Session A5: Communications Collaborative Group Workshop

Monday, March 18, 2019
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm & 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Welcome & Overview of CCG

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Water Reuse Terminology Document

“Wouldn’t it be great if we all spoke the same way about water recycling?”

2014 WRA National Public Education and Outreach Committee set out to create a terminology document
Terminology Document - Goals

1) Don’t confuse decision makers, media and the public
2) Don’t step on each other’s toes or make it sound like one type of recycling is better than another
3) Try and keep the phrase “toilet to tap” out of the headlines
Result

2016 - WRA, Association of CA Water Agencies (ACWA) & California Association of Sanitary Agencies (CASA) adopted a Water Reuse Terminology Document

(Copies are available in your agenda packet)
Session Goal – Refresh Term. Doc.

• Until 3:00 pm – Groups (A, B, C & D) breakout

• Each group will have a facilitator

• Each group will be assigned different parts of the document to revise

• All groups - to create draft language for nonpotable reuse signage

• 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm – Networking break

• 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm - Groups report out
Meet Session Facilitators

Group A:
Patricia Tennyson
Executive Vice President
Katz & Associates

Group B:
Carolyn Schaffer
Section Manager
Member Services and Public Outreach
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Meet Session Facilitators

Group C:
Rupam Soni
Principal Public Affairs Representative
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Group D:
Rebecca Rubin
Public Outreach Coordinator
Soquel Creek Water District

Gina Ayala
Principal Communications Specialist
Orange County Water District
Facilitators will handout group assignments and help compile group recommendations
Groups A-D Breakout Session
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Networking Break
(Please visit poster exhibits if you haven’t already)
Group B Report
Group D Report
Title 22. (g) states that “All use areas where recycled water is used that are accessible to the public shall be posted with signs that are visible to the public, in a size no less than 4 inches high by 8 inches wide, that include the following wording: “RECYCLED WATER - DO NOT DRINK”. Each sign shall display an international symbol similar to that shown in figure 60310-A (See below). The Department may accept alternative signage and wording, or an educational program, provided the applicant demonstrates to the Department that the alternative approach will assure an equivalent degree of public notification.”
Insert Group Suggestions Here
Next Steps
Thank you!
Enjoy the Rest of the Conference