WateReuse Colorado is leading a collaborative project to facilitate the safe and effective adoption of Direct Potable Reuse in Colorado, using legally reusable water supplies, as an effective approach to help meet growing municipal demands.

How? A three-pronged approach, shown at right.

- Document the basis for development of potential Direct Potable Reuse regulations in Colorado
- Bolster public understanding through outreach
- Assist Colorado utilities assessing Direct Potable Reuse

Basin Roundtables committing WSRA funding support:
- Metro
- South Platte
- Colorado
- North Platte

Colorado Water Conservation Board (WSRA) Funds: $57,500
Basin Water Supply Reserve Account (WSRA) Funds: $57,500
In-Kind Contributions: $59,925
Direct Funding: $52,500

$300,000

Utilities and organizations generously providing funding and in-kind support:
- City of Aurora
- Town of Castle Rock
- Centennial Water & Sanitation District
- Colorado Springs Utilities
- Denver Water
- MSK Consulting
- Plum Creek Reclamation Authority
- South Metro Water Supply Authority
- WateReuse Colorado
- WateReuse Association
- WateReuse Research Foundation
- Western Resource Advocates

Potential benefits of potable reuse:
- Year-round availability
- Less costly than developing new sources
- Higher yield than traditional reuse applications
- Energy efficient and sustainable

Project to Advance Direct Potable Reuse in Colorado

Partners working to advance Direct Potable Reuse in Colorado include a broad-based coalition of water interests.

Reuse Can Help Eliminate the Supply–Demand Gap

Per the Water Plan, “Widespread development of potable reuse will be an important facet of closing the future water supply-demand gap.”

The WateReuse Colorado project helps pave the way for utilities that choose to incorporate Direct Potable Reuse into their water supply portfolios.

Like all water reuse projects, Direct Potable Reuse will be implemented using legally reusable water rights.

Cost-effective project will leverage Direct Potable Reuse research and implementation in other states and at the national level to advance Direct Potable Reuse in Colorado.