

WaterReuse 2021 SYMPOSIUM

In Collaboration with The Water Research Foundation

VIRTUAL
March 15-25

A Series of Live Roundtable Discussions with Your Colleagues



36th Annual Symposium

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36th Annual WaterReuse Symposium Technical Program Call for Presentations Due December 21, 2020

The WaterReuse Association invites proposals for presentations at the 36th Annual WaterReuse Symposium, available online Monday, March 1 through Friday, April 23, 2021 on the WaterReuse virtual conference platform.

The Annual WaterReuse Symposium is the nation's premier conference on water recycling -- attracting more than 800 water professionals globally for knowledge-sharing, networking, and intriguing discussions! The event is planned in collaboration with the Water Research Foundation (WRF) and will include engaging sessions on the latest reuse-related research projects undertaken by and for WRF and its subscribers.

The 2021 Symposium, in its new March timeslot, will offer attendees a series of live, fully interactive roundtable discussions with breakout sessions March 15-25th at a significantly lower cost than past Symposia. To prepare attendees to fully participate in this unique interactive experience, a limited set of pre-recorded 90-minute technical sessions will provide prerequisite education. Pre-recorded sessions will be available on-demand March 1 through April 23, 2021. WaterReuse invites water reuse experts, practitioners, and researchers to submit presentation proposals for technical sessions that stimulate and provoke discussion, facilitate knowledge transfer and development of competencies, and challenge attendees to think of new and innovative ways to incorporate water recycling into water management strategies.

Program Theme: The Symposium's theme, **Redefining Resiliency**, seeks to showcase the important role that water recycling plays in ensuring water security, safety, and supply. Technical sessions and roundtable discussions with breakout sessions will examine:

- Water recycling as a public health and resiliency strategy
- Regional approaches to water recycling in water scarce and water abundant parts of the United States and other countries
- Treatment approaches and emerging trends in recycled water used for drinking water
- Implementation and operation of decentralized and centralized water recycling systems

An Invitation: We invite you to participate in the 36th Annual WaterReuse Virtual Symposium by submitting your presentation proposal for a technical session before December 21, 2021 on our website:

<https://watereuse.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/main/home>

Electronic submissions of up to 500 words should focus on Symposium themes and address one or more of the topics listed below.

Focus Areas and Potential Session Topics: Presentation proposals should address one or more of the following focus areas and subtopics:

- **Water recycling and public health**
 - Pandemic impacts
 - Public health professionals education
 - Resiliency strategies
 - Urban farming
 - Public education
- **Water recycling research and innovation**
 - WRF
 - EPA ORD
 - NAWI DOE Research Center
 - Emerging Technologies with Practical Applications
- **Water recycling policy**
 - Water Reuse Action Plan
 - Integrated Water Resources Management
 - Interagency collaboration
 - State policies compilation
 - Local regulation and trends
 - Incentivizing Industrial Reuse
- **Recycled water as drinking water**
 - Treatment approaches
 - Emerging trends
- **Recycled water as a resiliency tool**
 - Irrigation (agriculture, commercial, recreation)
 - Industrial reuse
 - Environmental restoration or compliance (e.g., addressing waste load allocations)
 - Stormwater capture
 - Public art and education
 - Corporate water sustainability programs
- **Regional approaches to water recycling**
 - Water scarce
 - Water abundant
 - International
- **Implementation and Operation of water recycling systems**
 - Onsite systems
 - Private and public financing options
 - Workforce growth
 - Operator certifications

Key Dates: Presentation proposals will be accepted through December 21, 2021. Presenters will be notified of their selection by January 25, 2021. All selected presentations will be pre-recorded by WateReuse during February 2021. To participate, presenters must agree to work with WateReuse and record their session in February 2021. Registration for the event will open by January 15, 2021. All presenters and panelists must register and submit their PowerPoint slides by February 15, 2021. The event will be online March 1- April 23, 2021.

Preparation and Submission Guidelines:

Please submit presentation proposals through the online proposal submittal system on watereuse.org. Please gather all needed information before visiting the presentation proposal submission page. It works well to have a word document to cut and paste to enter the information into watereuse.org.

The 36th WateReuse Virtual Symposium invites presentation proposals for two types of pre-recorded technical sessions:

- (1) **60-90-Minute Panel:** An interactive, in-depth discussion of a single topic by multiple presenters.
- (2) **90-Minute Session Group:** A grouping of three individual 25-minute presentations on various aspects of a topic with a 15-minute presenters discussion.

All submissions must include a title (up to 10 words or 80 characters); a summary (up to 50 words or 400 characters); learning objectives (up to 100 words or 800 characters); the full presentation description (up to 500 words or 4000 characters); and primary contact information. Please note that the WaterReuse Association reserves the right to work with presenters to modify the title for communications purposes.

For a 90-Minute Session Group, please submit Session Group title, each 25-minute presentation title, and primary contact information for each presenter. For a 90-Minute Panel, please submit the proposed panelists names, emails, and affiliations.

Learning objectives: To comply with continuing education accreditation requirements, presentations must clearly define measurable learning objectives for attendees. Learning objectives should describe the information, skills, behaviors, or perspectives participants will acquire or outcomes and actions attendees will be able to demonstrate after attending your presentation.

Examples:

- Attendees will be able to conduct a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis for proposed water reuse projects.
- Attendees will learn new ways to manage salinity.

Requirements accompanying submission: All presentations are expected to be presented by the individual(s) listed in the presentation proposal. The official language of the Symposium is English. Presenters will be able to register for the event at reduced rates. Selections and notifications will be made in January, 2021. As a speaker, you are eligible for a discount. Once selected, presenters are expected to register early to confirm participation and select the "Speaker" rate when registering.

Criteria for Evaluation: Submissions will be evaluated for relevance, appropriateness, and applicability to the Symposium theme and focus areas. Submissions with demonstrated results or conclusions or those illustrating consequences from an action are encouraged. The Symposium Technical Review Committee will assess all submissions for overall clarity and quality. The WaterReuse Association estimates that twenty-four presentation proposals will be selected, as we intend to schedule twenty-four pre-recorded technical sessions.

Further Information: Further information is available on watereuse.org. Presentation proposals will be accepted [here](#).

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