinking water	“Distilled Water” – pure water
Why Step is Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove pollutants</li> <li>Reduce organics levels in water</li> <li>Settle out solids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical barrier</li> <li>Removes small particles/organics still in water</li> <li>Removes some pathogens</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second physical barrier</li> <li>Removes more ions, pathogens</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Destruction of some Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs)</li> <li>Disinfects pathogens/viruses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows integration into existing water supply</li> <li>Increases public confidence</li> </ul>
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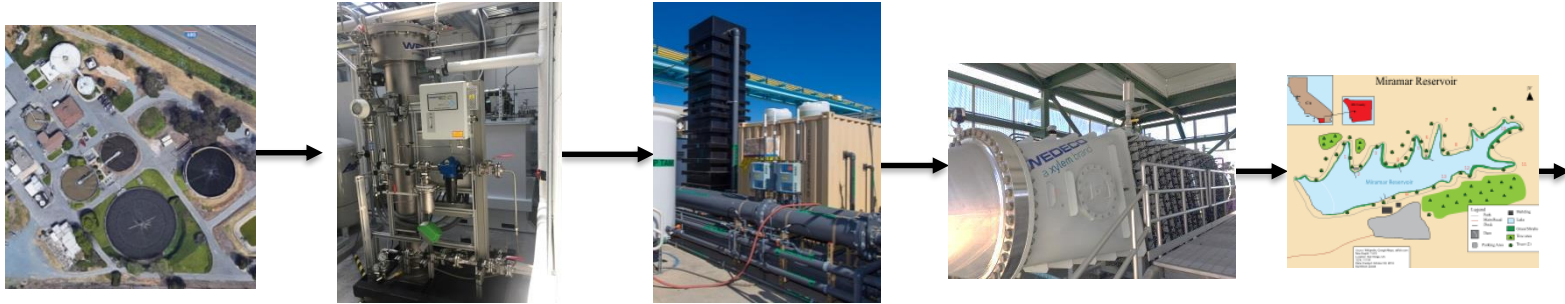
# What Alternatives Exist to Make this more Efficient?



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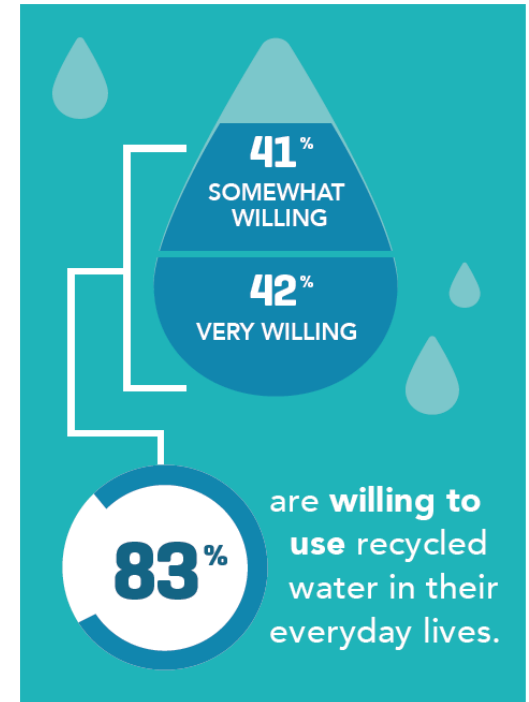
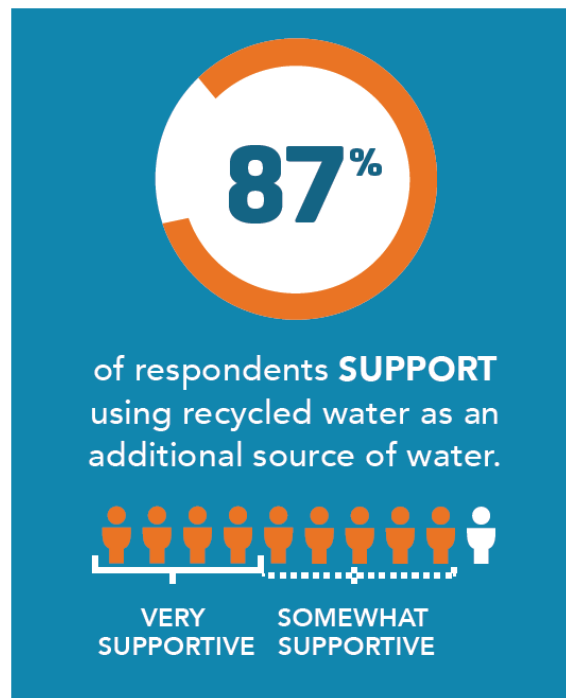
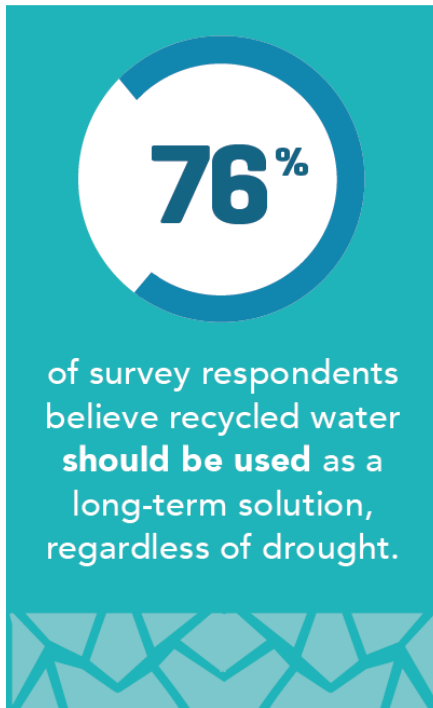
# Emerging alternatives



	Secondary/Tertiary Treatment	Ozone	Biologically Active Filtration	AOP	Environmental Buffer
Influent Quality		“Lake Water” – clean, but lots of floaty stuff	“Clean seawater” –low organic matter		
Why Step is Required		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disinfection</li> <li>• Breakdown of organics</li> <li>• Make TOC biologically available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEC Reduction</li> <li>• TOC Removal</li> <li>• Filtration</li> <li>• Removes ions and pathogens</li> </ul>		
Key Technologies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ozone Generator</li> <li>• Contactor for ozone reaction to take place</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underdrain</li> <li>• Pressure Filter</li> <li>• Tanks</li> </ul>		



# The public is open to new sources of water supply



But education and language are key

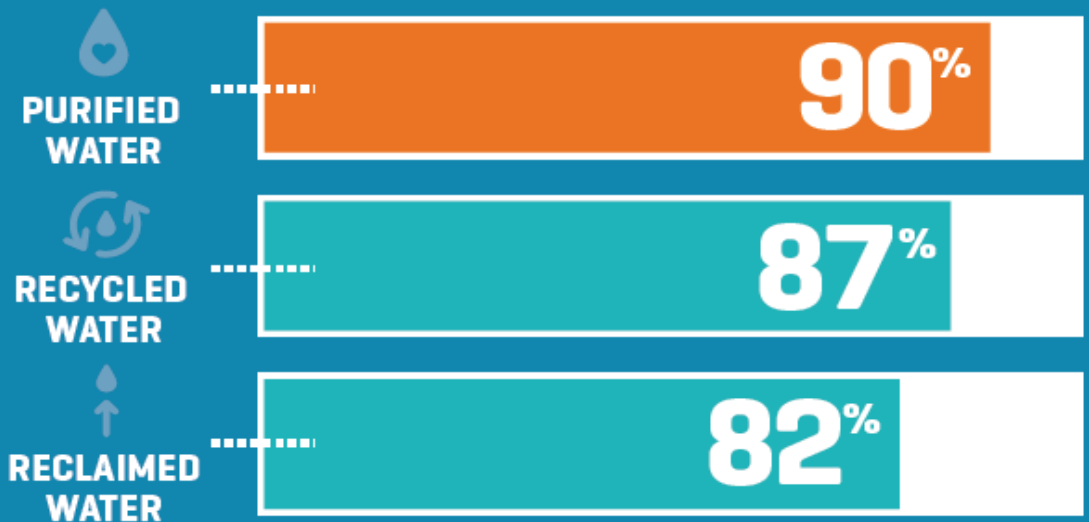
89%

of California residents are **more willing** to use recycled water after learning about the treatment process.



## LABELS MATTER:

Referring to reused water as **"purified water"** garners stronger support for its use as an additional local water supply than **"recycled water"** or **"reclaimed water."**



New technologies will build public confidence – you can help!

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**Thank you**

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# Pressure



**“Fresh” Water**



**“Used” Water**



# There is a stigma associated with reused water.

But what is this stigma, and how can we overcome it to ensure the world's growing population can access the abundant supply of clean, safe water needed to survive and prosper?



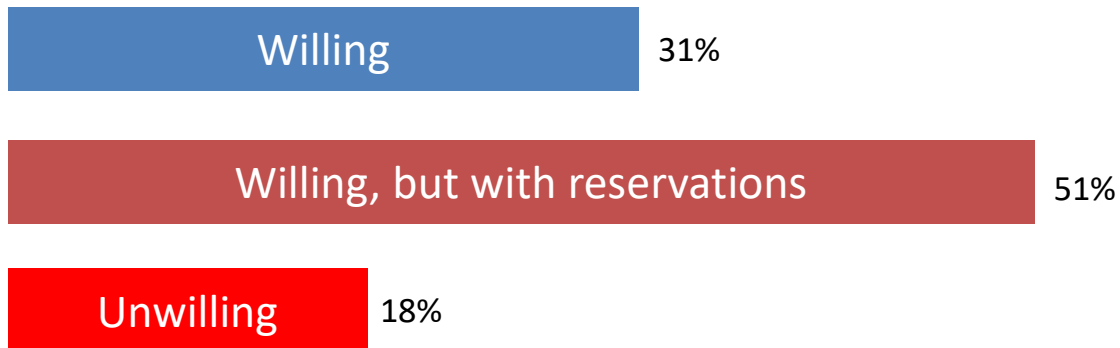


Dirty

Unsafe

Harmful

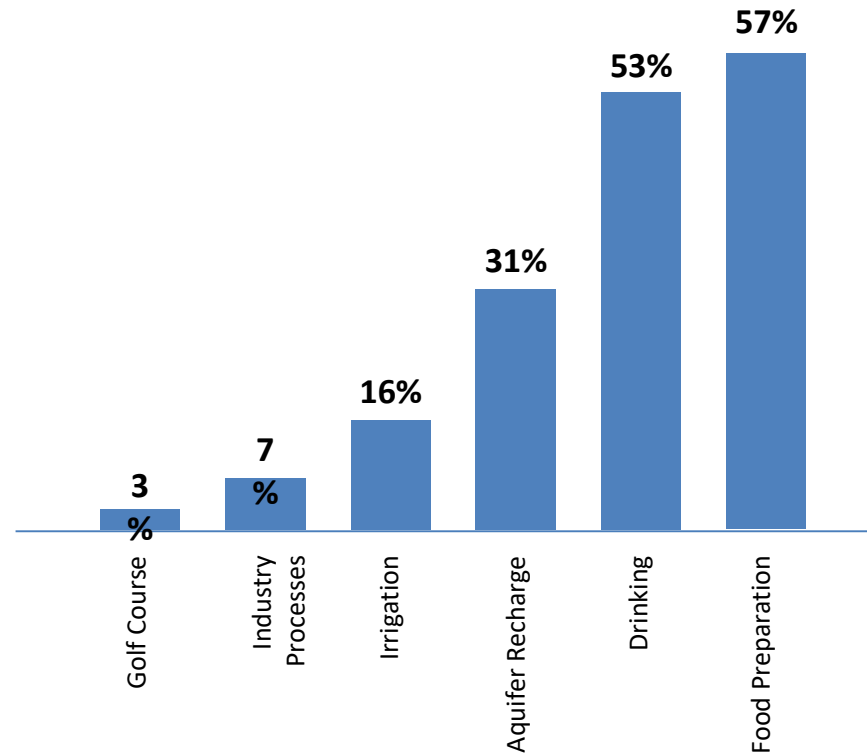
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Source: *Acceptance of Water Recycling in Australia, National Baseline Data*. J S Marks, B Martin, M Zadorozny (2006)

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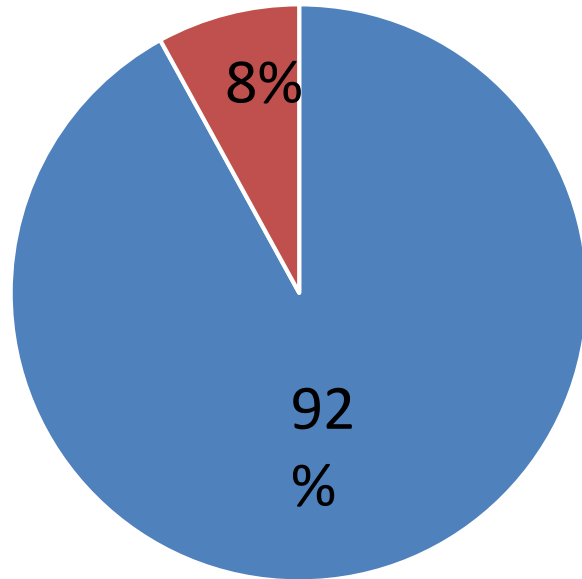
The closer reclaimed water is to **immediate consumption**, the deeper the **reservation to use it**



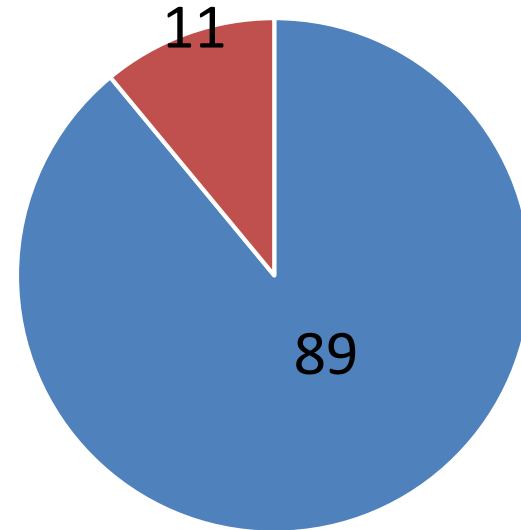
Source: *Recycled water for consumer markets — a marketing research review and agenda*. S. Dolničar and C. Saunders. (2006)

# Perception: *reused water is unsafe*

"People will worry about the safety of recycled water for their children."



"I have no objection to water recycling as long as safety is guaranteed."



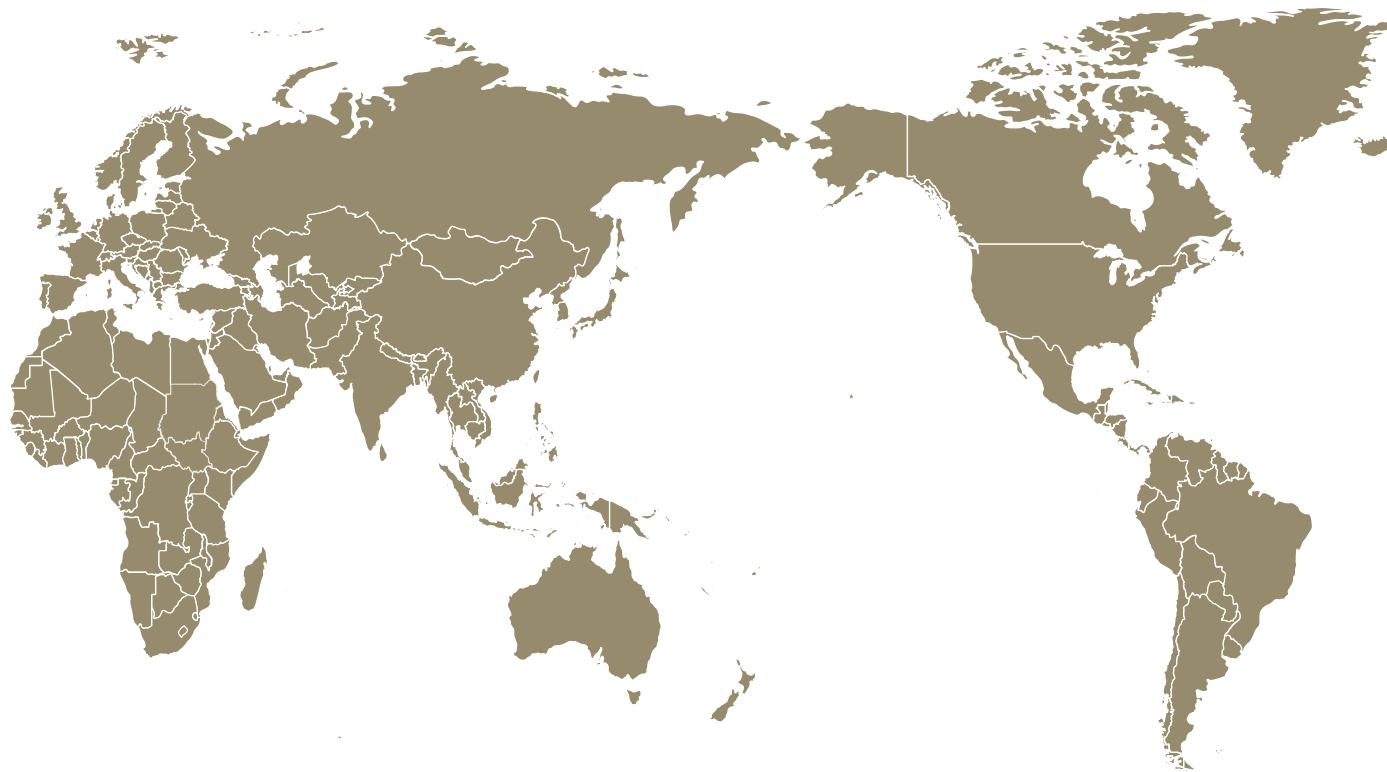
# Perception: *reused water is harmful*

	<u>City Water</u>	<u>Reclaim Water</u>
pH	9.3	7.3
Conductivity (µmhos)	330	900
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> ), ppm	56	60-90
Total Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )*, ppm	98	100-250
Calcium (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> ), ppm	29	100-135
Magnesium (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> ), ppm	69	100-140
Ortho phosphate (as PO <sub>4</sub> )*, ppm	1.5	5-15
Silica (as SiO <sub>2</sub> ), ppm	6	9.5
Chloride (as Cl)*, ppm	48	110-150
Sulfate (as SO <sub>4</sub> )*, ppm	31	120-170
TOC (ppm as C)*, ppm	2.5	5-50

**Figure 3: City Water vs. Reclaim Water Quality**

Source: [http://www.uswaterservices.com/resource-library/case-studies/details?ltemplate=details&lcommtypeid=17&item\\_id=32](http://www.uswaterservices.com/resource-library/case-studies/details?ltemplate=details&lcommtypeid=17&item_id=32)

# Reused: *what is being reused?*



**Millions of m<sup>3</sup> of  
reused water per day**

China	14.82
Mexico	14.40
United States	7.60
Chile	0.84
Spain	0.62
Singapore	0.53
Japan	0.50
Australia	0.46
Israel	0.40
Saudi Arabia	0.20



40%



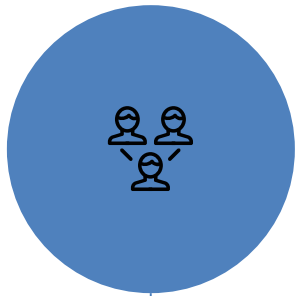
24/7 hotline





**Innovation: *California***

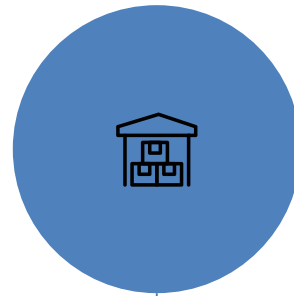
# Stigma killing: *keys to success*



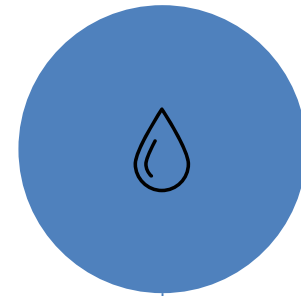
Language



Understanding



History



Natural Systems

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