Honoring Significant and Founding Members
Inspiring a legacy of laws, regulations and public acceptance that guide the water reuse industry today
Judge Gordon Cologne (August 24, 1924 – January 4, 2019)
First WaterReuse Association Legislative Advocate
“The emergence of a genuine need for aggressive water recycling is one of several evolving priorities that has given a new meaning to the Porter-Cologne Act. Today, California's water quality legislation is fully responsive to the need to support the innovative water reuse programs that will play a major role in meeting the demands for new water in the decade ahead. “

-- Judge Gordon Cologne (1995)
25th anniversary of Porter-Cologne Act
Rich Atwater

General Manager, West Basin and Central Basin in 1990s

Successfully advocated for Title XVI funding for California
General Manager, Leucadia County Water District

First woman in California to lead a sanitation district
Keith Israel

Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency

23 year member of WateReuse Board

Pioneered use of recycled water for irrigation of edible crops
Jim Kelly
Central Contra Costa Sanitation District

Early advocate for the formation of WateReuse Association to advance the interests of the water recycling industry
Keith Lewinger

Irvine Ranch Water District
Otay Water District
Fallbrook Public Utility District

WateReuse Board
1993 – 2001

“Mr. Purple Pipe”
Peter MacLaggan

San Diego County Water Authority

Chair, WateReuse Association Legislative-Regulatory Committee

Early Executive Director
Bob Miele

Los Angeles County Sanitation District

2001 Distinguished Service Award

National Environmental Achievement Awards
Bill Mills

Orange County Water District
General Manager 1987-2002

First President of WateReuse Association
Judith Parker

East Bay Municipal Utilities District

Author of many research papers on recycled water uses in California
Ben Price
Fallbrook Public Utility District
Original Board Member
Helped negotiate the formation of WateReuse with Ron Young in 1989
Dave Requa

WateReuse Board member for 23 years

Made recycled water a way of life in the Tri-Valley area
Bahman Sheikh

Independent Water Reuse Consultant

Pioneer in use of recycled water for irrigation of edible crops
Bob Whitley

Whitley Burchett and Associates

WateReuse Board
Member 14 years

First California Section President
Ron Young
Irvine Ranch Water District
General Manager
1988-98

Helped negotiate the formation of WaterReuse with Ben Price in 1989
1994 Water Board Signs Unprecedented Water Recycling Proclamation

With Jim Kelly, President, WateReuse and Felicia Marcus, Regional Administrator 9
“We were mavericks. No other association was willing to push the envelope for water recycling.”

-- Bob Whitley
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