Federal Funding for Recycled Water
The Latest from Washington, DC

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National movement for safe and sustainable water supplies
• Promote acceptance and support of recycled water
• Advocate for policies and funding that increase water reuse

A Culture that Embraces Water Reuse
The Growth of Water Reuse in the United States

Source: USGS, EPA, Bluefield Research
Recycled Water Coast-to-Coast

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Key Federal Programs for Financing Reuse

- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
  - Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
  - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
  - Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)

- **Bureau of Reclamation**
  - Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse program
    (Title XVI)
State Revolving Funds (SRF)
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

• CWSRF has provided $111.2 billion since 1987
• Average 1.7% interest rate over
• States have been using CWSRF for reuse projects to varying degrees
• $607M in financing for recycled water projects from 2013-2017
• FY18 funding: $1.69B (+$450M from FY17)
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

- DWSRF has provided over $35.4B in financing since 1996
- Recycled water projects are eligible, however less utilized (anecdotal, no hard figures)
- **FY18 funding: $1.16B (+$300M from FY17)**
Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)

• Provides low-cost financing for mostly big ($20M+ projects)

• Finance up to 49% of project costs

• Huge leveraging potential:
  • FY18: $63M could provide up to $5.5B in loans to leverage over $11B in projects

• First round of financing in 2017 – of 12 projects selected, 3 reuse projects

• FY18 deadline of Letters of Interest is **July 31, 2018**

• **FY18 funding: $63M (+$33M from FY17)**
Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse

- Only water recycling specific federal funding program
- Administered by the Bureau of Reclamation
- Grant funding of up to $20M for recycling projects, 25% federal cost share
- ~$692 million in federal funding provided to projects since 1992 has leveraged at least $2.07 billion in non-federal funding
- New competitive grant process authorized in WIIN Act (WRDA 2016) for non-authorized projects
- Encourage more non-CA projects to apply to diversify recipients
- **FY18 funding: $54.4M (+$20M from FY17)**
# Funding for Federal Reuse Financing Programs

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Other Financing Programs

• Other Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART programs:
  • Water and Energy Efficiency Grants
  • Water Marketing Strategy Grants

• USDA conservation programs
  • Partnerships with agricultural sector for water reuse
  • Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
  • Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
Importance of Advocacy

• Exciting to see funding increases, but wins don’t come easy
• Key is continued communication to Members, conveying importance
• Tell your Reuse Stories, Meet with your Members of Congress
• Attend Water Week 2019!
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- Operations
- Policy
- Public Acceptance
- Decentralized Systems
- Potable
- Agricultural
- Industrial
- Commercial
- Irrigation
- Wet Weather Management
Questions?

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