



WateReuse Onsite and Distributed Water Recycling Systems Committee Factsheet

Purpose and Scope:

The WateReuse Association's Decentralized, Onsite and Distributed Water Recycling Systems Committee engages in advocacy, communications, and educational and outreach activities that facilitate the adoption of decentralized, onsite and distributed water recycling systems as part of a water management portfolio.¹

Committee Goals

The Decentralized, Onsite and Distributed Water Recycling Systems Committee is comprised of utilities, consultants, vendors, public health regulators, non-governmental organizations and other interested WateReuse members. The goals of the Committee are to:

- Serve as a forum for collaboration and knowledge exchange on the policies, best management practices, and procedures for onsite water systems;
- Identify target projects and policy activities that support the Committee's purpose;
- Educate WateReuse Association members on the benefits, best practices, and variety of applications of decentralized, onsite and distributed water recycling systems;
- Educate the public on the benefits, best practices, and variety of applications of decentralized, onsite and distributed water recycling systems; and
- Work with partner water organizations to advance the purpose of the Committee.

Committee Guiding Principles

The Decentralized, Onsite and Distributed Water Recycling Systems Committee is guided by the following principles:

- **Protect public health.** Support and promote water quality standards prepared by the National Blue Ribbon Commission for Onsite Non-potable Water Systems;
- **Integrate best practices.** The work of the Committee is informed by the best practices in the implementation, management, operations, and oversight of onsite non-potable water systems.
- **Coordinate activities.** Activities undertaken by the Committee will coordinate with and compliment those of the National Blue Ribbon Commission on Onsite Non-potable Water Systems.

Meetings:

The Decentralized, Onsite and Distributed Water Recycling Systems Committee meets at least quarterly. The committee's leadership includes Paula Kehoe (chair) of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and Greta Zornes (vice-chair) of CDM Smith.

¹ Purpose and Scope pulled from WateReuse Board approved Committee Terms of Reference document.

**Responsibilities:**

- Report to the WateReuse Board of Directors on Committee activities.

Potential Projects & Partners

- Coordinate with and learn about National Blue Ribbon Commission for Onsite Non-potable Water Systems projects and mission.
- Provide guidance on the WateReuse Life Cycle Assessment of Onsite Non-potable Water Systems (ONWS) as a Water Management Strategy project.
- Provide guidance and build a partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council Water Efficiency Technical Advisory Group (WETAG) through the WateReuse Utility Advisory Group.
- Develop informational webcasts based on symposia content.
- Collaborate on existing or new actions identified in the National Water Reuse Action Plan related to onsite reuse.