



REGIONAL ADAPTIVE AND INTEGRATED NATURAL (RAIN) TREATMENT CENTER

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moulton niguel water district



Drinking-Water, Recycled Water, and Wastewater Treatment



Serve 170,000+ Customers in 6 Cities in South Orange County



7-Member Board of Directors



178 Employees



AAA Credit Rating from Fitch and S&P Global



Top Workplace OC & USA



Recognized Statewide and Nationally for Innovation, Environmental Stewardship, and Customer Service





















100% Imported Water



25% Demand Met by Recycled Water



Potable Water Supply System:

- 700 Miles of Pipelines
- 28 Storage Reservoirs
- 173 Million Gallons of Storage
- 30 Pump Stations
- 20 Pressure Reducing Stations



HISTORY OF WATER RECYCLING



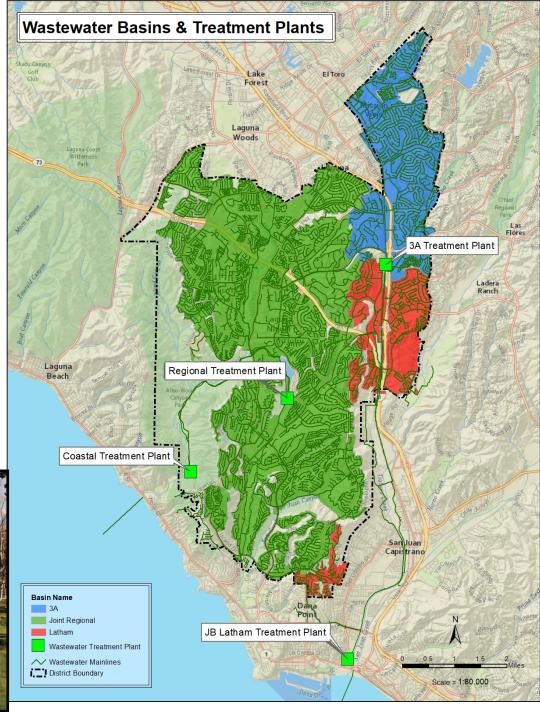
Moulton Niguel Began Recycling Water in 1968 - Just 8 Years After the District was Formed



Wastewater Treatment Plants – Title 22 Tertiary RW

- Plant 3A, Mission Viejo
- Regional Treatment Plant, Laguna Niguel





TODAY'S RECYCLED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM



150 Miles of Distribution Pipes



11 Storage Reservoirs

Near 19 MG Storage Capacity



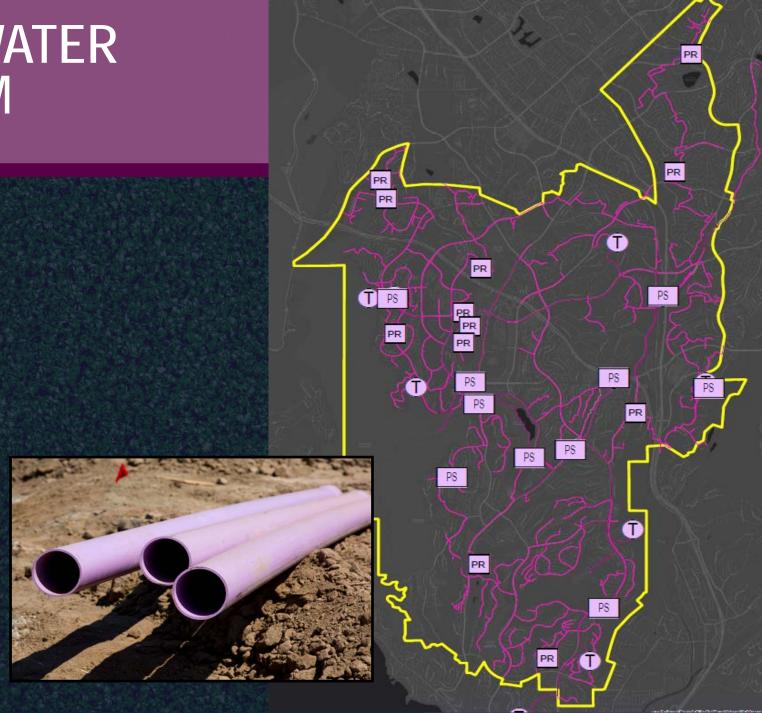
10 Pump Stations



13 Pressure Regulating Stations



16 Pressure Zones



RECYCLED WATER CUSTOMERS

25% of Local Water Demand Met Through Recycled Water & Used for Commercial Irrigation:

- Street medians
- Golf courses
- Grass & landscapes at parks, schools, HOAs, etc.
- 1,300+ customers

AMI Leak Detection

7 Million Gallons Daily Use

District Recycled Water System Nearly Built Out





DISTRICT'S REUSE INITIATIVES

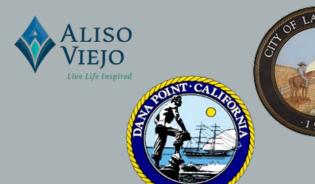


- 1 Maximize Wastewater Reuse for Water Recycling
- 2 Reduce Ocean Discharges of Treated Wastewater
- Optimize Wastewater Treatment Operations and Capacities
- Identify Opportunities for Regional Collaboration to Further Mutual Wastewater Efficiency and Recycling Goals
- 5 Improve Watershed Health Through Demand Management Actions

URBAN RUNOFF REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

- Partnership with County, Cities, NGOs
- Data Sharing, Program Development, and Community Outreach
- Reduce Runoff and Improve Watershed Health









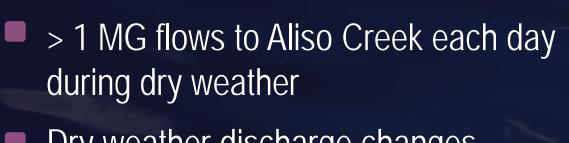


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LagunaBluebeltCoalition



URBAN RUNOFF POTENTIAL



- Dry weather discharge changes streamflow and transports pollutants
- Opportunity to augment local supply and increase watershed health

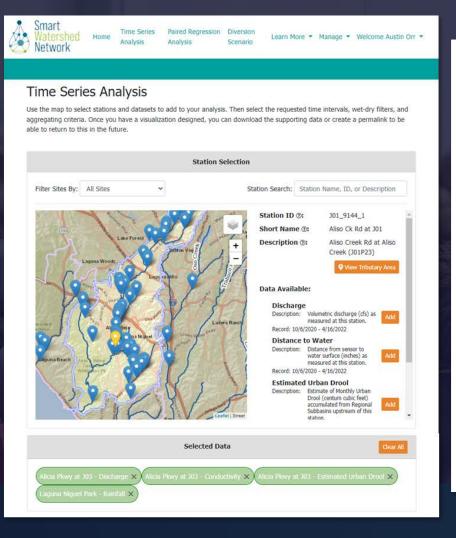
SMART WATERSHED NETWORK PILOT PROJECT

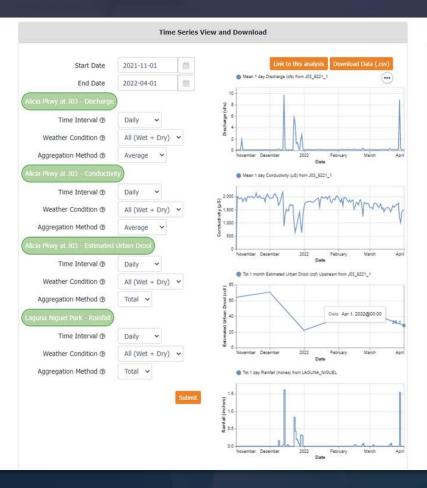
Primary Objective: Evaluate the sustainable use of urban runoff and stormwater as a potential water supply source



SMART WATERSHED NETWORK DASHBOARD

Input/Result	Scenario 1
Operating Rule	Dry only
Operating delay	48 hrs
Storage Volume	0
Diversion Rate	0.2 cfs
% of Inflow Diverted	23%
Approx. dry weather volume diverted, ac-ft	22
Approx. wet weather volume diverted, ac-ft	0
Approximate conductivity of diverted water, uS/cm	1800

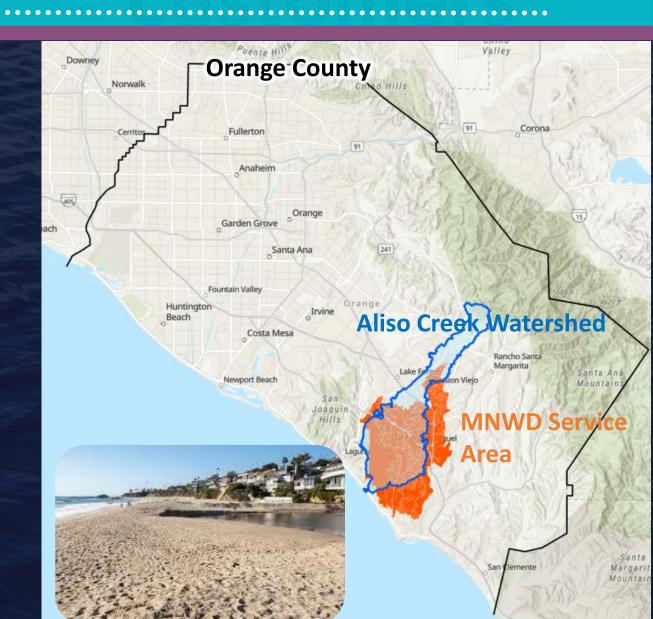




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MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECT:

- Aliso Creek Watershed Benefits
- New Local Water Supplies
- Watershed Education Center
- Regional Partnerships
- Promotion Of Water Efficiency Programs



RAIN TREATMENT CENTER

DRINKING WATER

Homes & Businesses

Indoor water used from homes and businesses flows to the District's Water Reclamation Plant







Advanced Water Treatment Plant

Cleaned water from the Regional Water Reclamation Plant would be further purified to drinking water standards and distributed to homes and businesses

Regional Water Reclamation Plant

Used indoor water is cleaned at the Regional Water Reclamation Plant and can be reused for non-potable uses or treated further for drinking water purposes

Recycled Water



*Potable Water = Drinking Water

RUNOFF DIVERSION RECYCLED WATER



Local Runoff & Stormwater

Urban runoff water and stormwater is collected from storm drains in the watershed to be reused



Lake Reservoir and Natural Treatment Center

Urban runoff and stormwater are temporarily stored in the Laguna Niguel Lake so that the water can be reused when demands are highest



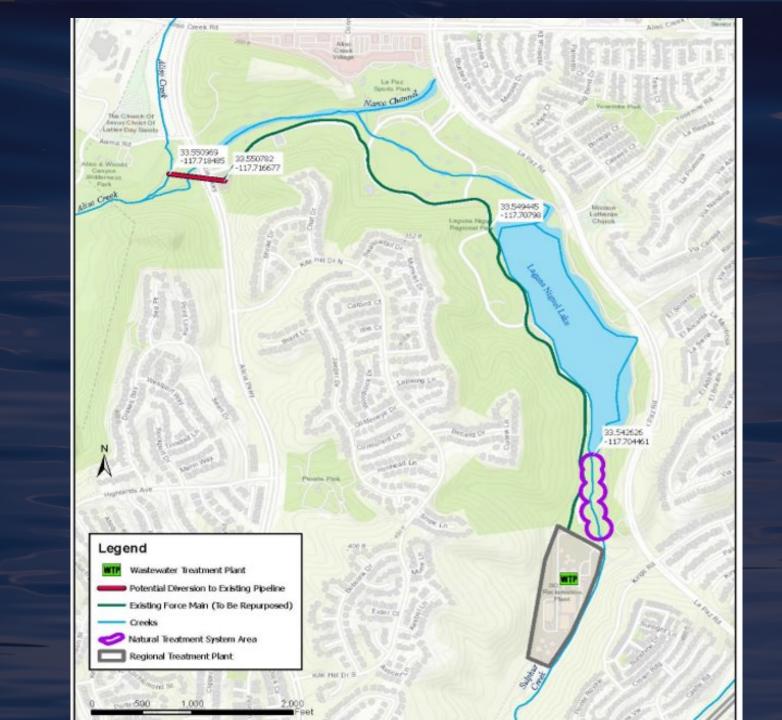
Non-potable Water Use (Irrigation)

Treated water from the Regional Water Reclamation Plant and the Lake Reservoir and Natural Treatment Center is sent to recycled water customers for outdoor irrigation use



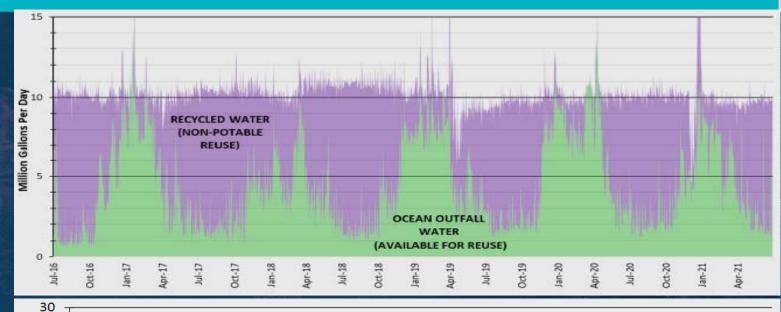
POTENTIAL PROJECT FACILITIES

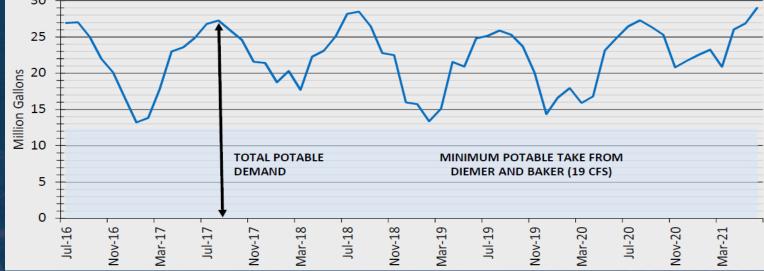
- •Runoff
 Diversion Structure
- •Repurpose Pipeline
- Natural
- **Treatment System**
- Direct Potable Reuse
- Education Center



DIRECT POTABLE REUSE (DPR) SUPPLY

- Wastewater Availability
- Seasonal Constraints





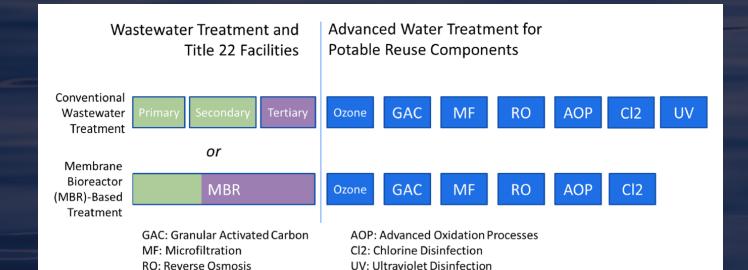
PATHWAYS FOR INCREASING DPR PLANT CAPACITY

- Recycled Water Supply Augmentation
- Seasonal Storage Optimization
- Recycled Water
 Demand Management



TREATMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Treated Water Augmentation
 - Treatment Options
 - Improved Instrumentation and Automation
 - Enhanced Source Control Program





WATER QUALITY MONITORING PLAN

- Aliso Creek
- Sulphur Creek
- Laguna Niguel Lake
- Regional Treatment Plant
- Title 22 Drinking Water and Recycled Water Regulations



PLANNING ACTIVITIES

- Grant Funding Opportunities
 - \$1.5M Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (FEMA)
- DPR Concept Study
- Demonstration Plant
- Runoff Diversion Study
- Water Quality Monitoring Plan
- Regional Partnerships
- Stakeholder Coordination and Outreach

THANK YOU!

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