

# WATER FOR GROWTH

## LAC: Circular Economies in the Industry Sector

**The Circular Economy of  
Water: Water-Efficiency in  
the Industrial Sector**

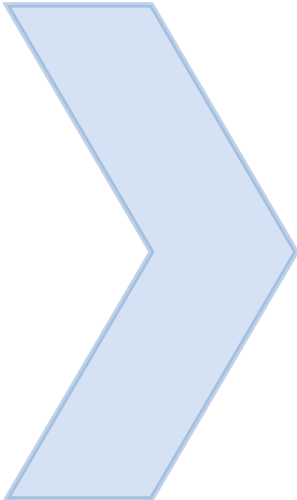
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# WHY WATER?

**2050**



**60%**



**80%**



**55%**



# 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

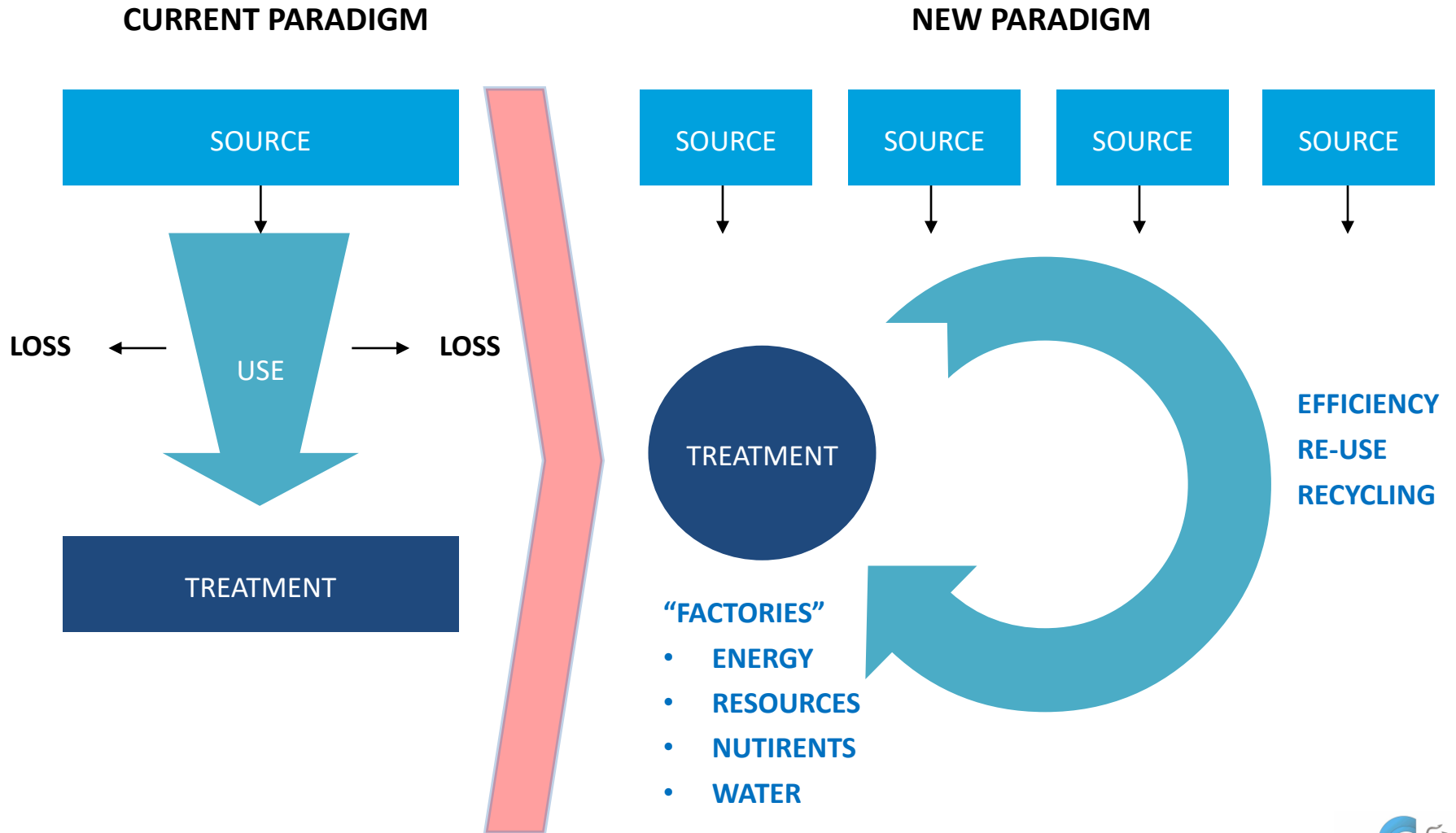
- Exponential tech
- Partnerships
- Funding/financing
- Business models
- Water trading



### DECENTRALIZED/OFF GRID

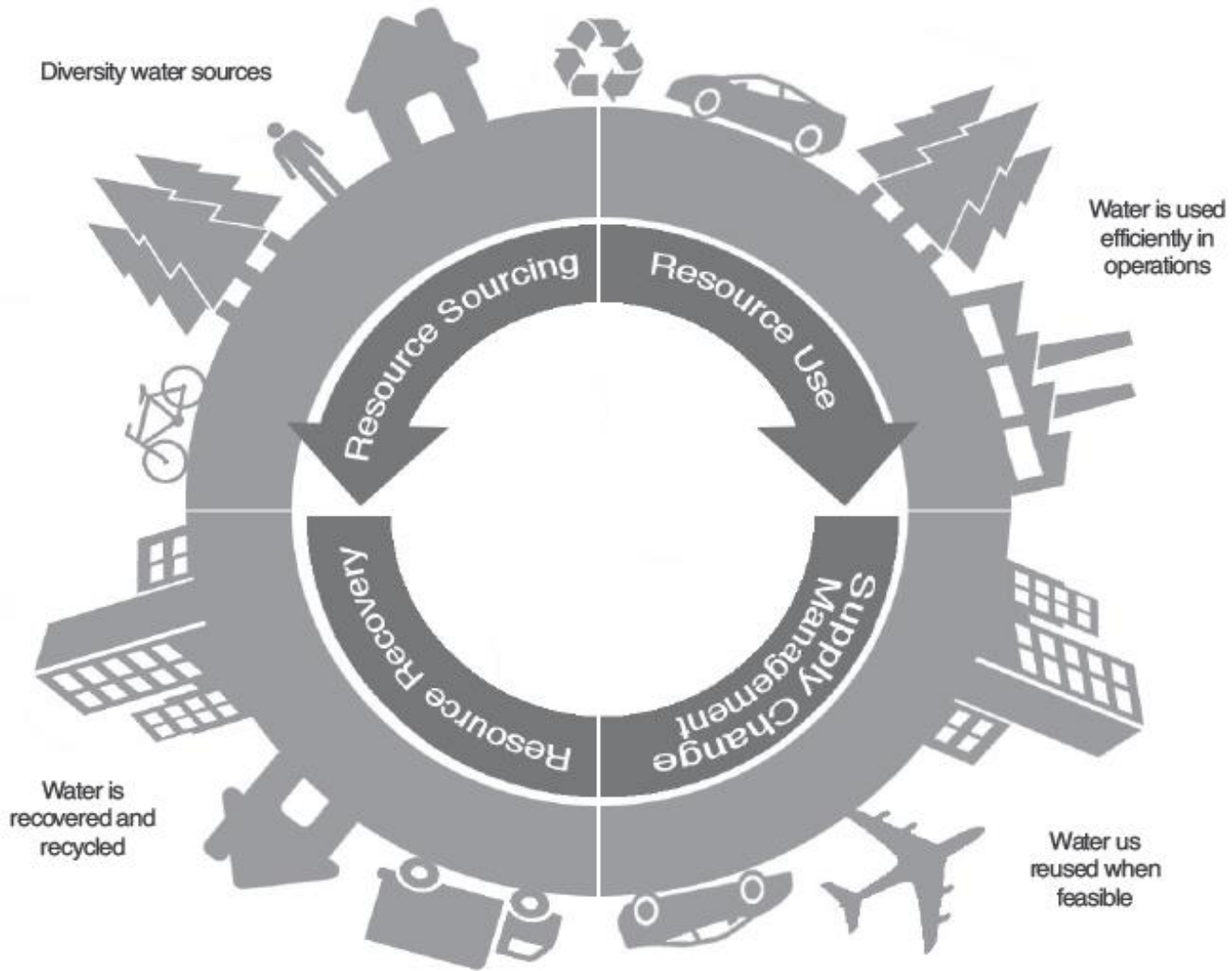
- Air moisture capture
- POU/POE treatment

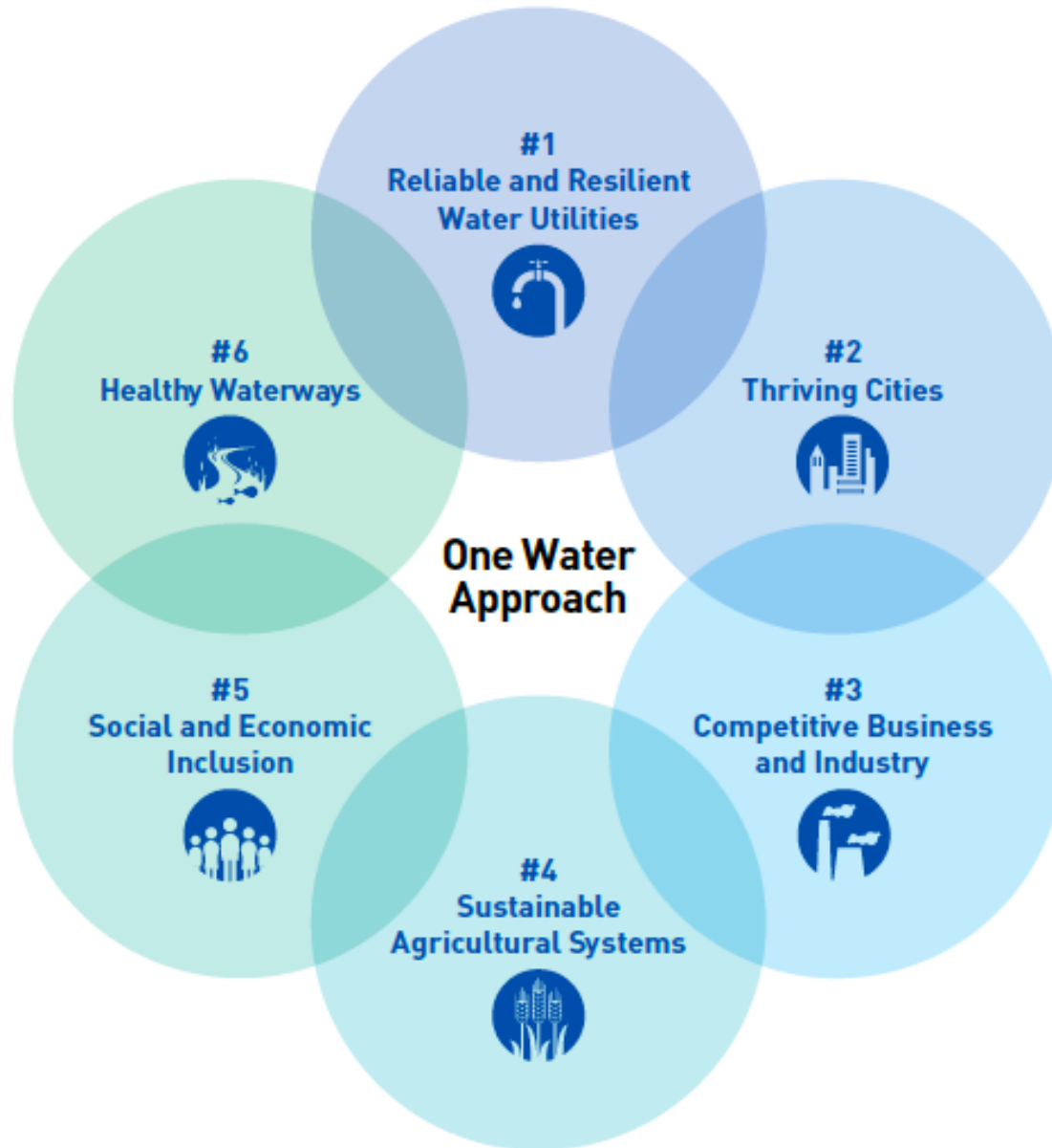
# THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY DRIVES INNOVATION AND VALUE



Adapted from Lux Research Water Intelligence 2008

## Water and the Circular Economy





# INDUSTRY - CORPORATE WATER 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

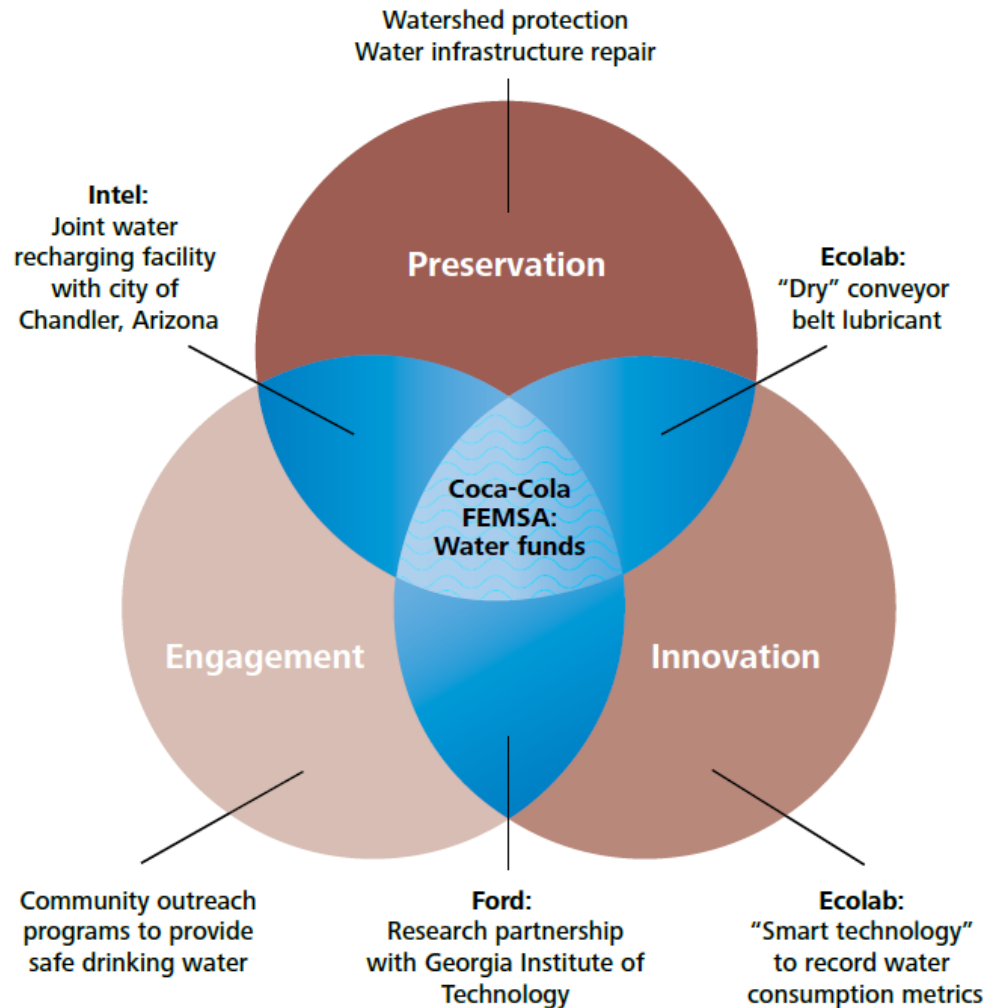
Competition with household demands, or pollution incidents, damages brand or reputation, hinders growth

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



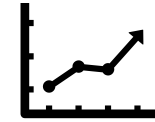
## Efficiency strategy

- 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

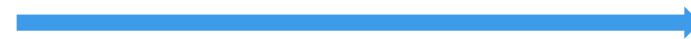
- Manage water scarcity risk at the facility or business-unit level
- Pursue stakeholder engagement to improve water access
- May calculate full cost of water
- May participate in public policy formulation
- Ad hoc investment in technology innovation
- "Social license-to-operate" risks heavily weighted



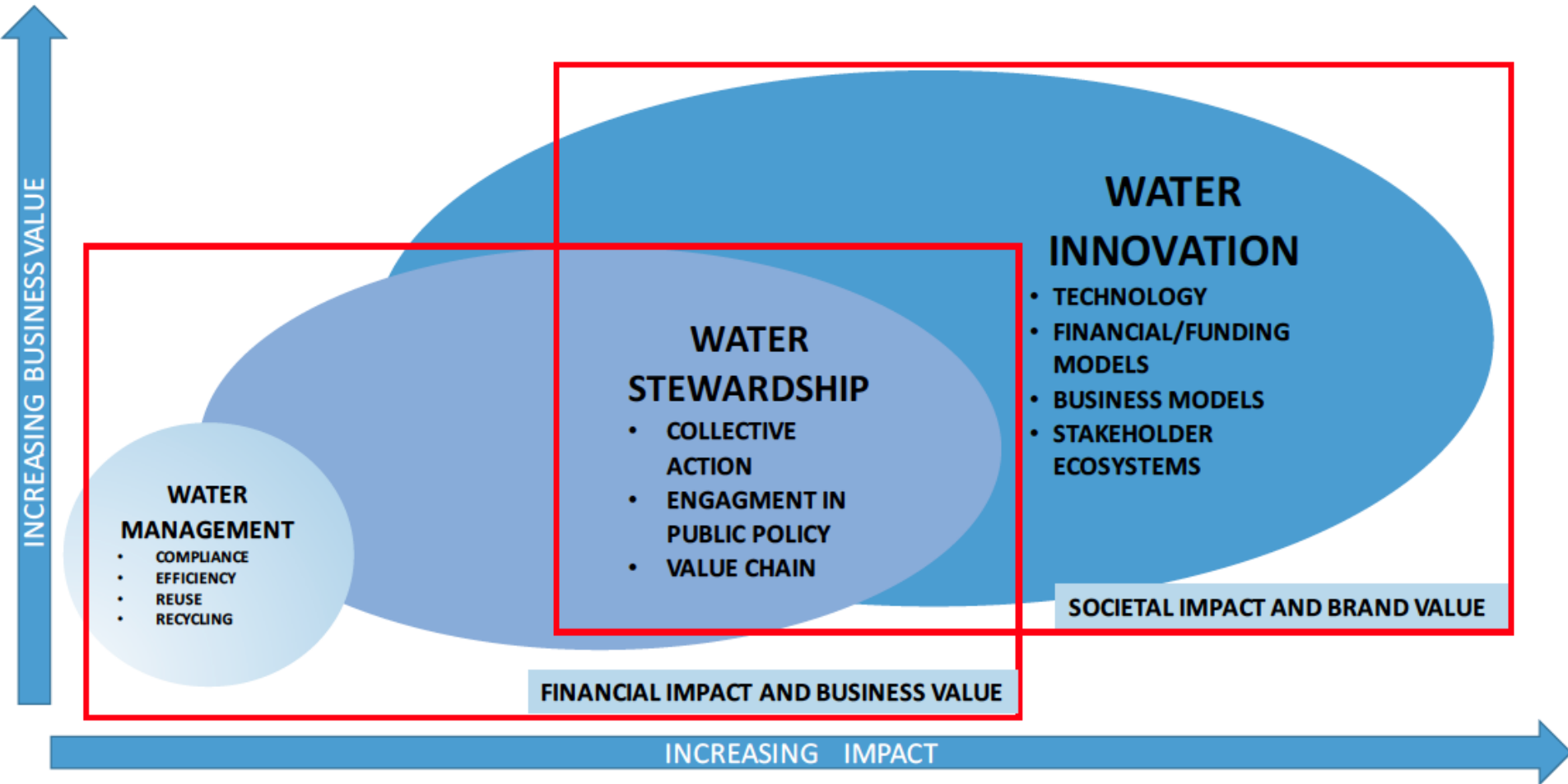
## LICENSE-TO-GROW STRATEGY

- **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**

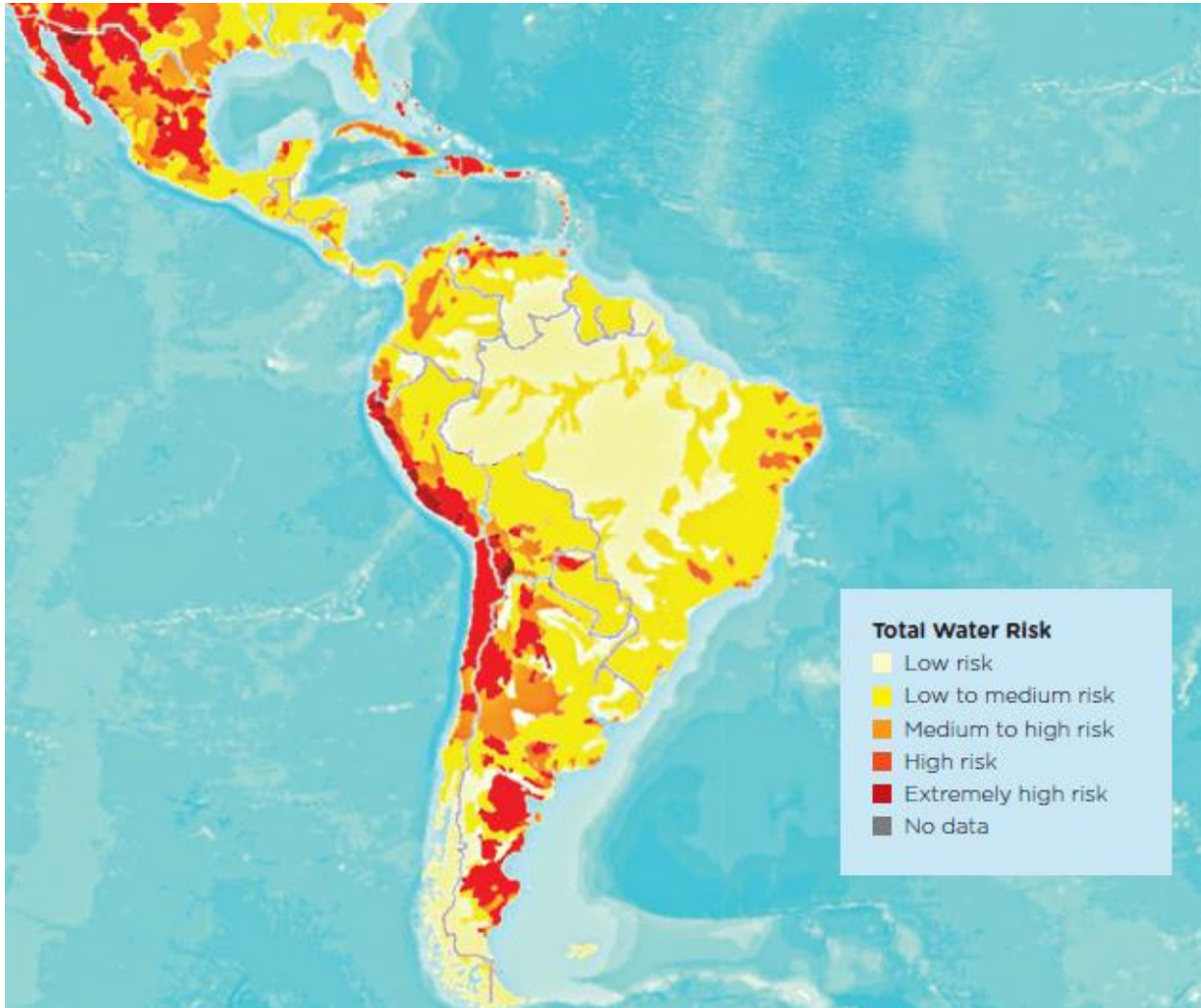
## INCREASING VALUE AND COLLECTIVE ACTION



# CREATING ABUNDANCE THROUGH INNOVATION



1. **“Disruptive” technologies** in production, employment, well-being, governability, and human relations.
2. **Natural-resource scarcity** affecting water, food supplies, energy, and minerals.
3. **Demographic changes and displacement of power**, new markets, rising middle classes, and migration.
4. **Urbanization and growth of cities**, population concentration, demands for infrastructure and basic services, quality of life, and competitiveness of cities.
5. **Climate change**, its effect on agriculture, “green-growth” opportunities, citizen awareness, and behavioral change.
6. **Democratic governability**, impact of new technologies in connecting citizens, forging social relations, improving transparency, and strengthening security.”



## Mexico

- Estimated gap between supply and demand in Mexico by 2030 would be **23 billion cubic meters**
- A cost of **USD 4.16 billion** annually.

# CIRCULAR ECONOMY STRATEGY - ECONOMIC BENEFITS



Lower Operation and Maintenance Cost



Resource Recovery



Reduced Energy Costs



Reduced Water Cost for Consumer



Economic Opportunities from Preserving Natural Capital

# CIRCULAR ECONOMY STRATEGY - ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS



Conserve Water



Improve Agriculture Production



Reduce Carbon Emissions



Protect Biodiversity



Reduce Erosion

# CIRCULAR ECONOMY STRATEGY - SOCIAL BENEFITS



Wastewater Management



Improve Health and Sanitation



Increase Education and Engagement



Connection with the Environment



Increase Public-Private Partnerships

# HOW TO ADVANCE THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY - CHALLENGES



Perception of Wastewater



Return on Investment



Measuring Benefits



Silo Thinking- Practices in Isolation



Infrastructure Development



Public Policy Challenges



# Leadership From Within the Water Industry

Innovative  
Financing  
Models

Data  
Monitoring and  
Analytics

Cost-Benefit  
Analysis

Engaging the  
Public to Drive  
Policy and Best  
Practice

Private Sector  
Public Policy  
Influence

Local and State  
Governments  
Develop Public  
Policy

# Thank You

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