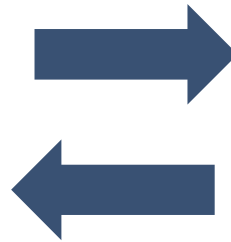


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# Impacts of Wastewater Treatment Performance on Advanced Water Treatment



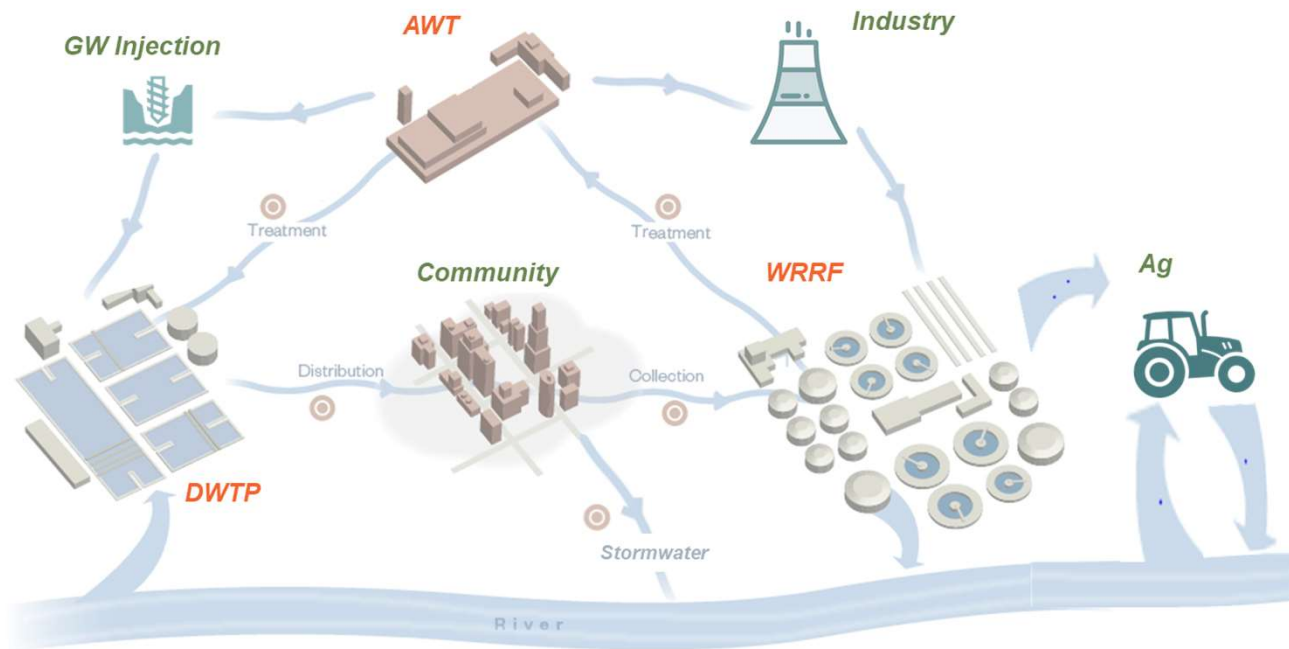
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# Integrated Water Management...

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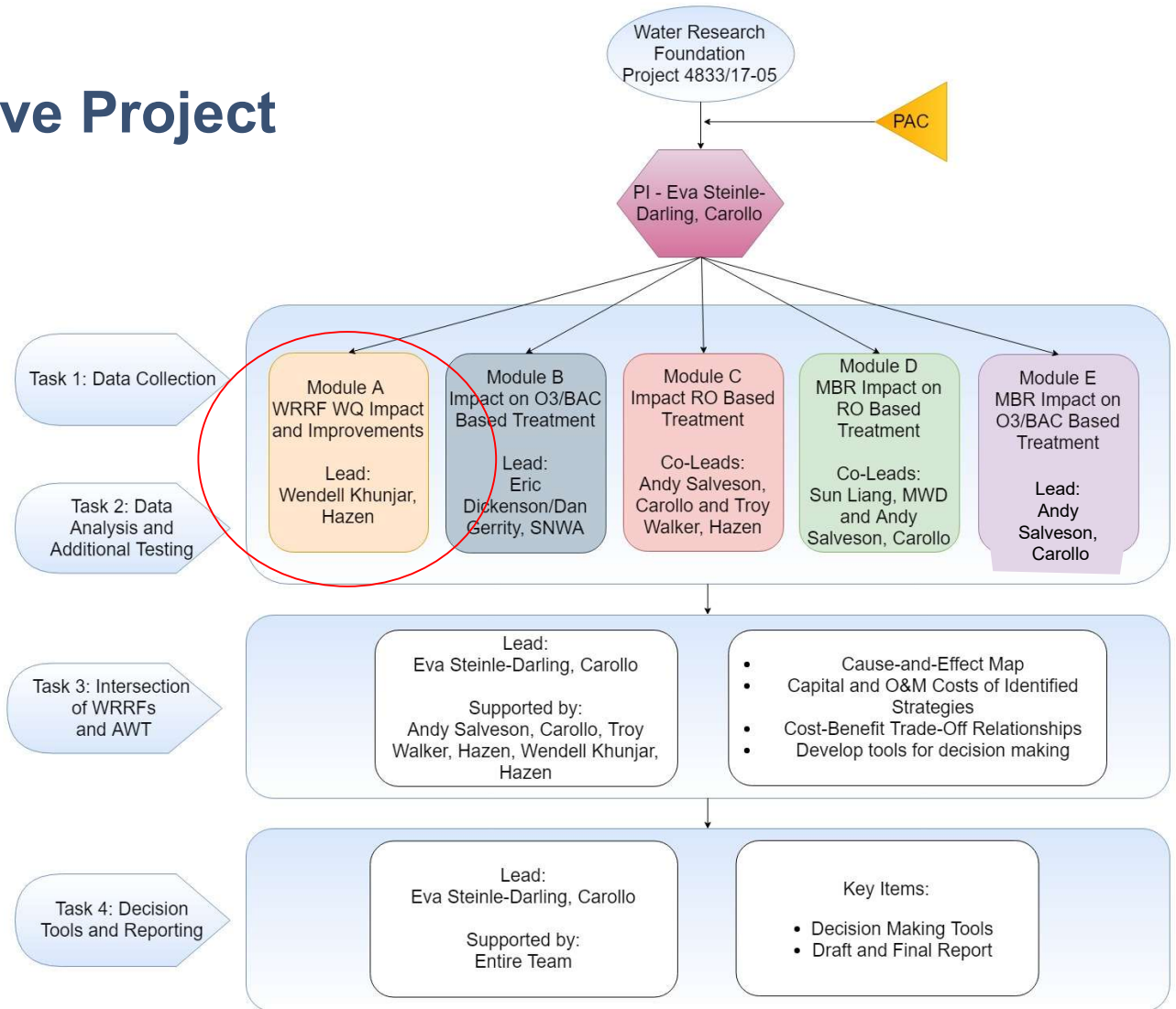
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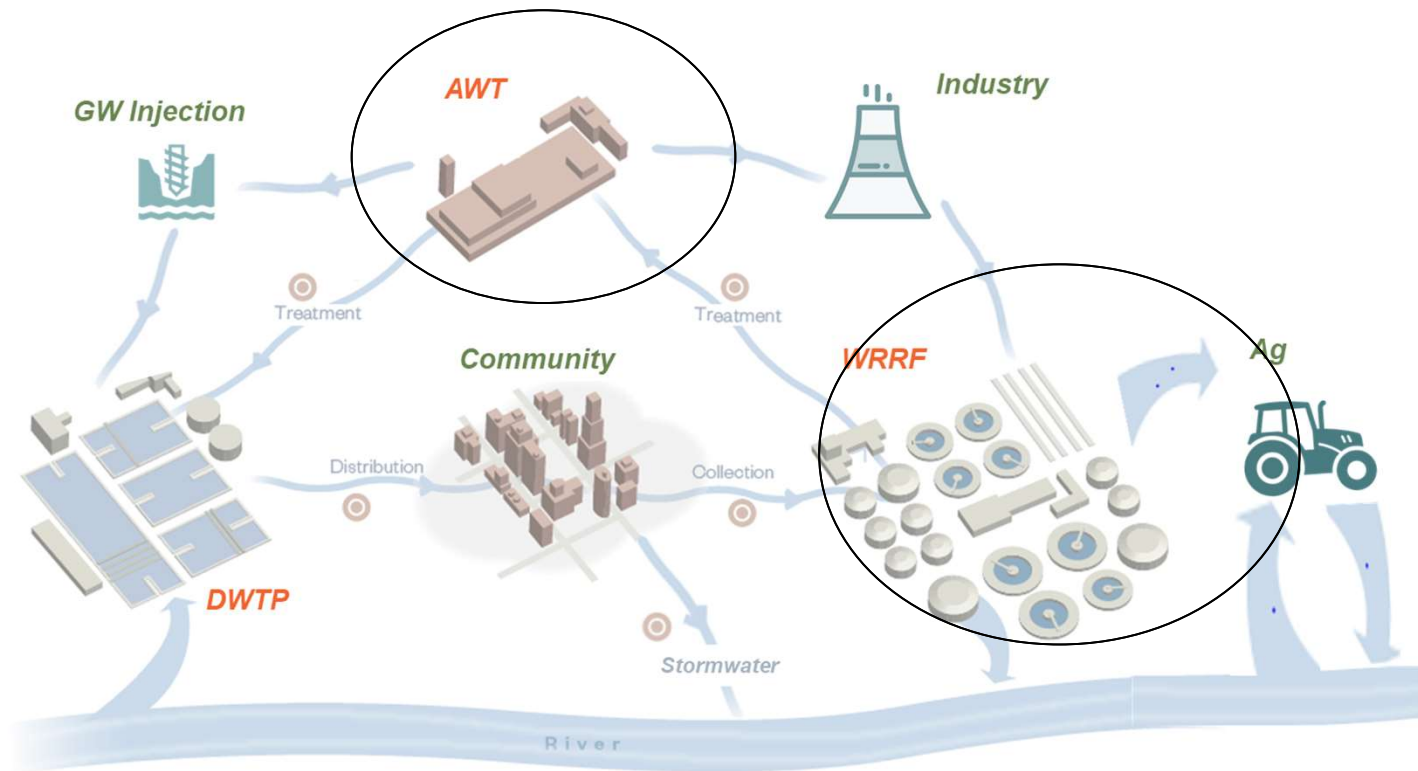
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# This Project Focuses on Interconnectivity Among Conventional and Advanced Processes



## Module A

### WRRF Water Quality Impact and Improvements



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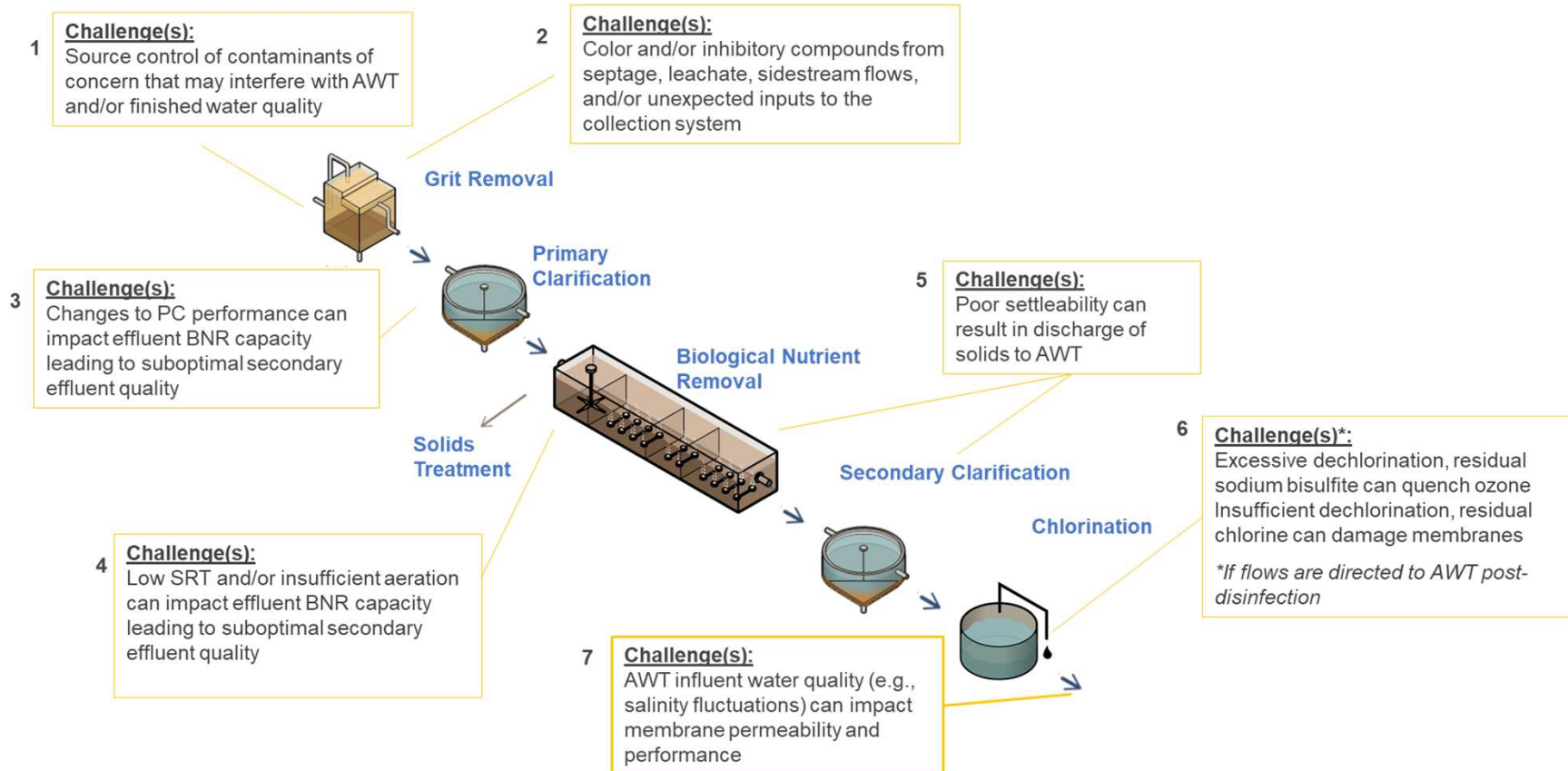


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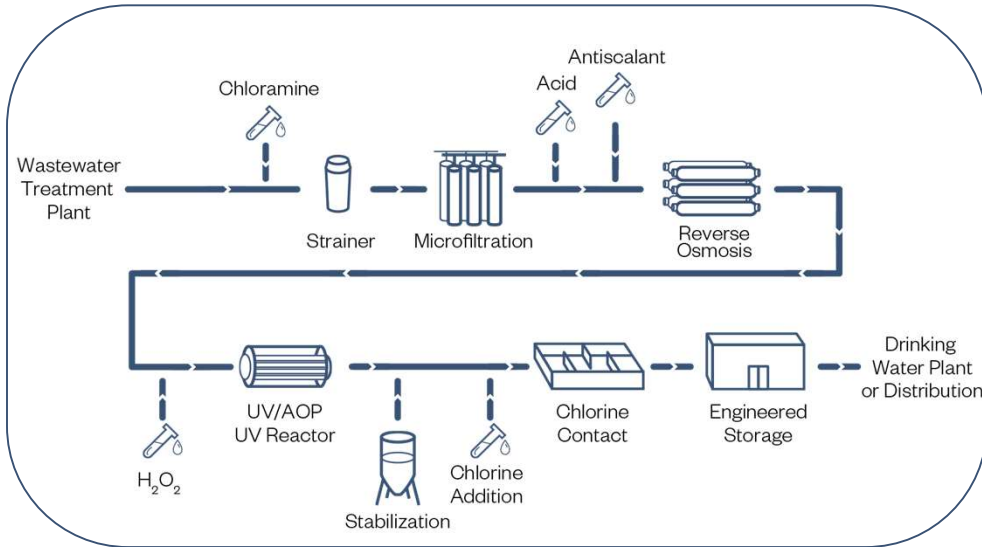
# Background

# AWT Success Depends on WRRF Performance



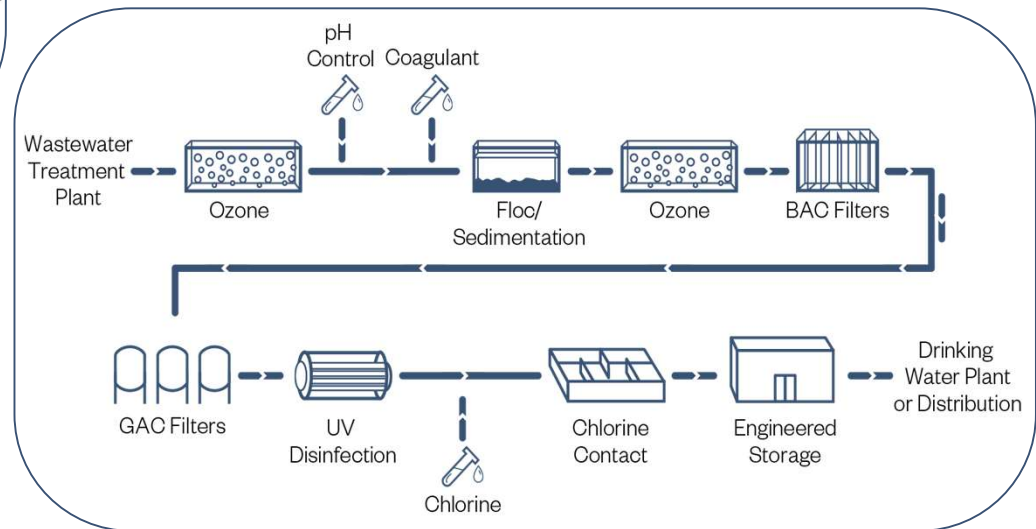


# Two Typical Approaches to Advanced Wastewater Treatment



RO-Based Treatment

## Non-RO-Based Treatment





# Module A Research Goals and Objectives

Document how performance at WRRFs can impact AWT process performance

Data Analyses of WRRFs  
and AWTs

Concept Evaluation for  
Improvements at WRRFs  
vs. AWTs

# Module A Research Approach

## Project Scope

Data Analyses of  
WRRFs and AWTs

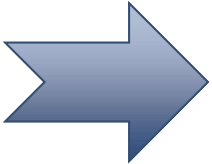
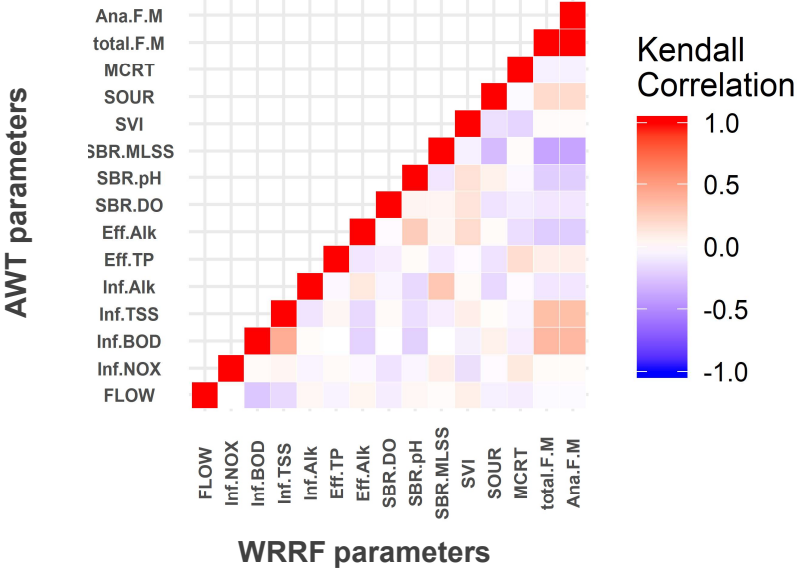
Concept Evaluation for  
Improvements at  
WRRFs vs. AWTs

Pairwise  
comparison  
of dataset

Screening of  
relationships

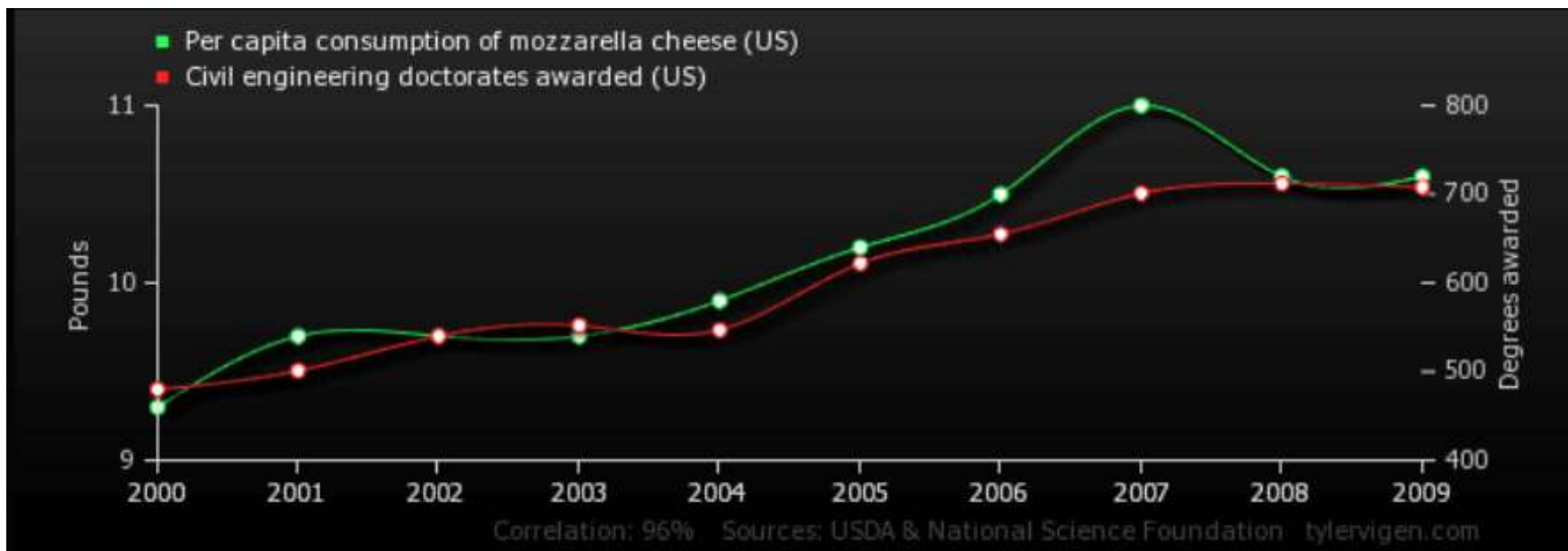
Cause/Effect  
Map

# Example Approach - Residuals Management for O<sub>3</sub>/BAF Configuration

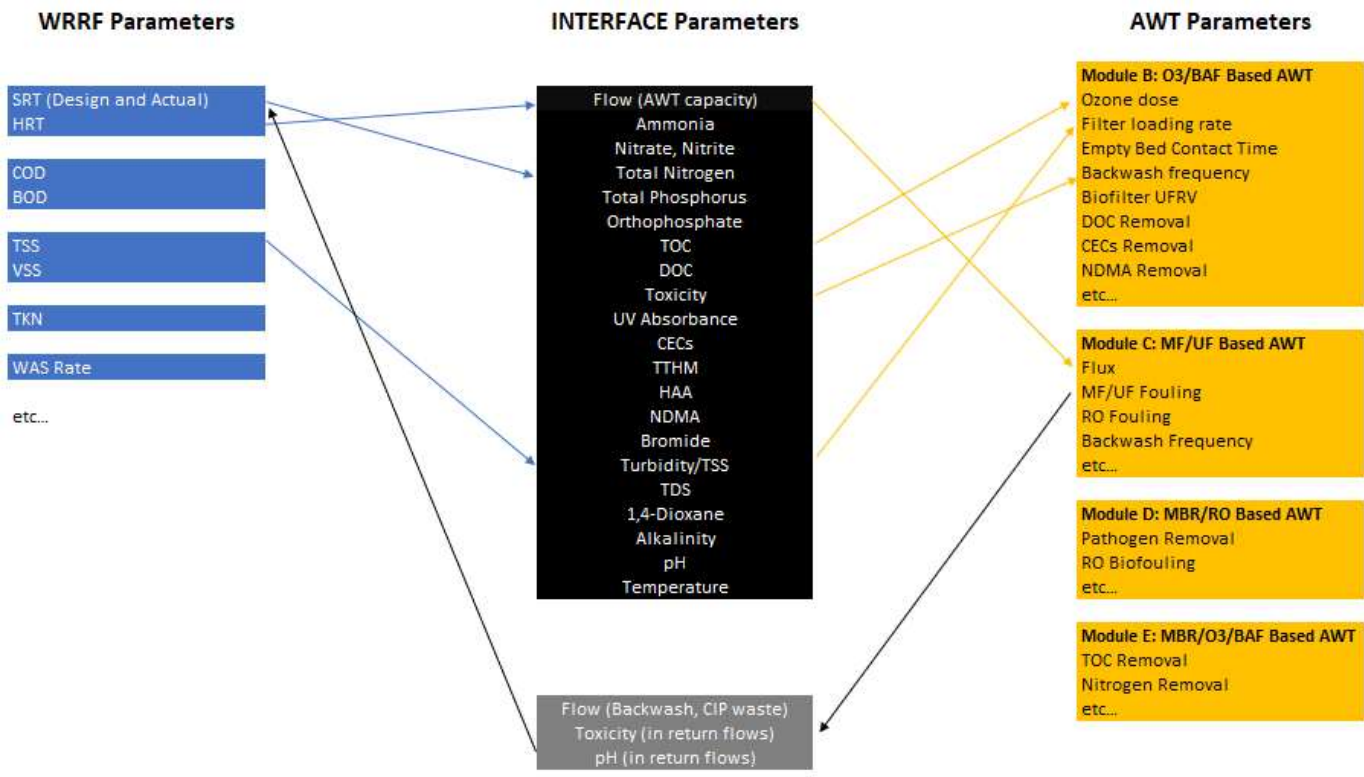


AWT Parameter	Combination of WRRF parameters that significantly impact AWT ( $p < 0.05$ )	Mitigation Approach
DOC removal	Influent BOD	Pre-treatment Load EQ
	PC removal efficiency	Change # of clarifiers in service Change PS blanket Implement CEPT Load EQ

## Remember! Correlation Does Not Equal Causation



# Interface Parameter Concept



## Interface Parameter

Process parameters monitored at the interface between mainstream WRRF and AWT

WRRF effluent = AWT influent

## Utilities Evaluated

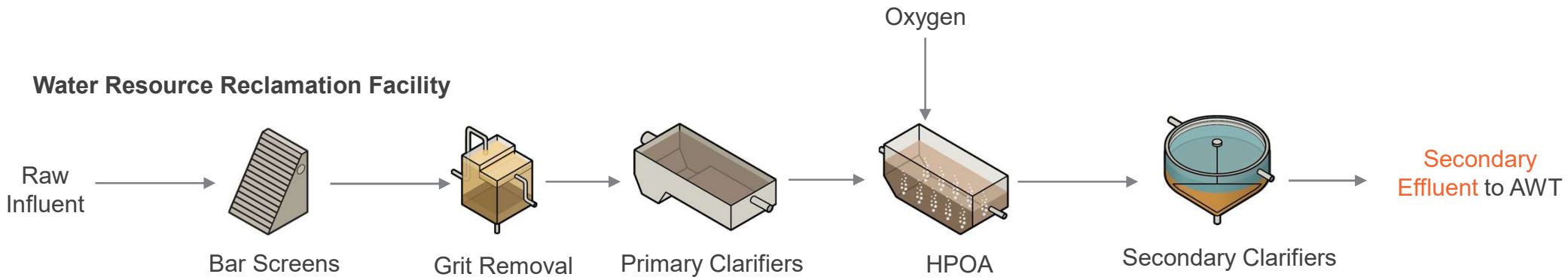
WRRF Utility Name	WRRF Train	AWT Train
Utility No. 1	1°, 2° Nit	MF/RO/UV AOP
Utility No. 2	1°, 2° Nit, 3° Filter/UF	O3 /BAC/O3
Utility No. 3	1°, 2° Nit/Denit, MBR	BAC/GAC



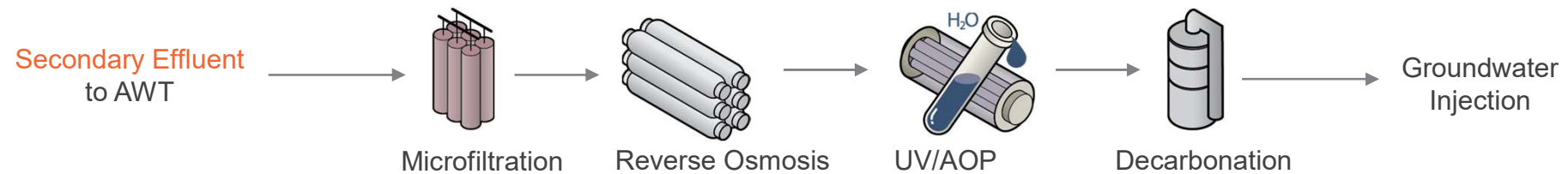
# Utility No. 1 Process Flow Diagram

Interface Parameters = **Secondary Effluent**

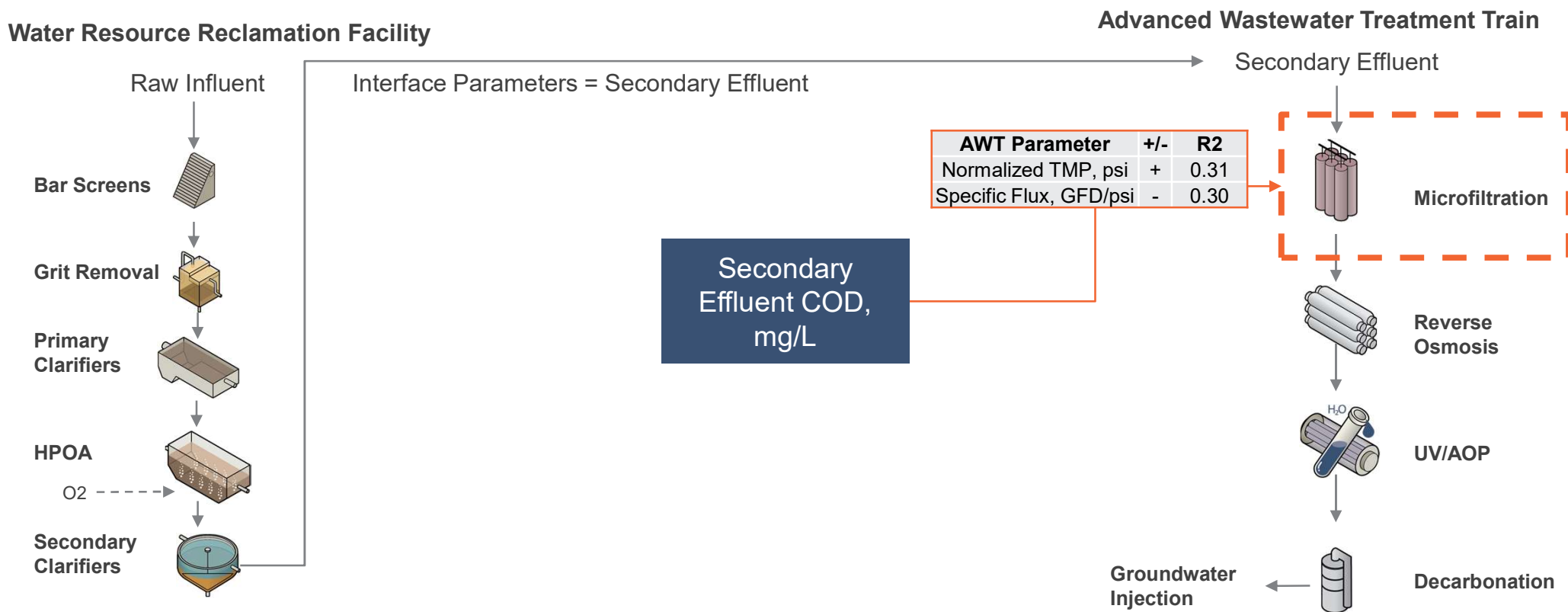
## Water Resource Reclamation Facility



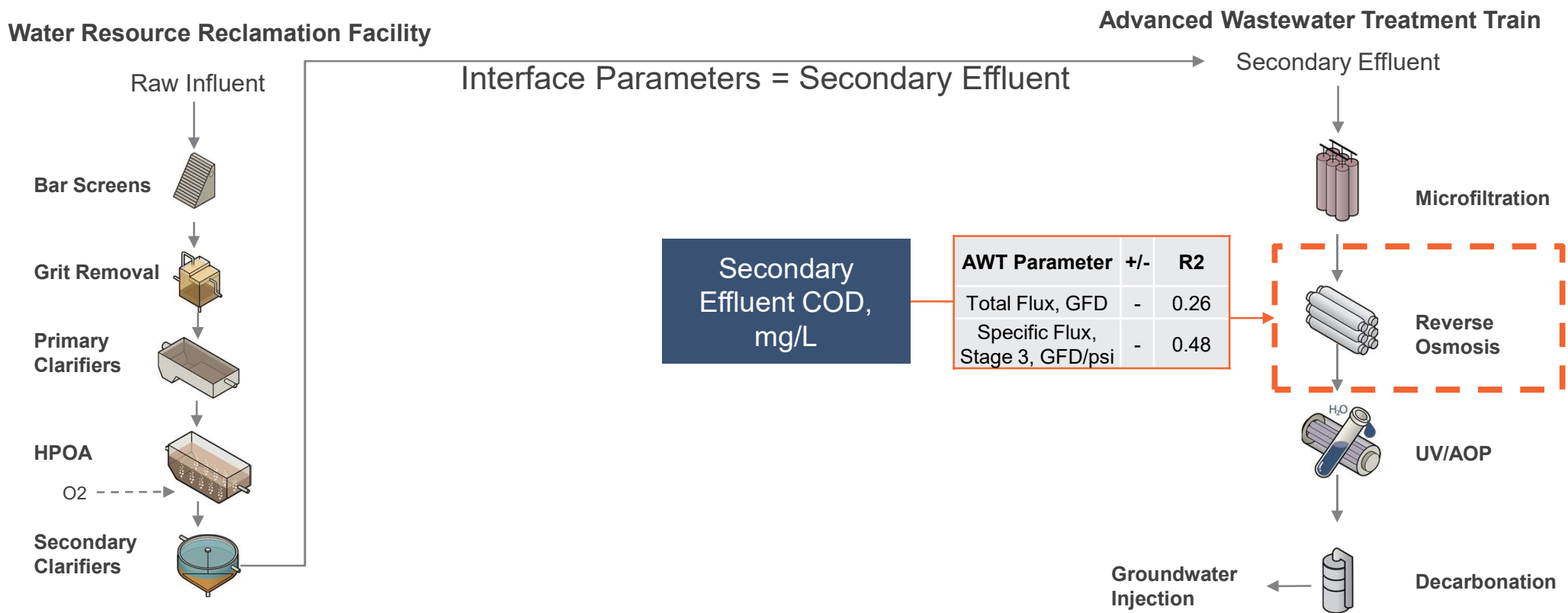
## Advanced Wastewater Treatment Train



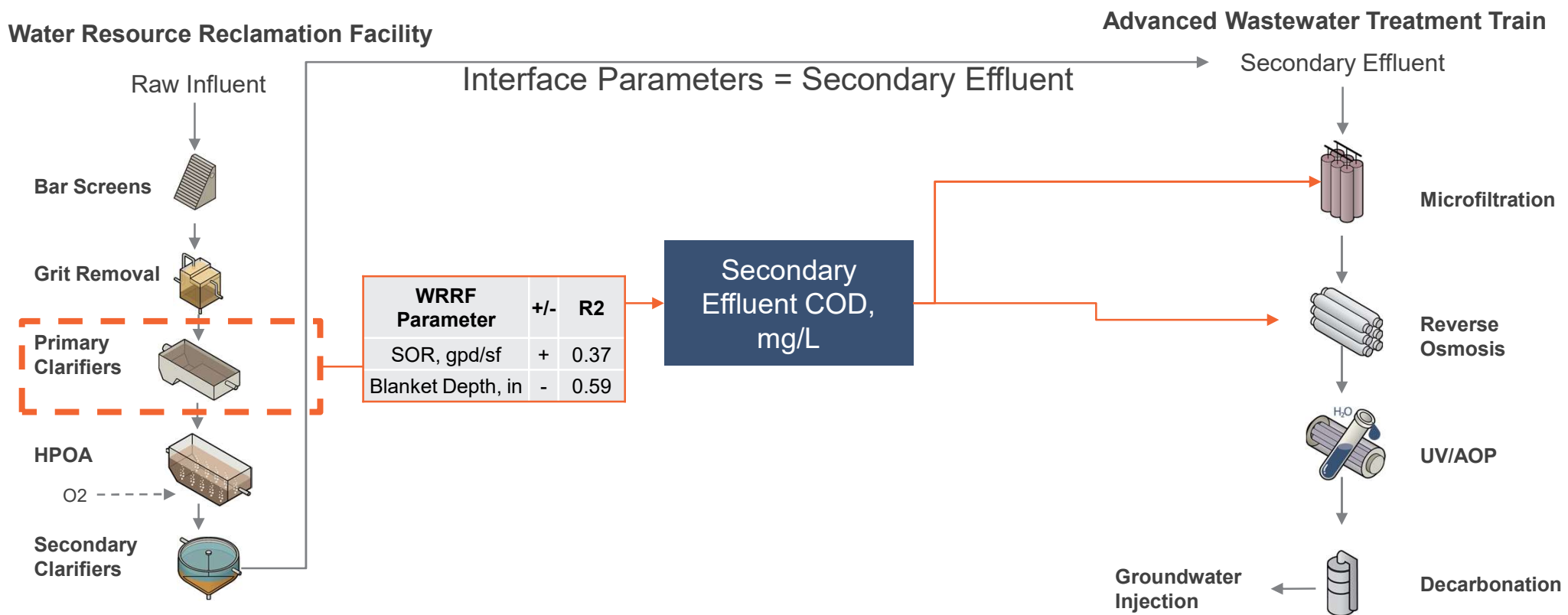
# Utility No. 1 Summary of Results



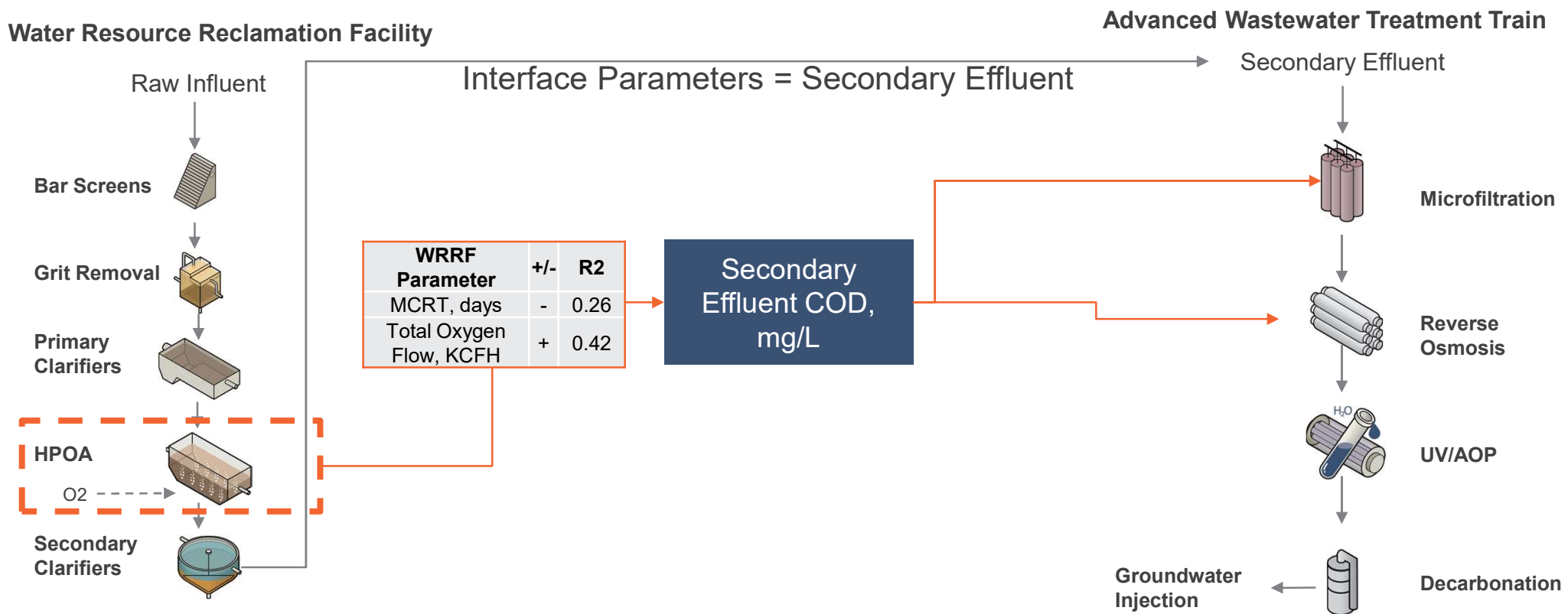
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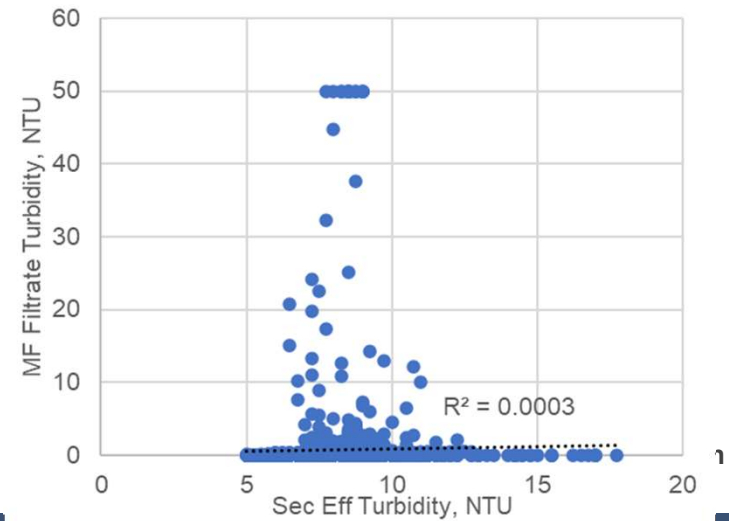
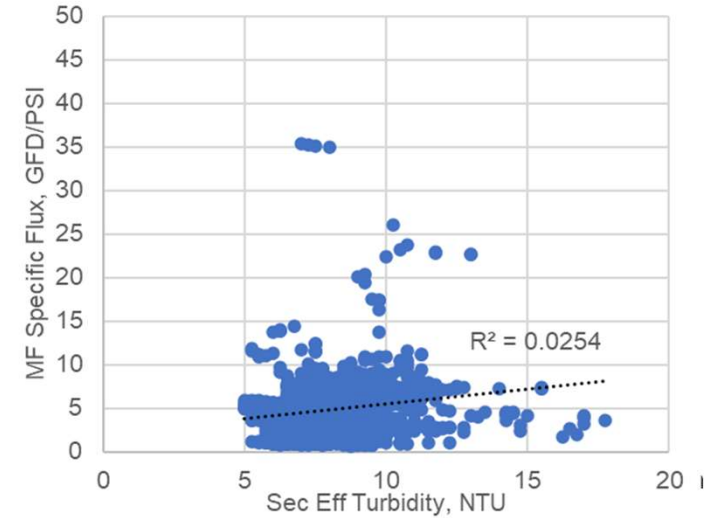
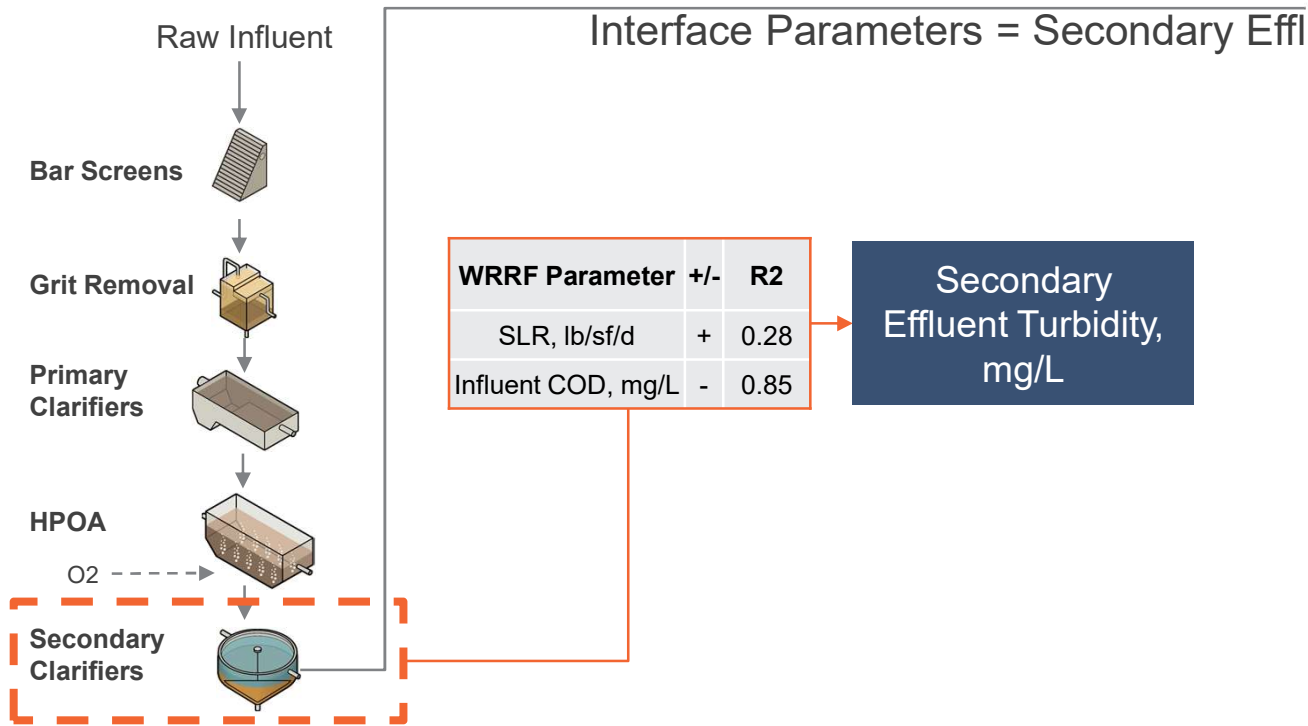


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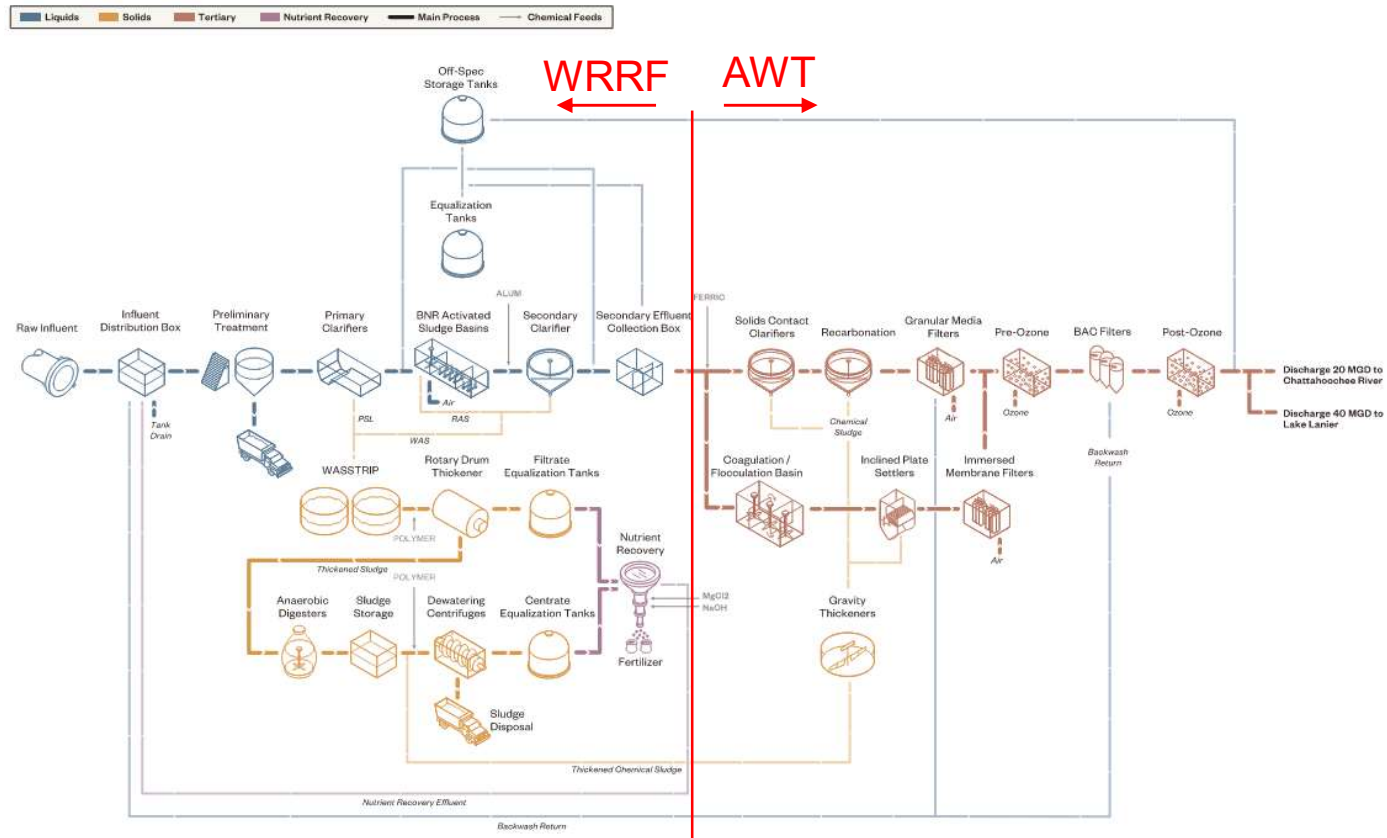


# Utility No. 2

## 60 MGD Facility

Interface Parameters = **Secondary Clarifier Effluent**

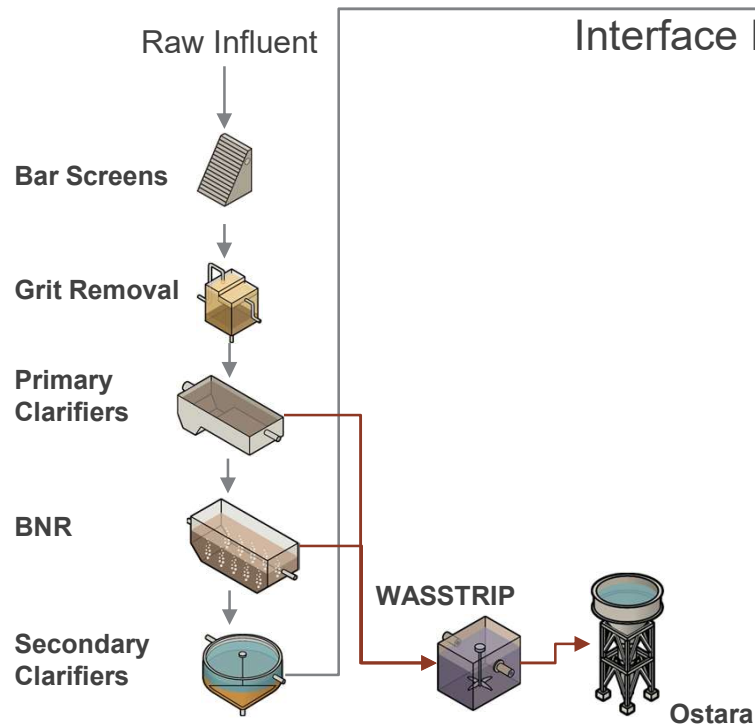
Existing Facility Process Flow Diagram





# Utility No. 2 Summary of Results

## Water Resource Reclamation Facility

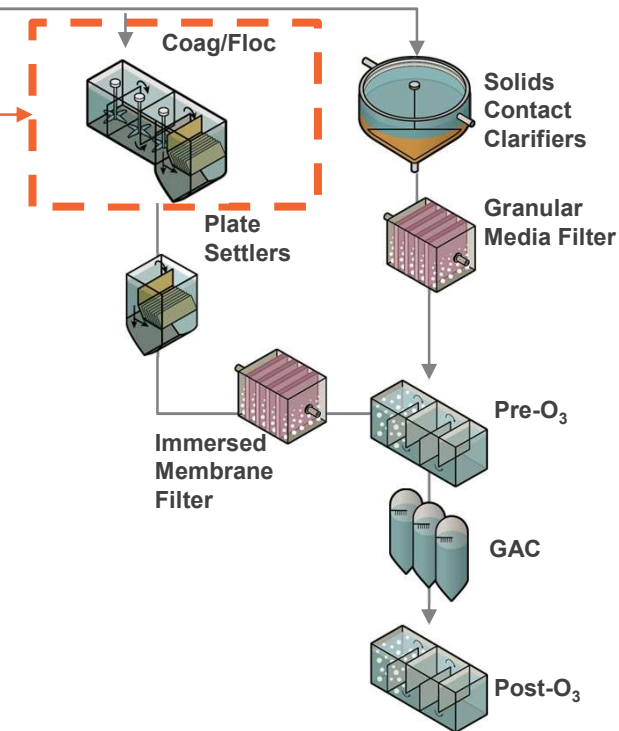


Interface Parameters = Secondary Effluent

AWT Parameter	Interface Parameter	+/-	R2
Ferric Used	Sec Eff PO <sub>4</sub> -P, mg/L	+	0.44
Tot	Sec Eff TP, mg/L	+	0.43

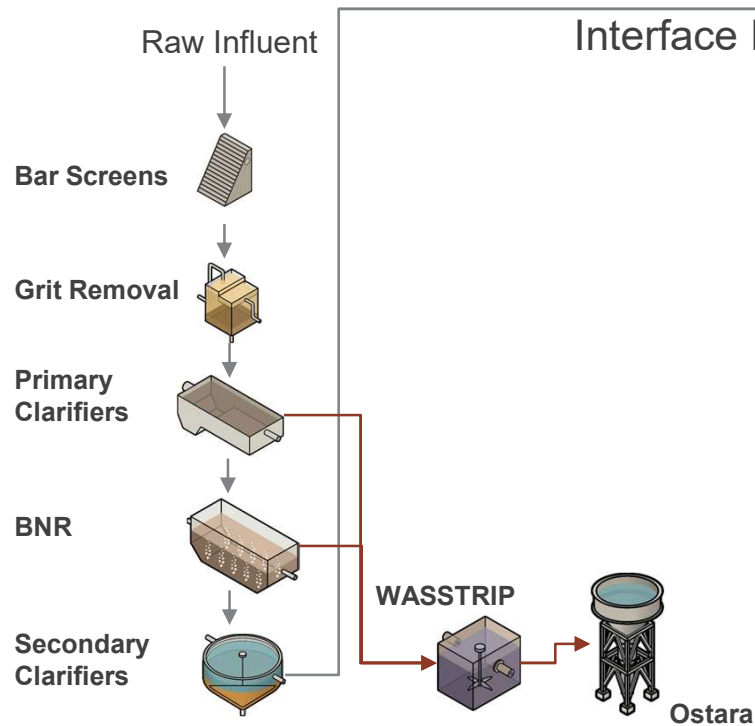
Secondary Effluent  
PO<sub>4</sub>-P, mg/L  
TP, mg/L

## Advanced Wastewater Treatment Train



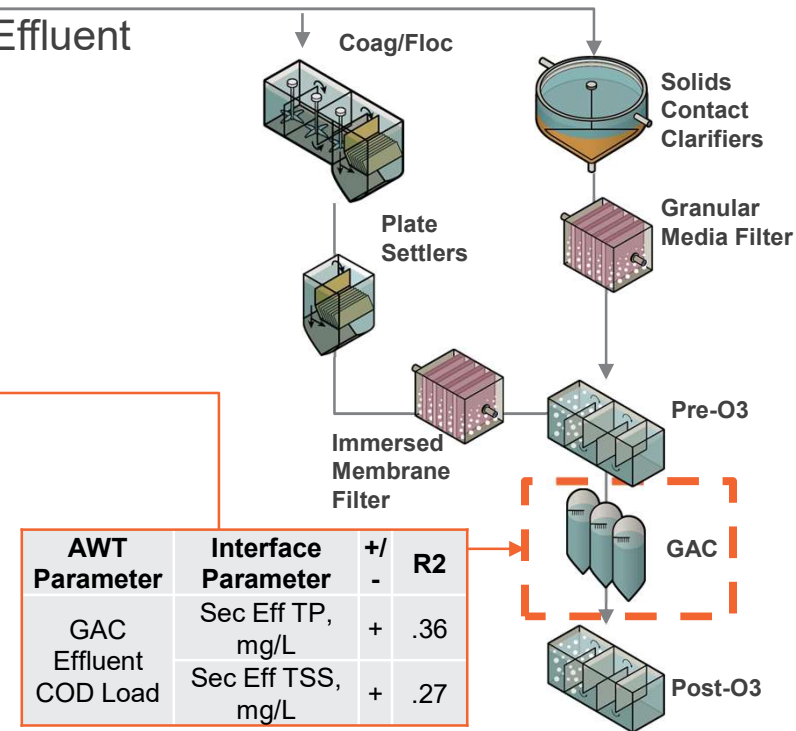
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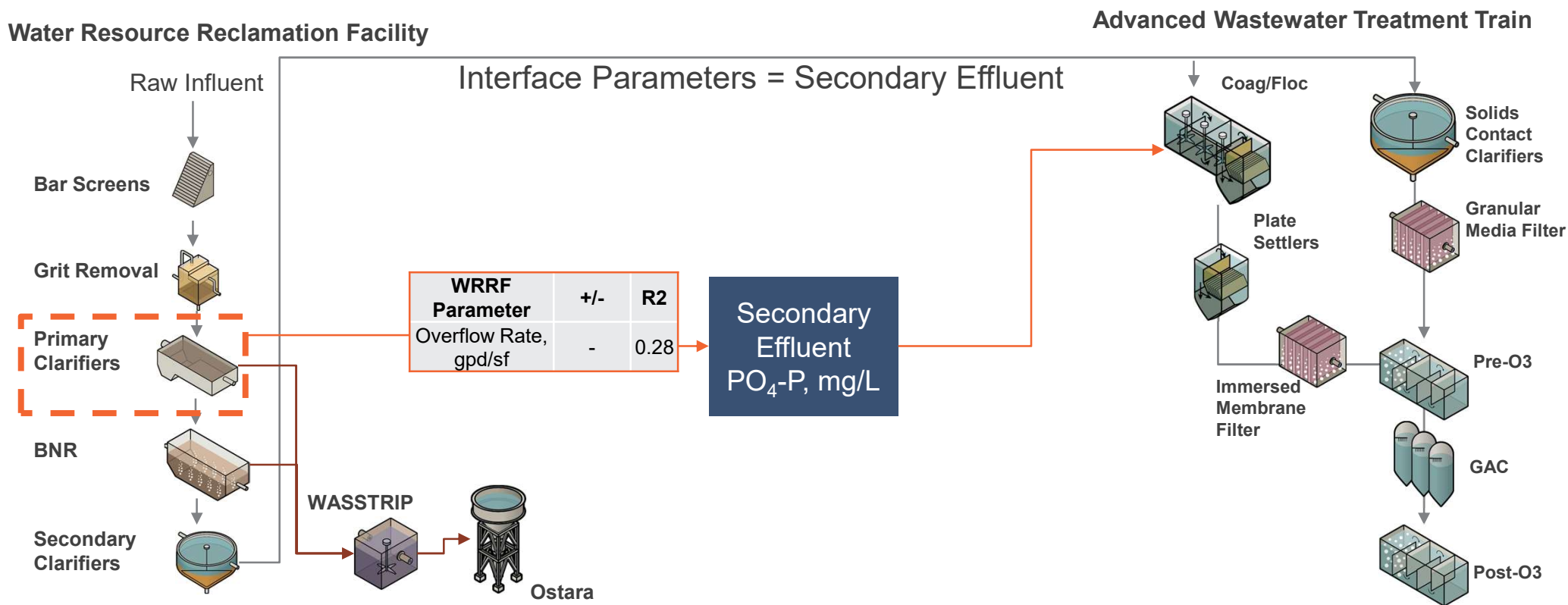


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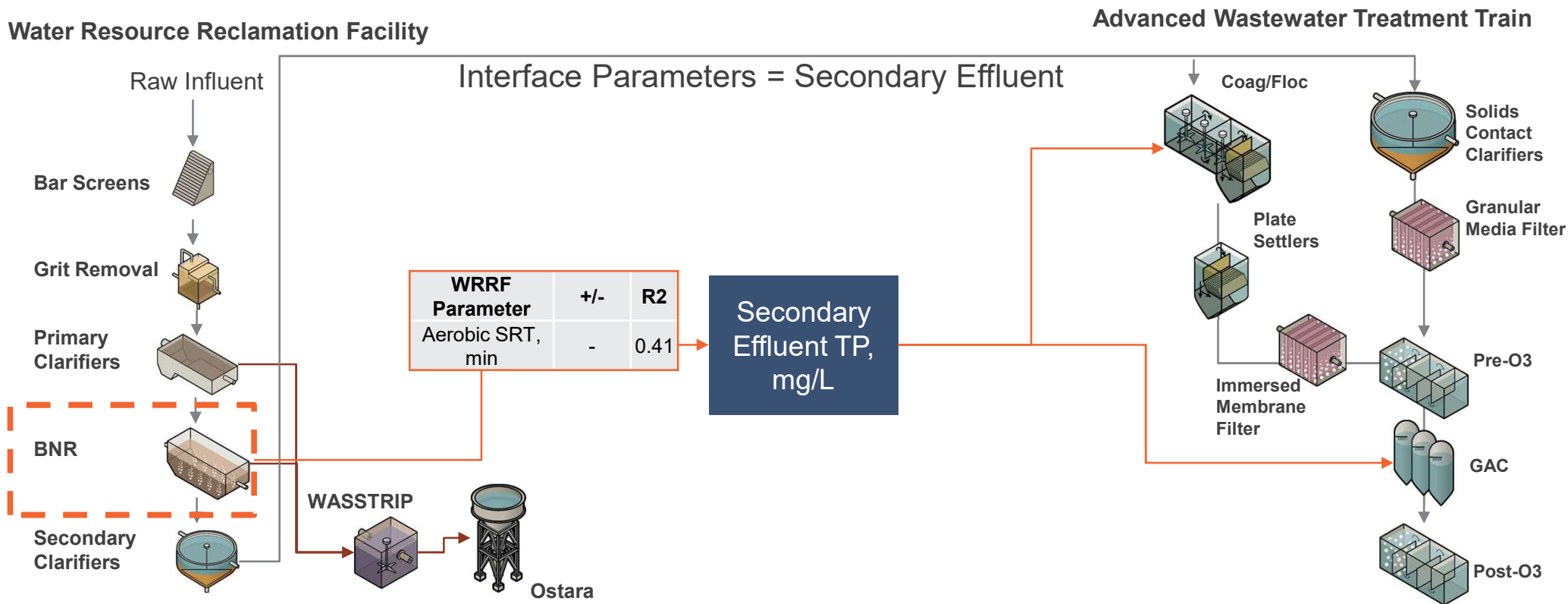
Secondary Effluent  
TP, mg/L  
TSS, mg/L



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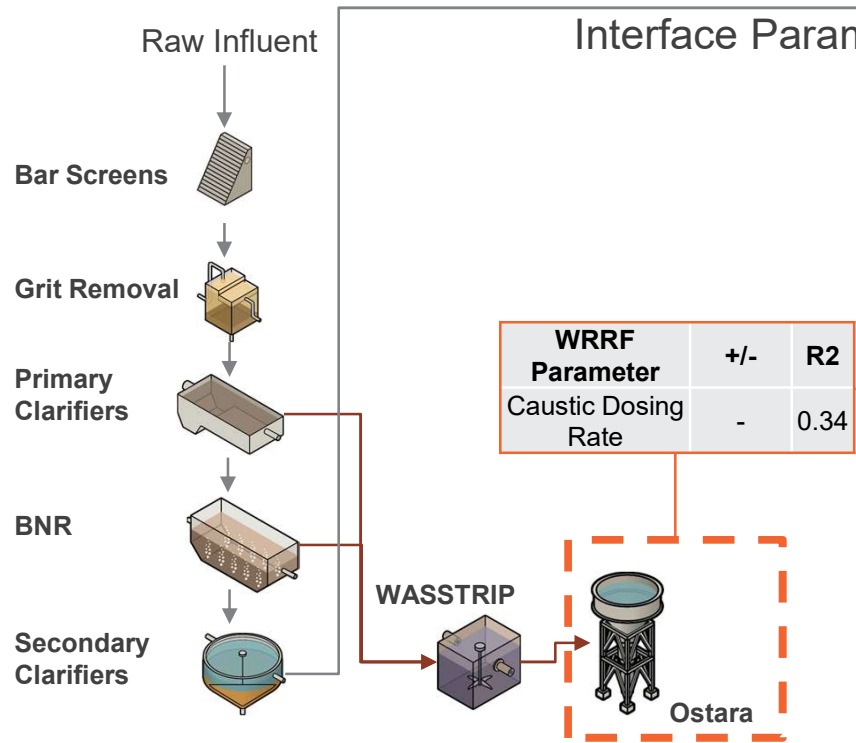


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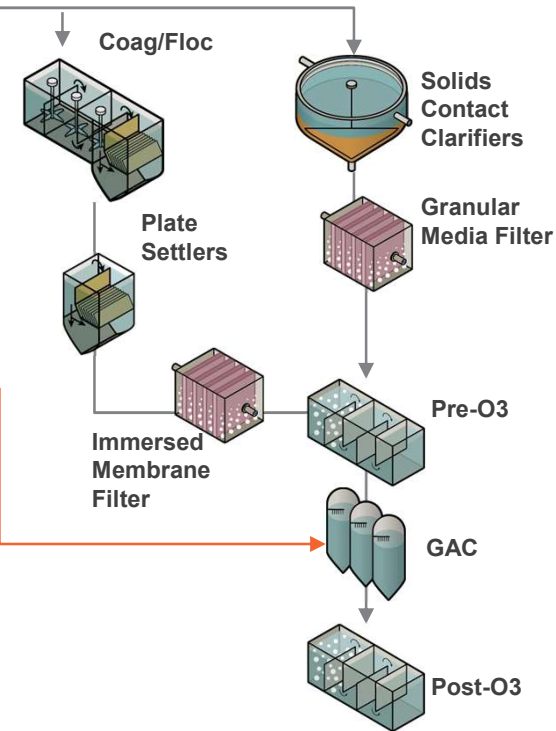


WRRF Parameter	+/-	R2
Caustic Dosing Rate	-	0.34

Secondary Effluent  
TSS, mg/L

Interface Parameters = Secondary Effluent

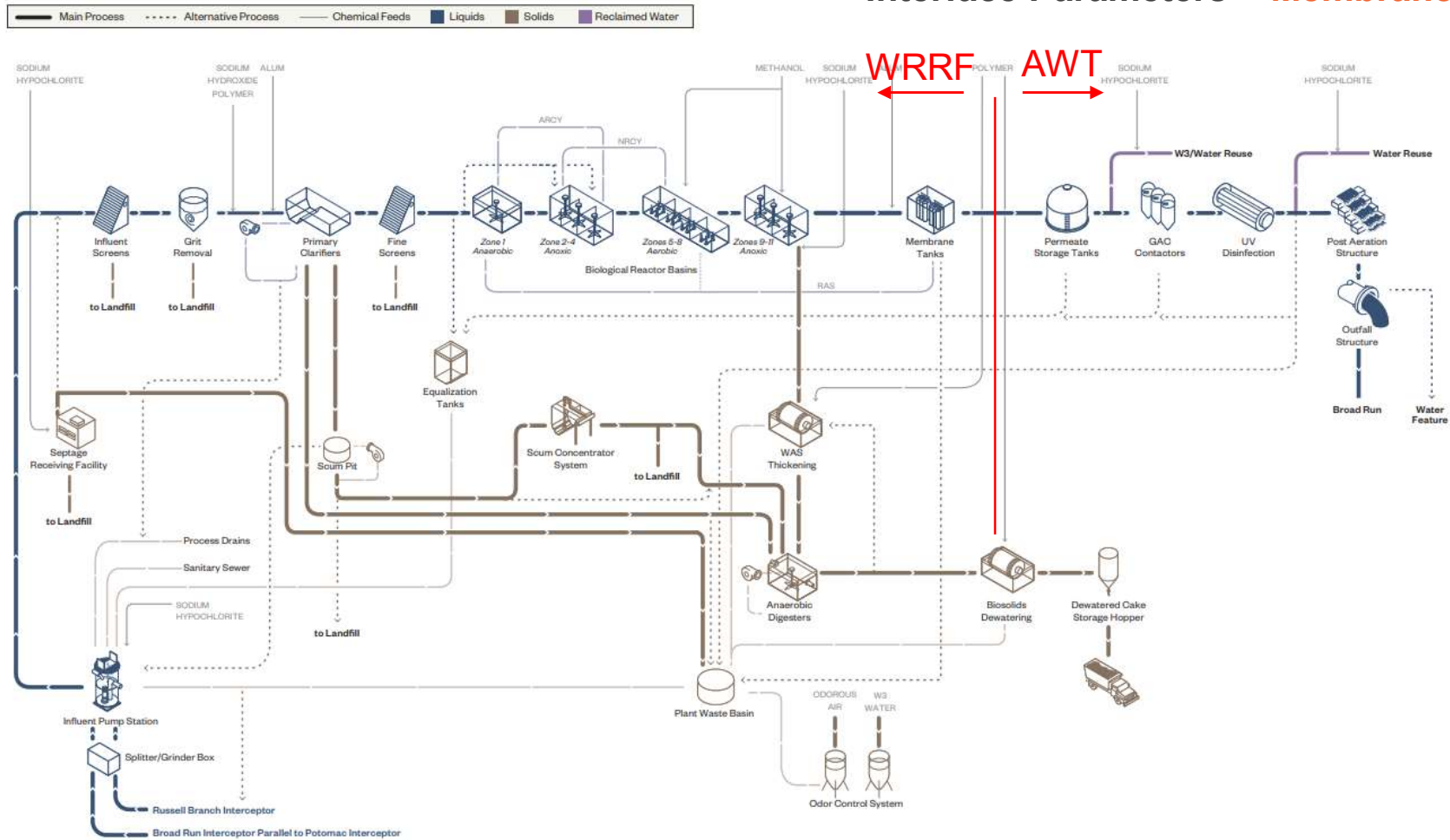
## Advanced Wastewater Treatment Train



# Utility No. 3

## 11.5 MGD Facility

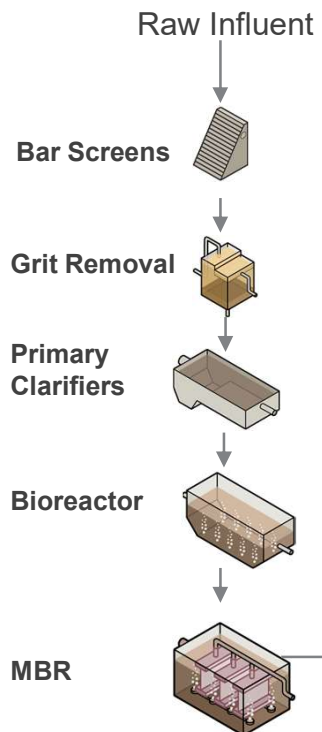
Interface Parameters = **Membrane Permeate**



# Utility No. 3 Summary of Results

## Water Resource Reclamation Facility

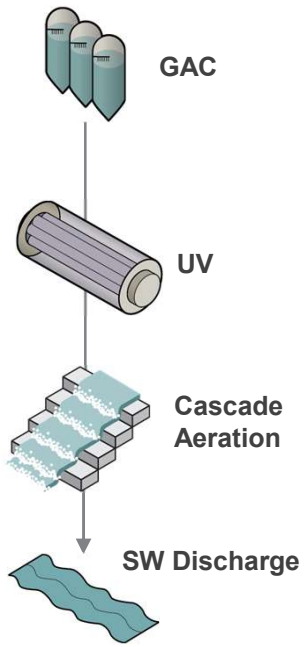
## Advanced Wastewater Treatment Train



Interface Parameters = Membrane Permeate

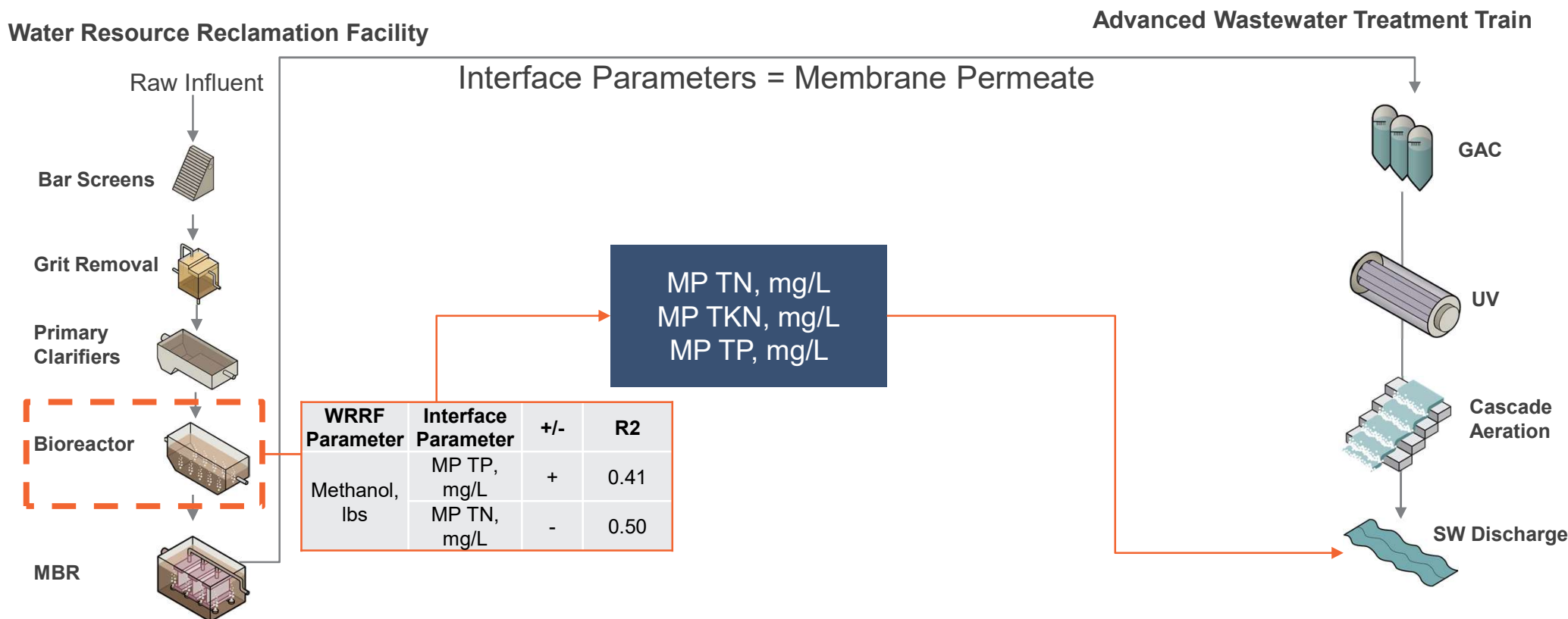
MP TN, mg/L  
MP TKN, mg/L  
MP TP, mg/L

AWT Parameter	Interface Parameter	+/-	R2
Effluent TN	MP TN, mg/L	+	0.75
Effluent TP	MP TKN, mg/L	+	0.35
	MP TP, mg/L	+	0.53

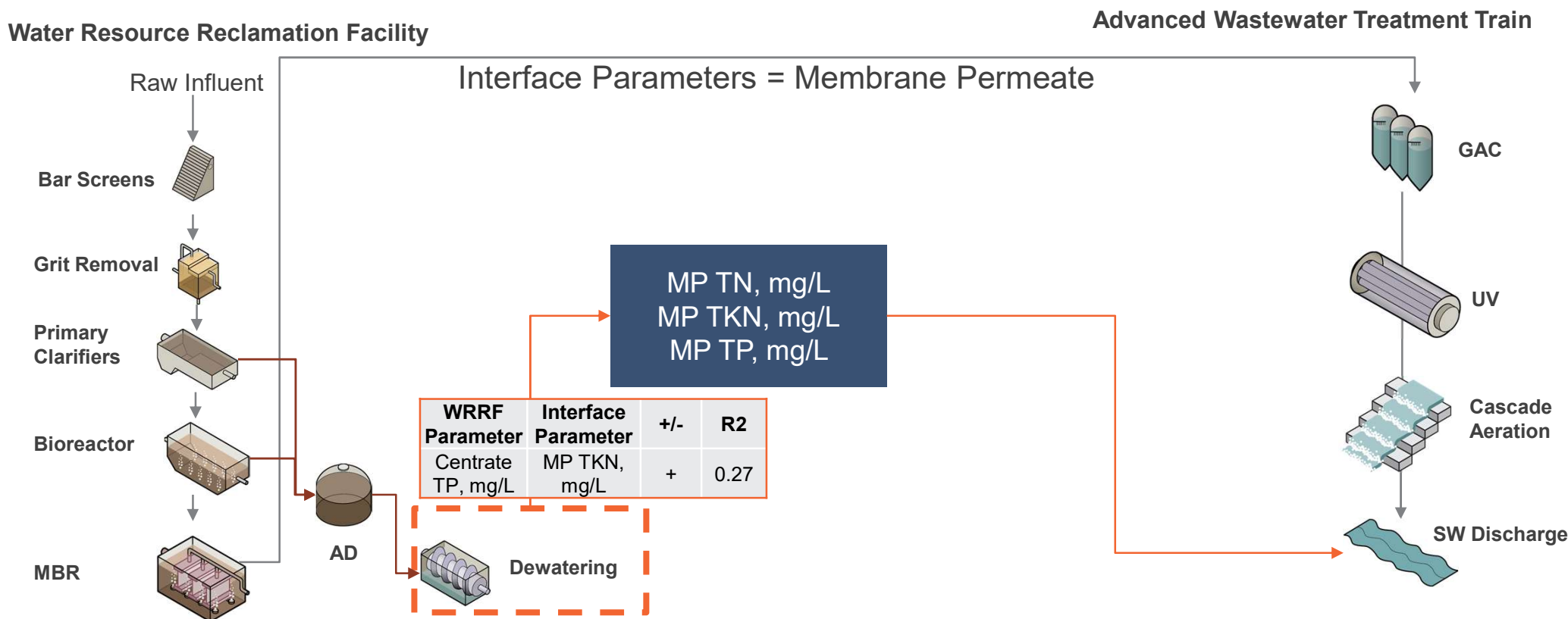




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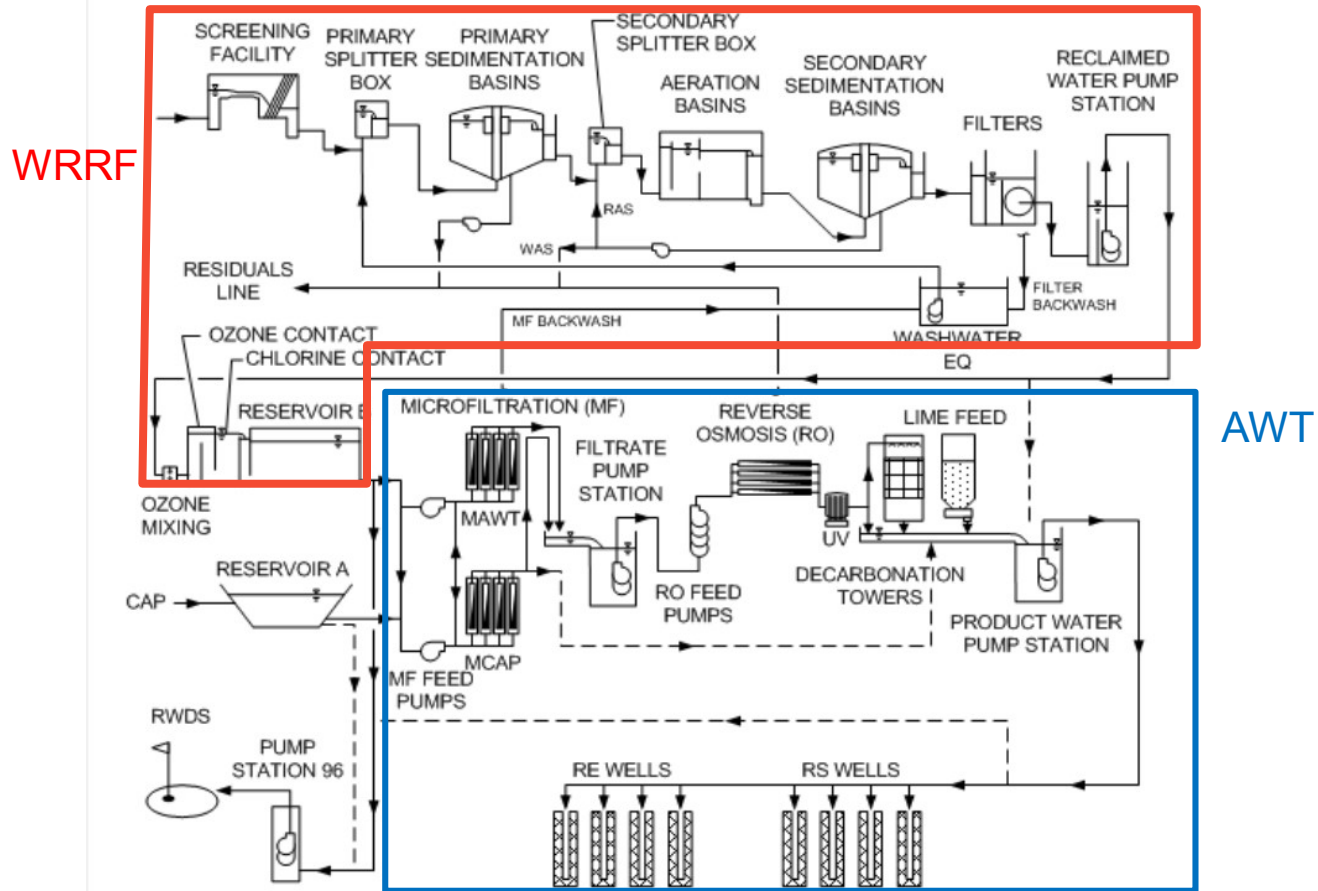
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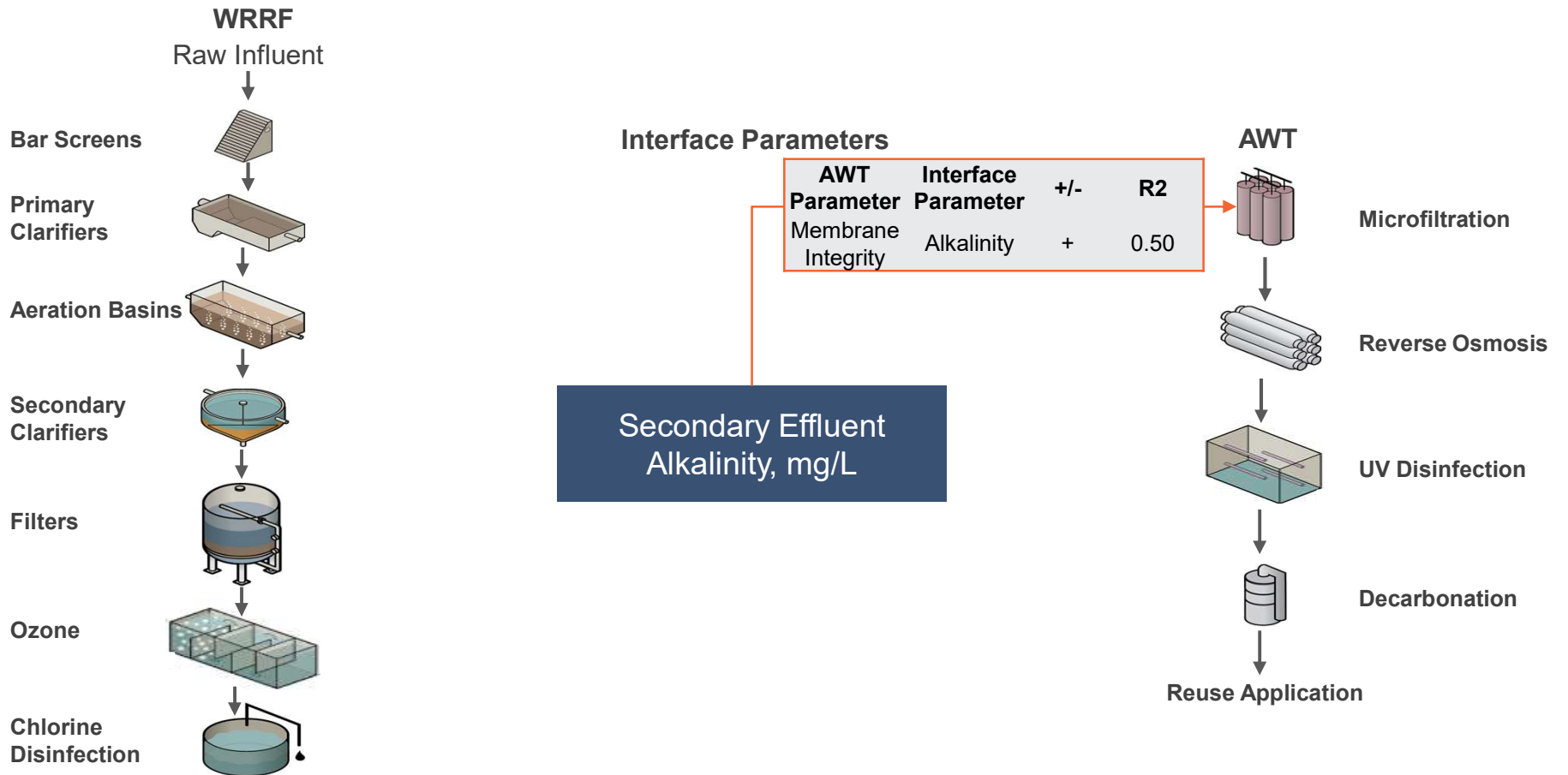
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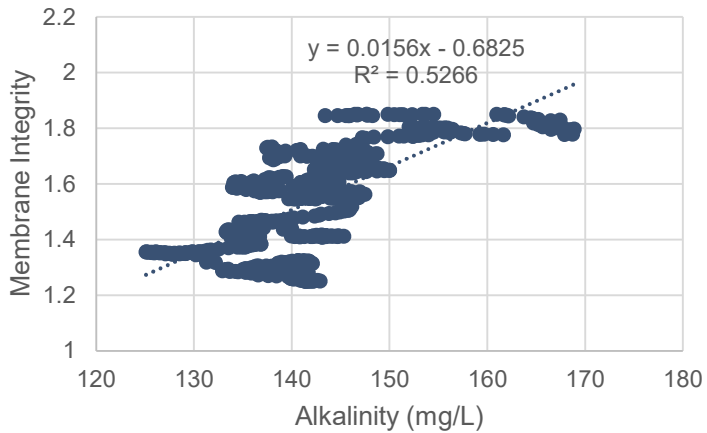
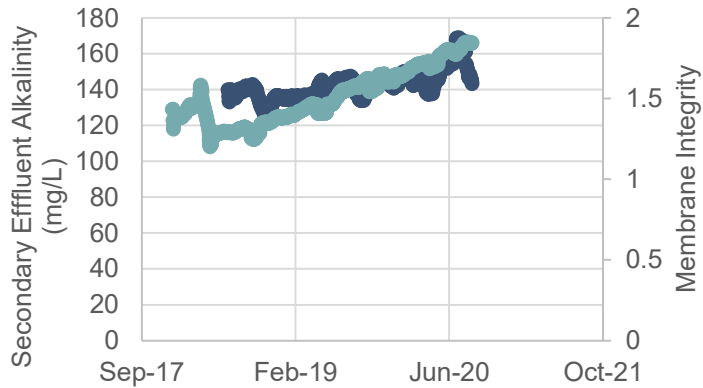
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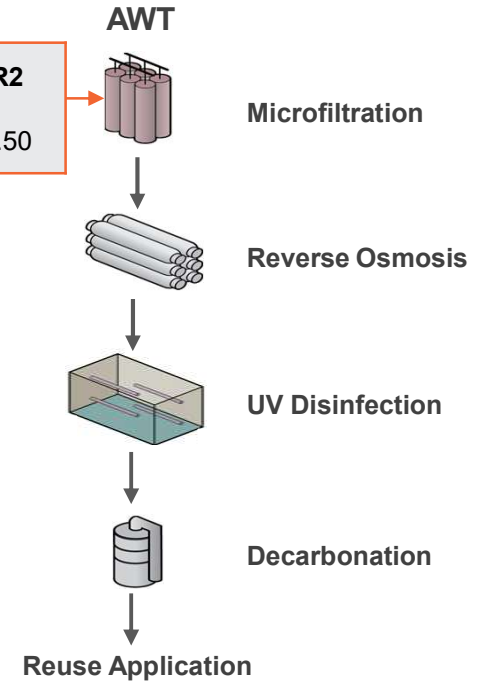
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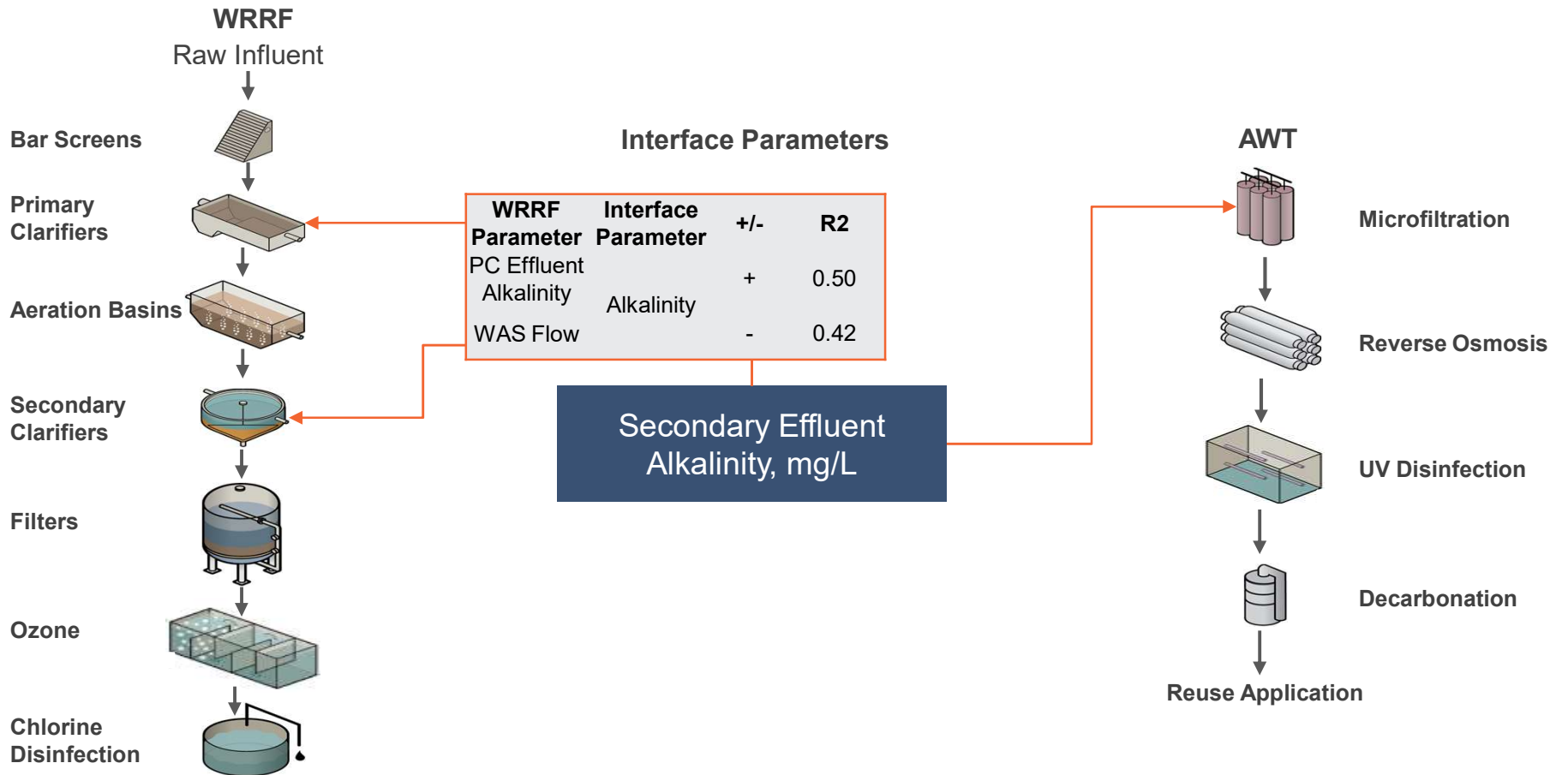
## Interface Parameters

AWT Parameter	Interface Parameter	+/-	R2
Membrane Integrity	Alkalinity	+	0.50

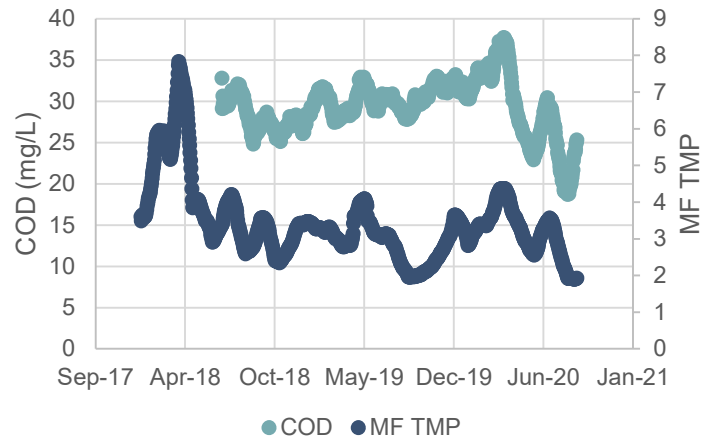
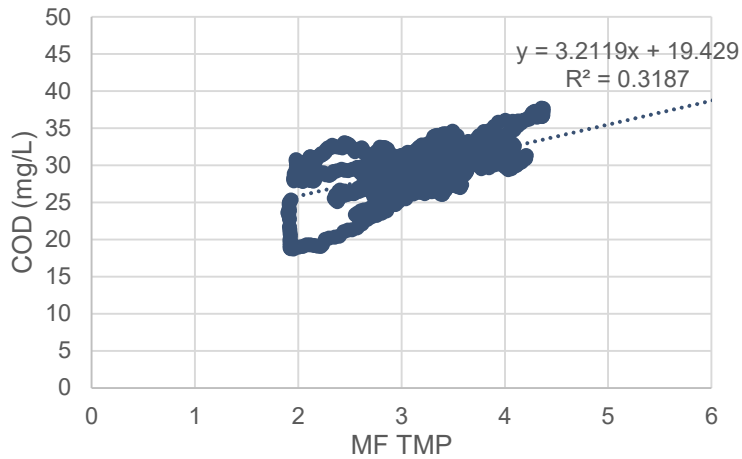
Secondary Effluent Alkalinity, mg/L



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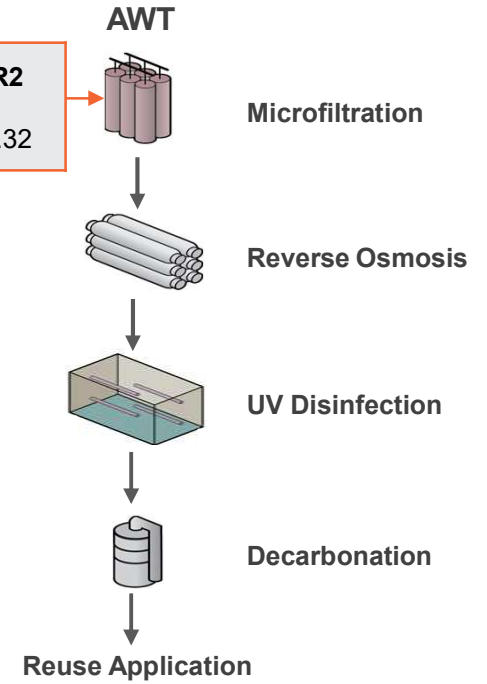
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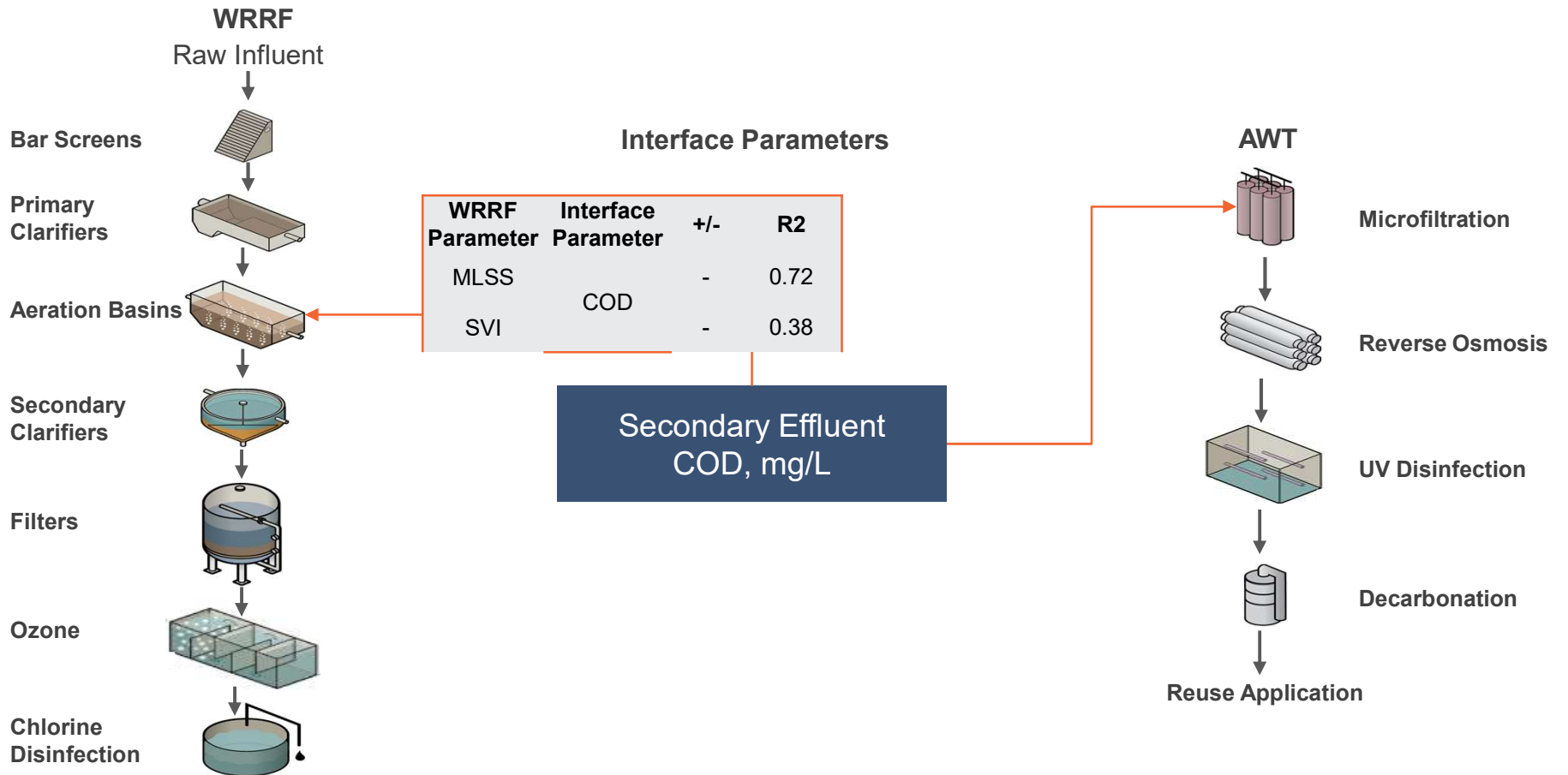
## Interface Parameters

AWT Parameter	Interface Parameter	+/-	R2
MF TMP	COD	+	0.32

Secondary Effluent  
COD, mg/L

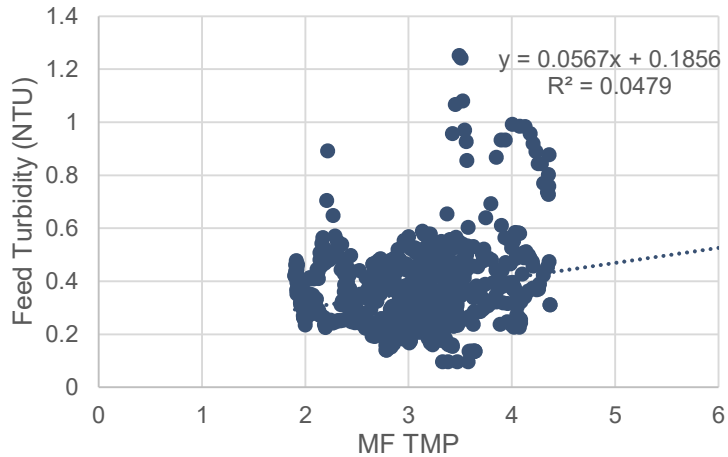


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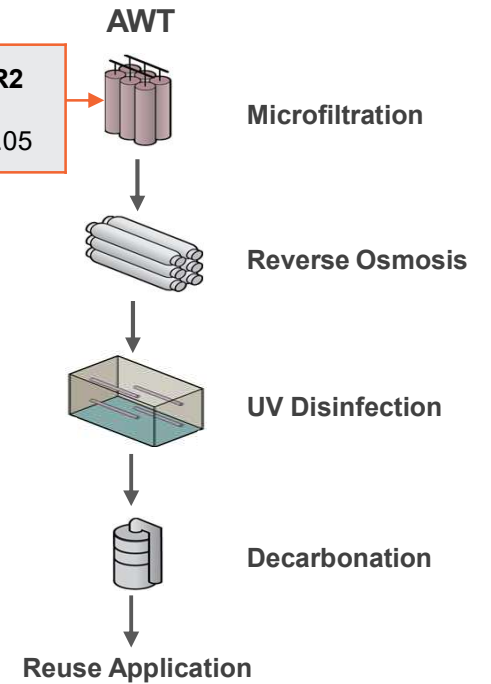
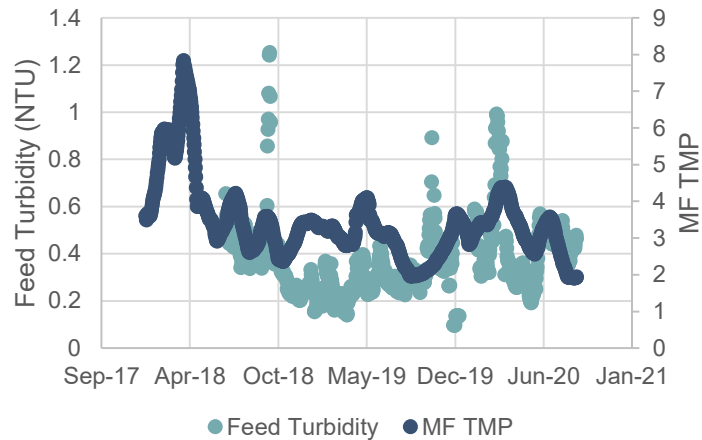
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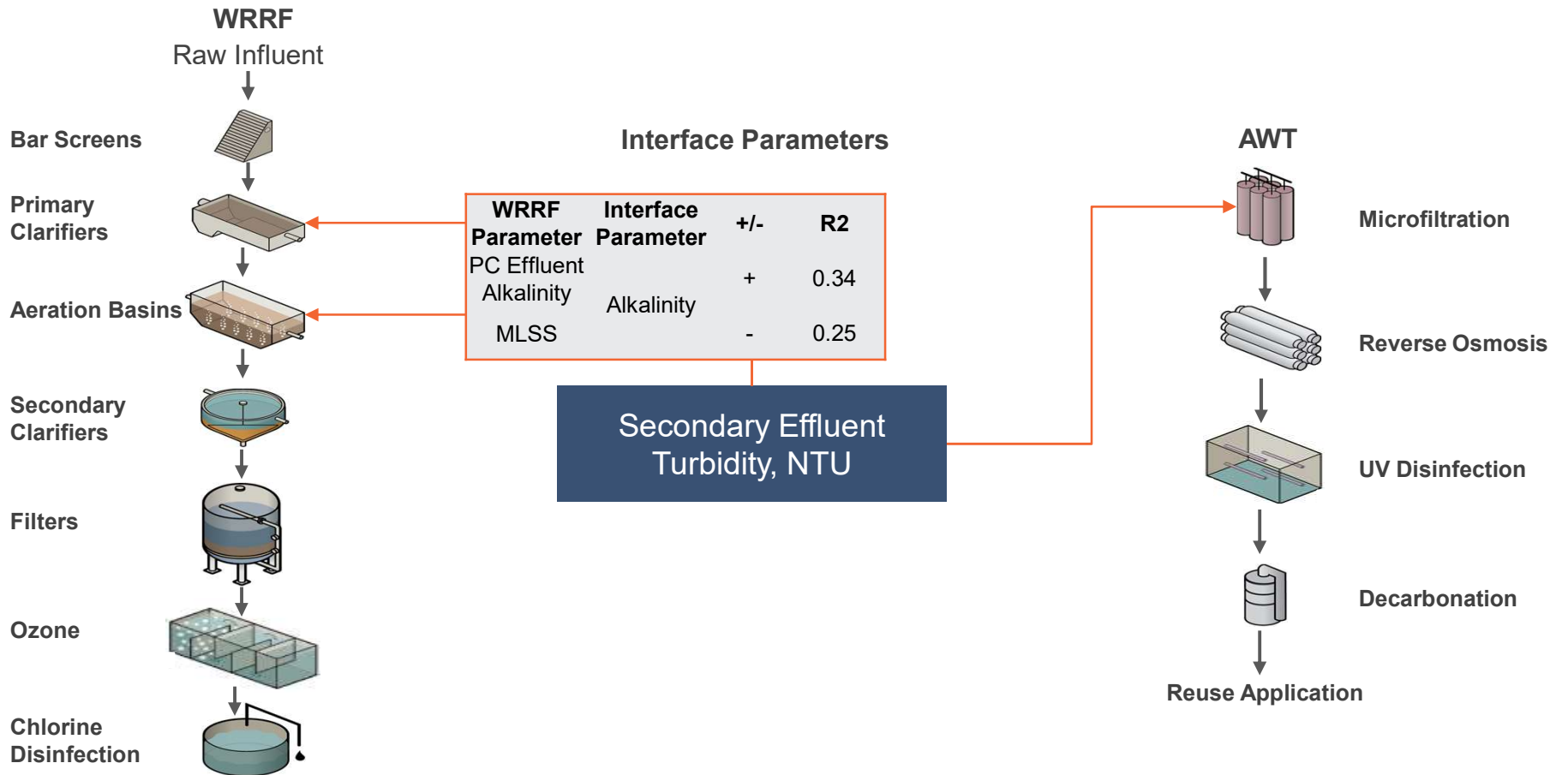
## Interface Parameters

AWT Parameter	Interface Parameter	+/-	R2
MF TMP	Turbidity	+	0.05

Secondary Effluent Turbidity, NTU



# Utility No. 4 Summary of Results



## Next Steps

1. Performing direct comparison between WRRF and AWT parameters (eliminating interface parameter step)
2. Evaluating and removing multi-collinearity effects between independent variables
  - Multi-collinearity produces less reliable probabilities
  - Statistical inferences from a model with multi-collinearity may be not dependable
3. Performing multi-linear regression analyses to develop predictive models for AWT performance

**Thank You!**

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## WRRF Recommendations

- Development of MLR analyses may be developed to estimate WRRF effluent quality that impacts downstream AWT performance
- Comparisons across utilities will be performed to identify similarities or if trends are site specific
- Recommendations to improve performance of key WRRF parameters will be developed
  - Monitoring
  - WRRF control/upgrades
  - AWT upgrades/controls

