Recycled Water and Biosolids Reuse Nexus



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State Policies Encourage Biosolids Reuse

Diversion of Organics from Landfills (Including Biosolids as ADC)

- 50% organics diversion by 2020
- 75% organics diversion below 2014 by 2025)

California Healthy Soils Initiative

- Biosolids help achieve every goal of Action Plan
- Carbon Sequestration, improved soil tilth, reduced need for irrigation, increased crop yield
- Reduce the use of fossil fuel intense inorganic fertilizer

CASE STUDIES

Existing Facilities

- City of Lodi
- City of Modesto
- City of Galt

Current Evaluations

- Ironhouse Sanitary District
- City of Davis

City of Lodi





- Current ADWF = 4.8 mgd
- Reuse Projects
 - Agricultural Reuse on City-owned land
 - Cooling Water for Power Plant
 - Water Supply for Fish Rearing Ponds
- Approximately
 70 percent of flow is recycled

City of Lodi





- 790 Acre Land Application Area
- ~350 Million Gallons per year of recycled water applied
- Irrigation water also includes groundwater and fruit processing flows
- ~1,000 dry tons per year of biosolids applied
- Typical Application Area ~ 250 acres

City of Modesto





- Current ADWF = 20 mgd
- Reuse Projects
 - Agricultural Reuse on City-owned land
 - Discharge to Delta Mendota Canal
- 100 percent of flow is recycled

City of Modesto





WTAY

- 2,460 acre land application area
- ~2,000 million gallons per year of recycled water applied
- Irrigation water also includes fruit/vegetable processing flows
- ~3,200 dry tons per year of biosolids applied
- Typical application area
 ~ 500 acres

City of Galt





- Current ADWF
 = 1.8 mgd
- Reuse is limited to agricultural reuse
 Op City-owned land
 - on City-owned land
- 30 percent of flow is recycled

City of Galt





- ~160-acre land application area
- ~ 200 million gallons per year of recycled water applied
- ~600 dry tons per year of biosolids applied
- Biosolids applied to ~50 acres

Ironhouse Sanitary District





- Current ADWF = 2.2 mgd
- Recycled water applied to 340 acres on Jersey Island
- Total Jersey Island Acreage 3,500 acres
- Approximately
 30 percent of effluent is recycled
- Biosolids hauled to commercial land application site

Ironhouse Sanitary District





- ~500 dry tons per year of biosolids
- 150 to 200 acres required for land application
- Requires District investment in new storage facility
- Approximately \$2 million in saving over a 20-year period (30 percent savings)

City of Davis





- Current ADWF = 4.2 mgd
- Upgraded WWTP has reduces water losses by ~2 mgd
- Planned Reuse
 - Wetland habitat
 - Adjacent landfill
- Biosolids currently hauled to adjacent landfill
- Future reuse projects being evaluated in Master Plan

City of Davis





- City owns ~900 acres of agricultural land
- ~1,300 dry tons per year of biosolids @ 6 mgd design capacity
- ~300 acres of land required for biosolids
- WWTP includes storage, so cost savings will be realized with land application

Recycled Water/Biosolids Reuse Nexus

- Recycled water serves as a water supply
- Fodder crops grown, does not require advanced treated water
- Must consider nitrogen loading from recycled water
- Land is leased to third party for operations (except semi-annual biosolids application)
- Farmers get: Free water and nutrients
- Agencies get: Low cost biosolids disposal, revenue from farming operations



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