# **Project to Advance Direct Potable Reuse in Colorado**

**Direct Potable Reuse** is when reused water is put directly into pipelines that go to a water treatment plant or distribution system.

WATEREUSE

COLORADO

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

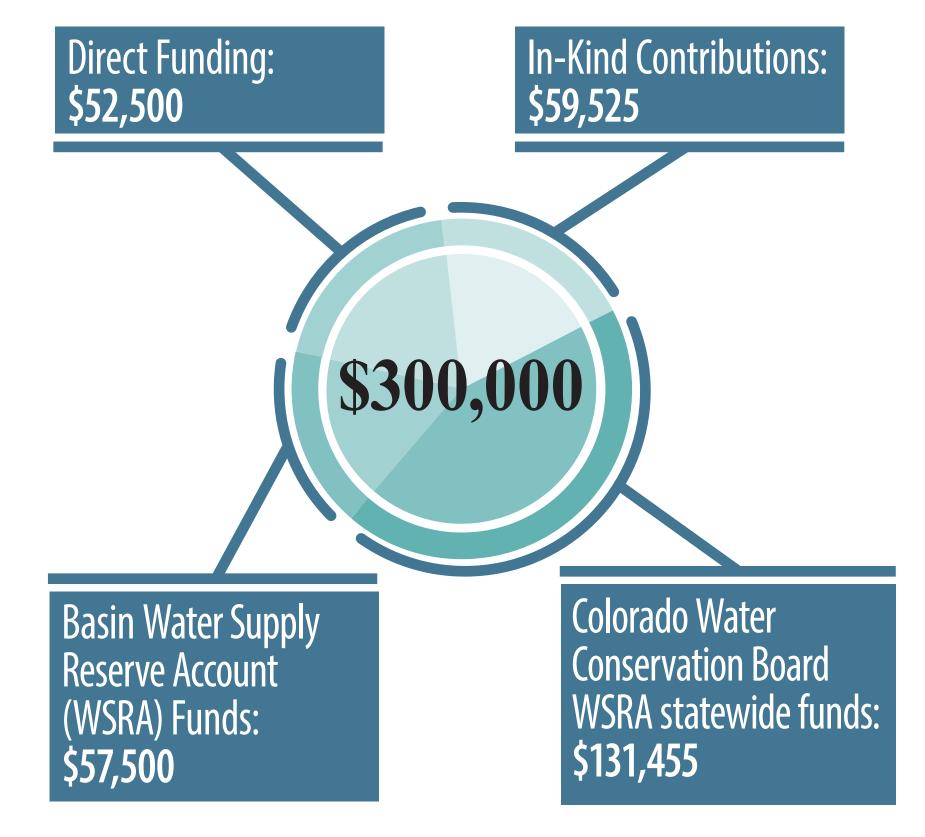
Assist Colorado utilities assessing Direct Potable Reuse

Water Providers	WHO	Regulators from CDPHE
Colorado Water Conservation Board Staff	WILL BE	Regulators and Utilities from Other States
National Experts	INVOLVED?	Research Institutions

#### **Environmental Interests**

**PROJECT TIMETABLE** 

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



# Basin Roundtables committing WSRA funding support:

### start **MAY 2016**

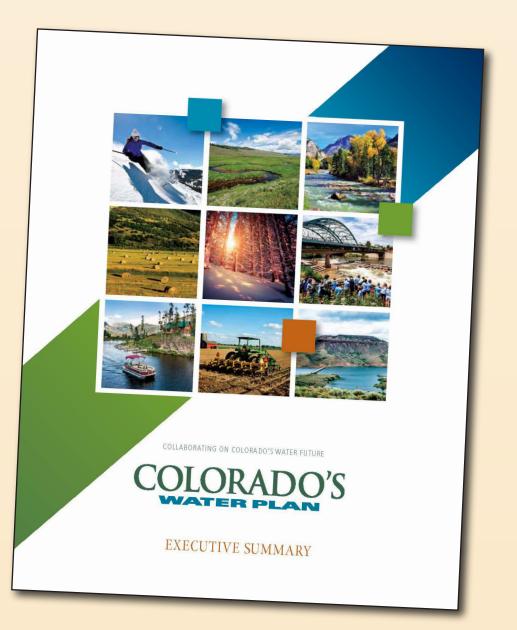
## **Reuse Can Help Eliminate** the Supply–Demand Gap

The 2050 municipal and industrial (M&I) water supply gap will be as high as 560,000 acre-feet per year (AFY). That gap is a major percentage of the projected 1.5 million to 1.9 million AFY total 2050 M&I demand.

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.



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**DECEMBER 2016** 

Metro

South Platte

- Colorado
- North Platte

**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



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** 

