





Building Local Groundwater Resiliency: High-Capacity Injection at Existing AWTF

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- Background
- Project Concept
- Project Implementation
- Lessons Learned
- Next Steps





### Overview/Objectives

- Review entire process for the successful installation of an injection well for groundwater recharge of advanced treated water
- WRD's engineering and hydrogeology groups collaboration on this multi-discipline project
- Overview on component of an injection well and equipment required for its functionality and standard operation
- Discuss both the design and drilling phases of the project





### **LOCAL WATER DEMANDS**



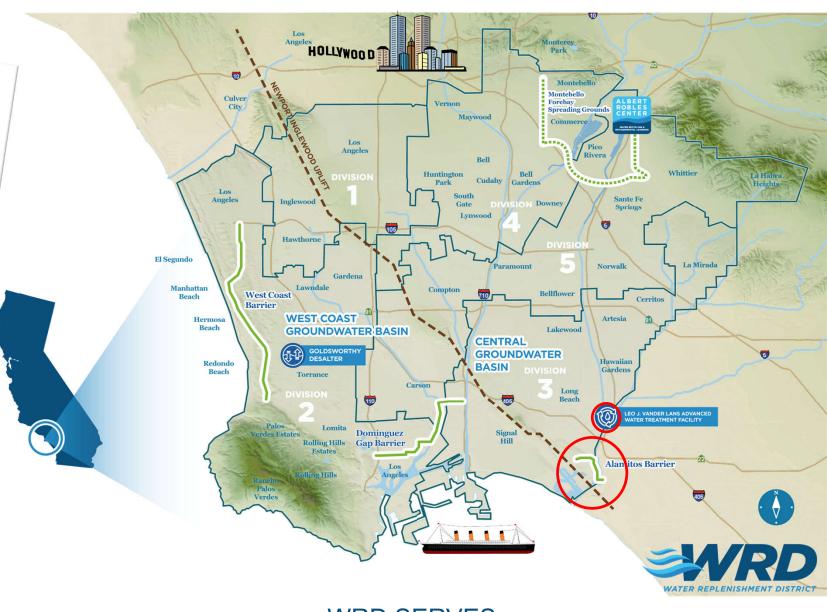
~ 50% supplied from groundwater wells



~ 50% supplied by imported water



WRD replenishes the groundwater basins that supply nearly 50% of demand



## WRD SERVES: 420 sq. miles, 43 cities, 4 million residents



### **Background – LVL AWTF**

- Originally built in 2003, expanded in 2014
- LVL Total Production Capacity = 8 MGD
- MF/RO/UVAOP advanced water treatment plant percwater



- Operated under contract and in partnership with Perc Water SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES
- Current source water from Long Beach Water Reclamation Plant under agreement with Long Beach Utilities
- Injection at Alamitos Seawater Intrusion Barrier (4-7 MGD)









### **Project Concept**

- LVL AWTF has additional capacity above existing Barrier demands
- New onsite high-capacity injection well to provide additional supply for improved *local groundwater resiliency*
- Injection well located on the LVL AWTF property with ~2 MGD capacity (goal)
- Two monitoring wells were installed for regulatory monitoring requirements
- Injection well will be fed from the existing LVL AWTF Product Water Pump Station (PWPS)





Before we could start the drilling project, we had several tasks to complete:

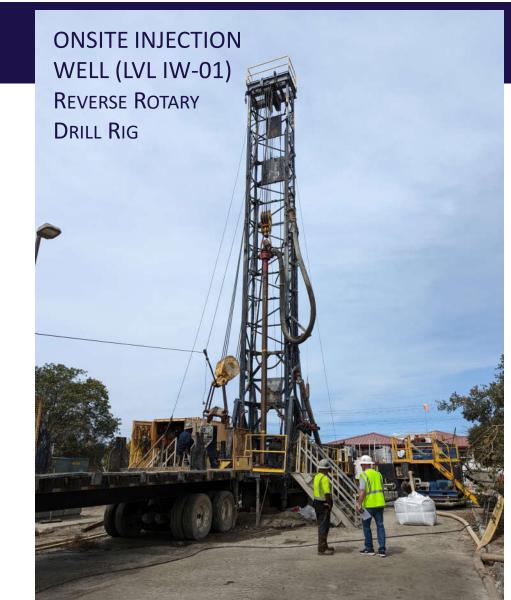
- Well Permits
- Off-site Well Access Agreement
- Temporary NPDES
  - Construction Produced & Aquifer Pump Test Water
- California Title 22 Permit
  - Engineering Report & Tracer Study Plan







- Drilling Test Borehole and Wells
  - Yellow Jacket Drilling Services
  - GEI/Intera Team
- Initial Testing and Evaluation
  - Go / No Go Decision
- Proposed Injection Well Design
- Well Construction
  - Injection Well (IW) and
  - 2 Monitoring Wells (MWs)
- Well Development & Testing

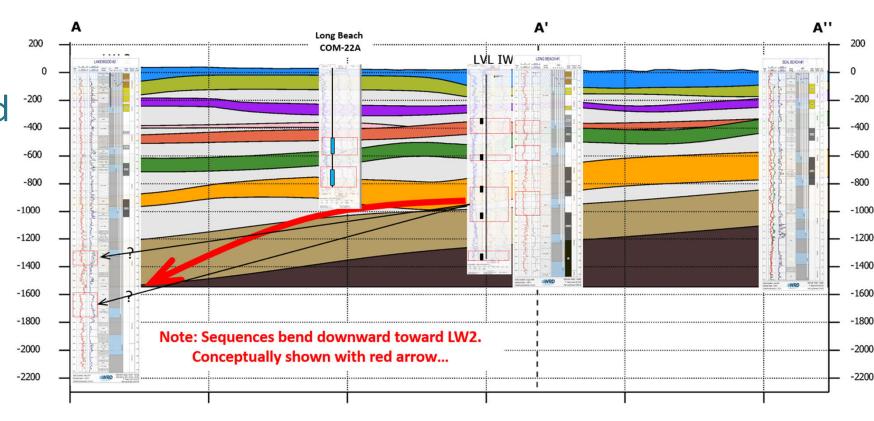


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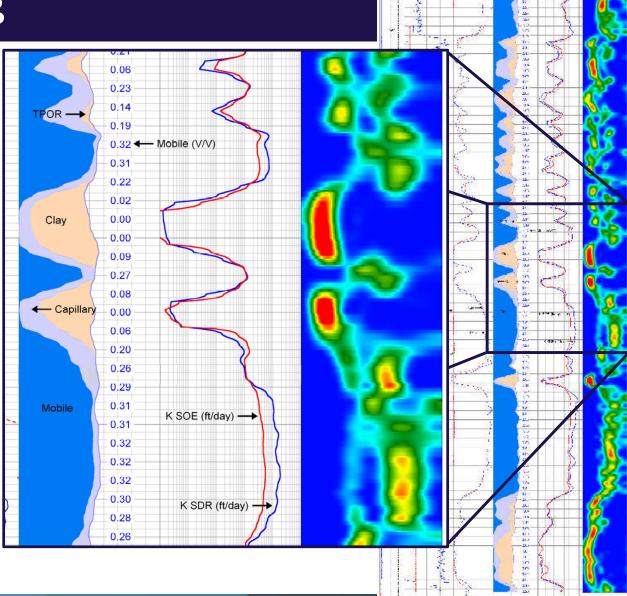




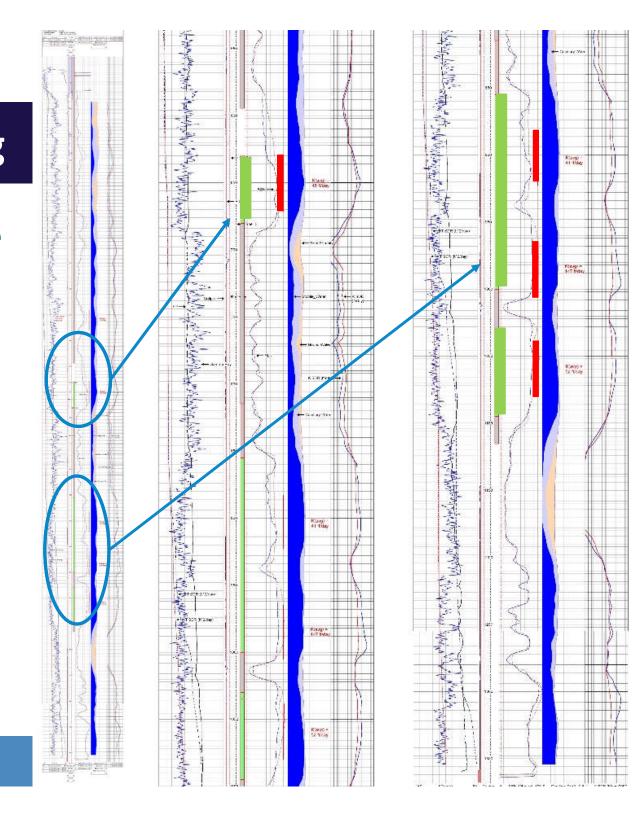
- Initial 16.5" Borehole
  - Began in April 2022
- Soil cuttings compared to surrounding wells
- TD at 1,360 ft bgs
- Prepared borehole for critical testing



- Go / No-Go Evaluation
   Lithology
  - Geophysical survey
    - Standard GP & Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)
  - Zone Testing
    - 6 Temporary Isolated Zones
  - Falling Head Test results indicated
     K<sub>avg</sub> values ranged from 41-175 ft/day.
  - Suggested a production well could yield between 2,500<sub>low</sub> – 3,000<sub>avg</sub> gpm
  - Assuming injection @ 60% of production, we would need 2,300 gpm to provide the targeted 2 mgd (1,389 gpm)

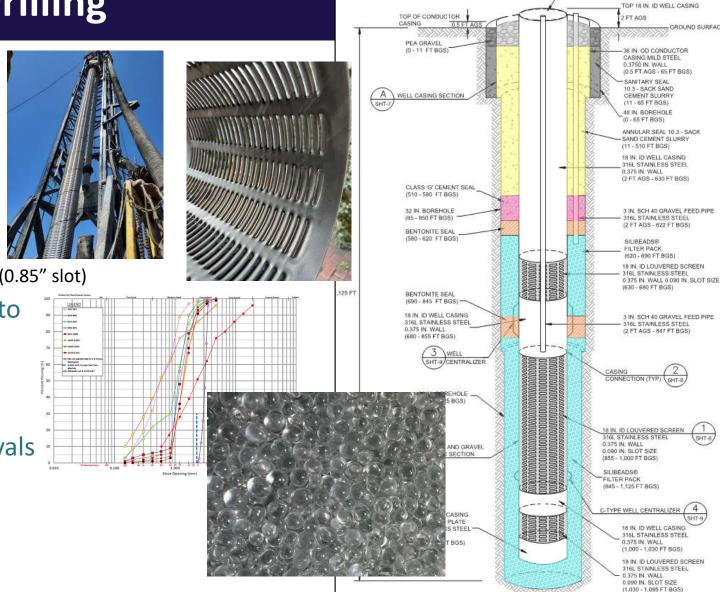


- Lithologic & GP logging indicated the best zones to injection into were the Lynwood & Silverado Aquifers
- Based on the presence low permeability zones and the results from zone testing, multiple screen intervals would be needed to maximize injection
- In June 2022, three screen intervals were proposed.





- Well Construction
  - Injection Well TD = 1,125 feet
    - 36" conductor casing; 0'-60'
    - 32" borehole; 60'-850'
    - 28" borehole; 850'-1,125'
    - 316L SS blank casing
    - 316L SS RoscoeMoss FulFlo louvered screen (0.85" slot)
  - Screened at three separate intervals to target two regional aquifers
  - Sigmund Lindner (SiLi) glass beads
    - Type S, 2.5-3.5 mm
  - Bentonite pellets; ~40' & ~150' intervals
  - Class 'G' cement (Halliburton); ~150'
  - 10.3-sack sand-cement slurry; ~420'
  - Pea gravel; ~10'

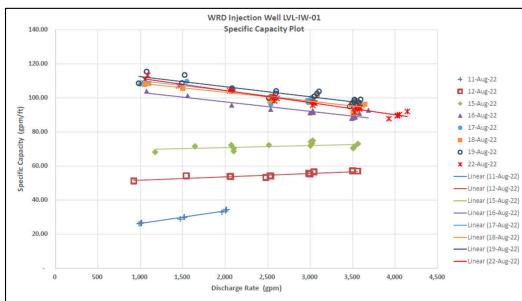




- Well Development & Testing
  - Used a high NaOCl dosing (1,500 ppm) to break up residual drilling mud.
  - Over 100 hours spent on mechanical & chemical development
  - 8 phases of pump development were used ranging from 900 gpm to 4,200 gpm
  - Rossum Sand Tester was used to monitor sand production throughout pump development
    - Sand production was minimized with pumping <3,000 gpm</li>
- Final aquifer testing on this injection well was completed in Sept. 2022; SC = 100 gpm/ft
- Goal design for injection up to 3 MGD (2,080 gpm)
  - Short term weekly backflushing at 3,000 gpm











### **Project Implementation- Engineering**

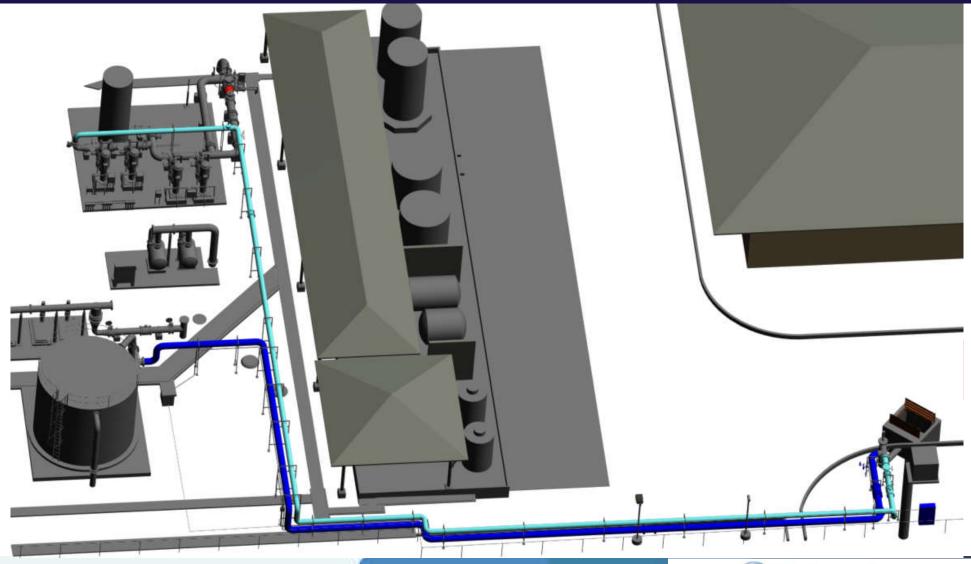
- PWPS to Injection Well
  - 280-linear feet of 12-inch diameter stainless steel pipeline
- Backflush System
  - 225-linear feet of 16-inch diameter stainless steel pipeline
  - Water quality analyzers
  - Well backflush submersible pump
- Well Components
  - 3R injection control valve
  - Wellhead connections
  - Well vault
- Electrical Improvements
- Programming







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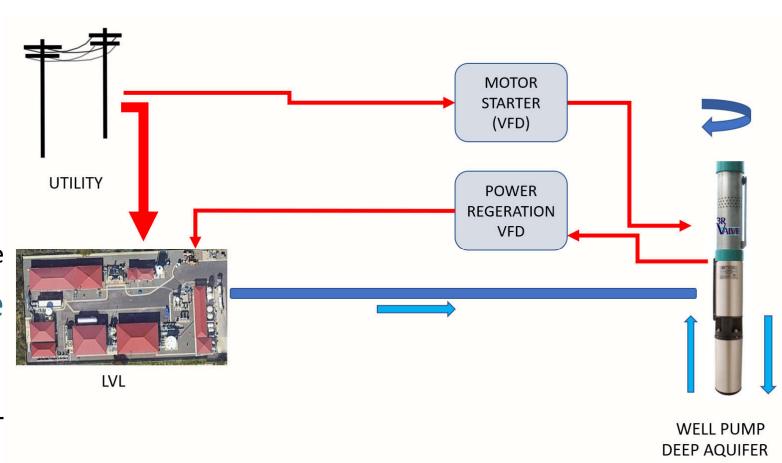


### **Project Implementation- Engineering**

- Downhole components
  - Submersible Pump
  - 3R Valve



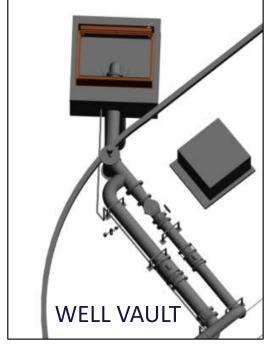
- Energy recovery
  - Small modifications to Pump
  - Add a Power Regeneration Drive
- Power will be added to the onsite power grid
  - Estimated at up to 10% of electricity demand





### **Lessons Learned**

- Construction (Drilling)
- Development
- Equipping work is more complicated than initially budgeted or scheduled
  - Backflush discharge location
  - Permanent NPDES Requirements







### **Next Steps**

- Regulatory approval for the use of this injection well Q1 2024
- Injection well feed piping/backflush equipment installed Q1 2024
- Final well development prepare well for injection Q1 2024
  - Radial Injection Surge Development (RISD)
- Tracer Study & Injection Cycle Testing complete Q3/Q4 2024

High-capacity injection well will help to maximize recycled water usage and increase local groundwater resiliency









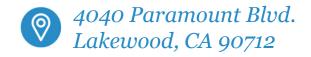
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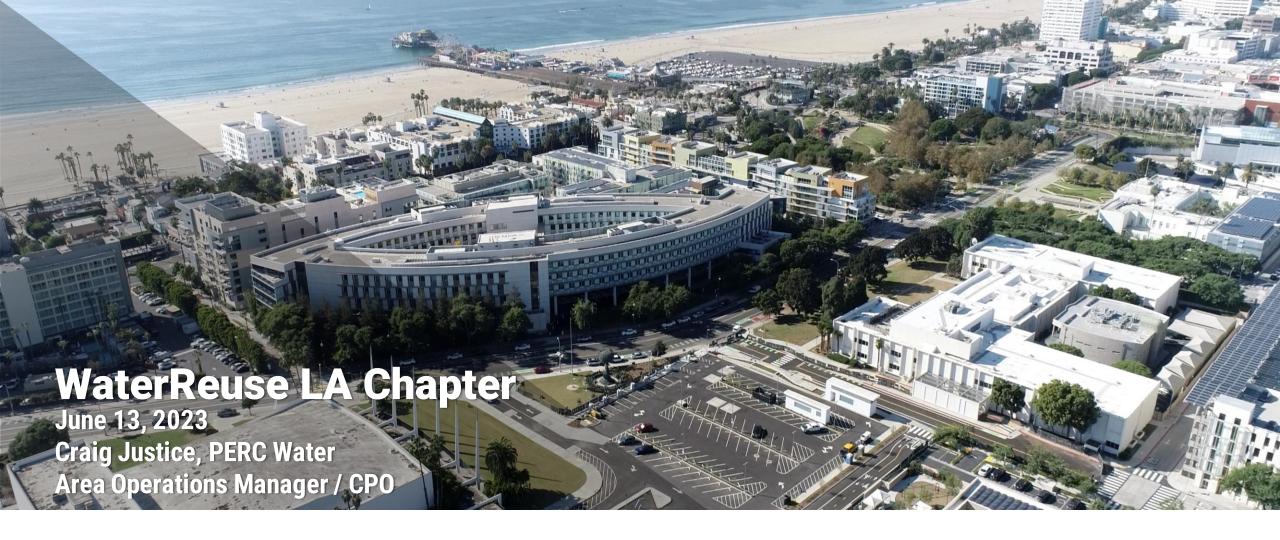
















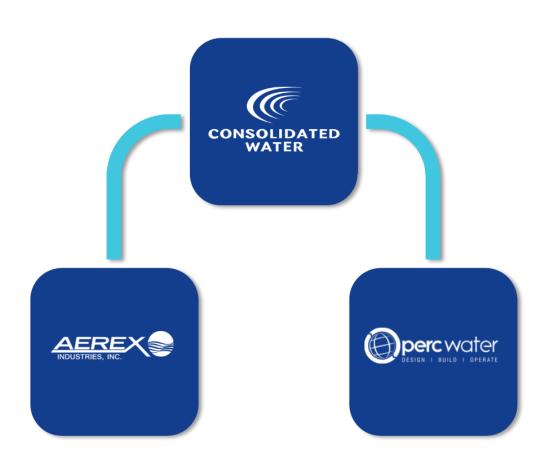
## SUBSIDIARIES



- ✓ leading water infrastructure company that designs, builds, and operates water infrastructure throughout the U.S.
- ✓ CWCO Acquired remaining interest in January 2023



- ✓ OEM & service provider of a wide range of products and services applicable to water treatment
- ✓ CWCO Acquired remaining interest in January 2020



## CWCO installed their first desalination plant in 1989 in Grand Cayman



### Largest sea water reverse osmosis plant in Bahamas

#### By BRENT DEAN

A NEW \$29 million reverse osmosis plant was officially commissioned yesterday at the Baillou Hill Road water plant.

The plant, which is the largest sea water reverse osmosis desalination facility in the Bahamas, has a production capacity of 7.2 million US gallons of drinking water per day, with a minimum production level of 6 million US gallons of potable water a day.

The plant is hurricane proof, with the capacity to withstand winds of up to 150 miles an hour, and is accompanied by a generator that will ensure the continuation of service in the event of prolonged power out-

Works Minister Bradley Roberts stated that the addition of this plant, and the further expansion of the water works system in New Providence, will soon bring to an end the barging of water from Andros.

Mr Roberts also noted that the plant will increase overall output of the water system to 9.8 million imperial gallons per day, with an overall production capacity of 12 million imperial gallons per day.

New reverse osmosis plants are also in preparation for the northern, south-western and eastern portions of New Providence, according to Mr Roberts.

Mr Roberts noted that currently the water and sewerage corporation serves 30 per cent of residents and hotels in New Providence. He advised those not connected to the water system to reconnect – to preserve the ground water system and to avoid health problems that may result from consumption of polluted groundwater sources.

The Prime Minister commended Mr Roberts for all of his efforts as the minister of works.

The Prime Minister also said that Mr Roberts will be demitting office at the end of this term, which officially ends speculation as to whether or not he will return to active politics

Mr Christie said that the expanded water facility is an effort to invest in the future of the country and is a part of the planned transformation of the Bahamas by his government.

In addition to the construction of the plant, Consolidated Water has also provided technical expertise and equipment that has led to a reduction of water loss by 1.2 million gallons a day.

In addition to the Baillou Hill Road plant, the company also operates a 2.6 million US gallon per day plant at Windsor Field, along with a 115,000 US gallon per day plant in South Bimini.

Consolidated Water is a company that originated in the Cayman Islands, and is publicly listed on the NASDAQ and the BISX.



## ALBERT ROBLES CENTER AWTF PICO RIVERA, CA



- ✓ ARC supports a locally sustainable water supply that meets 50% of the water demand for over 4 million residents in WRD's Los Angeles County service area
- ✓ purifies approximately 3.25 billion gallons of tertiary treated water annually to near-distilled levels
- ✓ PERC was part of the DB Team & has operated the AWTF since completion

- ✓ 15 MGD
- ✓ Groundwater Recharge
- ✓ UF trains directly coupled to a RO system, & industry first UVAOP system utilizing sodium hypochlorite

### LEO J. VANDER LANS AWTF LONG BEACH, CA



- ✓ Built in 2003, Expanded in 2014, PERC took over operations in 2020
- ✓ Delivers advanced treated water to the Alamitos Barrier, playing a vital role in the Central Groundwater Basin

- ✓ 8 MGD MF/RO
- ✓ Groundwater Replenishment
- ✓ Disinfection with Advanced Oxidation

### SUSTAINABLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT SANTA MONICA, CA



- ✓ 'SWIP' helps secure Santa Monica's water future by **leveraging existing infrastructure & linking together new reuse elements**
- ✓ SWIP comprised of 1 MGD AWTF, 1.5 MG Stormwater Tank & Upgrades to Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility
- ✓ RO/UVAOP Treatment Processes
- ✓ PERC led PDB Design Team and will operate the facility upon completion

### SUSTAINABLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT SANTA MONICA, CA



#### INDUSTRY FIRSTS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SWIP

- ✓ 1st facility to combine treatment for stormwater and wastewater for groundwater recharge
- ✓ 1st stormwater treatment system for direct groundwater injection
- ✓ 1st completely underground advanced treatment facility
- ✓ 1st advanced treatment facility to get pathogen credits for the MBR and cartridge filters

## SARIVAL WRF GOODYEAR, AZ



- ✓ Liberty Utilities partnered with PERC Water to design and build the new Sarival Water Reclamation Facility
- ✓ Broke ground in Summer 2022. The Facility is scheduled to begin operations in 2024

- √ 4.0 MGD Capacity
- ✓ Membrane Bioreactor (MBR)
- ✓ ADEQ Title 18 Class A+ Effluent
- ✓ Groundwater replenishment

## PACIFIC GROVE WRF PACIFIC GROVE, CA



- ✓ Design, Built and Operated by PERC Water
- ✓ Eliminated potable water dependency for golf course and other irrigation

- ✓ CA SRF Loan
- ✓ Noise & odor controls with architectural design, reducing visual impact

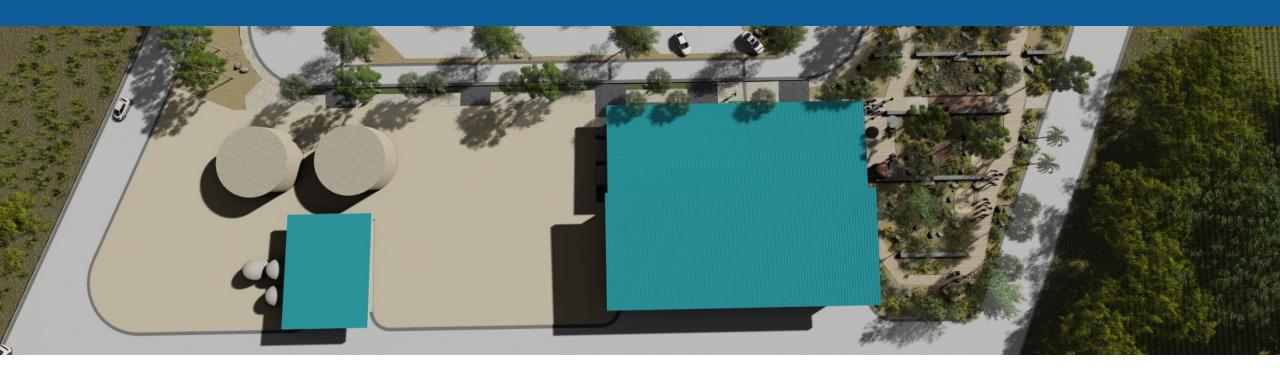
### LAKE PARK WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM LOS ANGELES, CA



- ✓ System consists of multiple packaged treatment processes
- ✓ Removes ammonia and further treats recycled water received from West Basin Water District

- ✓ System Commissioning and Startup
- ✓ Operations & Maintenance

### KALAELOA SEWATER DESALINATION FACILITY KAPOLEI, HI



- ✓ Awarded contract in 2023 to design, pilot test, permit, construct, start-up, test, and operate and maintain the Project for 20 years
- ✓ Provides drought-proof, high quality local water supply that is environmentally sustainable

- $\checkmark$  1.7 MGD, expandable to 5
- ✓ Seawater Reverse Osmosis

## **Contact PERC Water Corporation**



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# WateReuse California LA Chapter Meeting



June 13, 2023 Legislation & Regulation Update

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## 2023 California Legislative Calendar

- Jan. 1 Statutes take effect
- Jan. 4 Legislature reconvenes
- Jan. 10 Governor submits budget to Legislature
- Feb. 17 Last day for bills to be introduced
- Apr. 28 Last day policy comm. to report fiscal bills
- May 5 Last day fiscal comm. to report fiscal bills
- June 2 Last day for bills to pass house of origin
- June 15
  Last day to pass budget
- Sept. 14 Last day for any bill to be passed
- Oct. 14 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills
- See: <a href="http://assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines">http://assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines</a>

## 2023 Water Legislation Introduced

- SB 366 (Caballero): The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets;
   WRCA = Support
- SB 745 (Cortese) Drought Resistant Building Standards;WRCA = O/A
- AB 682 (Mathis): SWRCB: online search tool: funding applications;
  WRCA = Support
- AB 1572 (Friedman): Potable water: nonfunctional turf; WRCA = Watch
- AB 1573 (Friedman): Water Conservation: Landscape Design: model ordinances; WRCA = Watch
- https://watereuse.org/sections/watereuse-california/legislativeregulatory-committee/
- https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml?session\_year=20232024&keyword=water%20recycling&house=Both&author=All&lawCode=All

## California Budget

- Budget due by June 15th
- Estimated Budget deficit of ~\$9B for FY 23/24

- May Revise proposes to shift \$270 million in budget for recycled water to water bond(s)
- WRCA comment letter request \$1.8B in Bonds

Budget Trailor Bill with new RW fee

# Regulatory Update

- Direct Potable Reuse Regulations
  - SWRCB to adopt regulations by December 31, 2023
  - Expect updated draft and Formal Rule making to begin in Summer 2023 https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/dpr-criteria-panel.html
- Water Use Efficiency Regulations
  - Formal Rule making to begin in June 2023.
  - Includes potential Potable Reuse Bonus Incentive up to 15% <a href="https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/2018-Water-Conservation-Legislation/Urban-Water-Use-Efficiency-Standards-Variances-and-Performance-Measures">https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/2018-Water-Conservation-Legislation/Urban-Water-Use-Efficiency-Standards-Variances-and-Performance-Measures</a>
- On-Site Treatment & Reuse of Non-Potable Water
  - SWRCB over due to adopt regulations by December 1, 2022
  - SWRCB rulemaking process: Expected to begin in Summer 2023 <a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/onsite\_nonpotable\_reuse\_regulations.html">https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/onsite\_nonpotable\_reuse\_regulations.html</a>
- Cross Connection Control Handbook
  - Allows swivel ell as a change over device; Board Adoption Meeting: TBD <a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/cccph.html">https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/cccph.html</a>

# Local, State and Federal Funding Opportunities

WATEREUSE Local, State and Federal Funding Opportunities (1) APRIL 2023									
PROGRAM	Total allocation	Funding available this Round	Purpose	Eligible Projects	Status	Anticipated Timeline	Notes		
MWD On-Site Retrofit Program (OSRP) * *only MWD members are eligible for this funding	\$2M per year	\$195/acre- foot over 10 years.	Provides financial incentives directly to customers	Public and private owners to convert potable water irrigation or industrial water systems to utilize recycled water.	SOLICITATION OPEN	First come first serve basis starting 7/1 through 6/30 or until funds are exhausted.	Contact: Jessica Arm, Associate Resource Specialist jarm@mwdh2o.co m http://www.bewat erwise.com/on- site-retrofit- program.html		
MWD Local Resource Program (LRP)*  *only MWD members are eligible for this funding			Provides financial incentives for the development of water recycling, groundwater recovery, and seawater desalination projects.	Projects can include:  • Water recycling • Groundwater recovery • Seawater desalination Three incentive payment options: • Sliding scale incentives up to \$340/AF over 25 years, • Sliding scale incentives up to \$475/AF over 15 years, or • Fixed incentive up to \$305/AF over 25 years.	SOLICITATION OPEN	First come first serve basis starting 7/1 through 6/30 or until funds are exhausted.	Contact: Nadia Hardjadinata Resource Specialist nhardjadinata@m wdh2o.com http://www.mwdh 2o.com/AboutYour Water/Planning/Fu nding- Programs/Local- Resource-Program- Funding		
Water Savings Incentive Program			Open to all commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional and large Landscape customers	Project examples:  Replacement of older, less water-efficient equipment,  Comprehensive changes to industrial processes that reduce water consumption,  Improvements to existing irrigation systems and landscaping to improve water use efficiency.	SOLICITATION OPEN	Payment amount is u gallons saved per ye- live, up to a maximu are limited to 50% of costs	m of 10%. Incentives		

- https://watereuse.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Summary-of-Funding-Opportunities-as-of-04-01-23.pdf
- CWSRF/DWSRF Funding- IUP comments due before June 20, 2023

# Federal Update

- FY23 Appropriations
- Large Scale Water Recycling program
  - Draft guidance on Feasibility Studies released
  - Funding for Feasibility Studies expected by Summer
- Alternative Water Supply program
  - Letter requesting additional funding
- BABAA Waivers
  - Request additional waivers
- PFAS
  - WRA submitted comment letter
  - EPA Public comments period extended

# Questions?

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Last Board of Trustees Meeting: May 12, 2023



#### **Funding Opportunities**

- Able to maintain existing recycled water grant funding (\$270 Million), with the growing state budget deficit
  - WRCA developed coalition letter to support the budget funding request
- Climate bond measures asking for \$1.5B for recycled water funding, both potable and nonpotable

#### Information from 5/12/23 Mtg

- Continuation of Water Recycling Funding Contract
- Report From Conference Committee Venue discussion



Last Board of Trustees Meeting: May 12, 2023



#### **California Validation Guidebook Project Contribution**

- National Water Research Institute (NWRI) Facilitated Effort
  - Recommendation to increase contribution to \$10k, from \$5,k \$125k total cost
  - Effort to develop guide for project in the permitting phase on DDW's process for log removal credits
  - Motion to increase contribution to \$10k Approved by Board
  - \$80k total contributions to date





- June 15<sup>th</sup> Registration (early bird)
- All reservations must be made by October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to ensure the special conference room rate
- Conference volunteers needed to help staff event and update LA
   Chapter Poster for the 2023 conference in Indian Wells







#### **Submit an Abstract Today!**

- Present your project, research, or findings to an audience of California's leading water reuse practitioners
- If not a California-based topic, abstracts should include detail about how the topic relates to California reuse





### 2023 Call For Presentations



**Reimaging Water Together** 

Schedule and Technical Program are currently being continually updated



### LA Chapter Update

- Emerging Professionals Committee
   Chair: Seto Cherchian
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- ➤ Communications Lead

   Chair: Oliver Slosser

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- Awards ChampionChair: Everett Fergusoneferguson@wrd.org
- Technical Topics CommitteeChair: Alex Franchi

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- ➤ Call for Conference Volunteers
- Send email to Debbie Armstrong darmstrong@watereuse.org



#### Submit an Award Nomination

Deadline: August 15, 2023

Each year, WateReuse California recognizes agencies, customers, and individuals that have demonstrated exceptional leadership in advancing water recycling in California. The awards will be presented at the 2023 WateReuse California Conference, November 5-7 in Indian Wells. We invite you to nominate leaders advancing the practice of water reuse in California!

The award categories are:

- Bahman Sheikh Award for Vision in Water Reuse
- Recycled Water Agency of the Year (Small, Medium, and Large)
- Recycled Water Outreach/Education Program of the Year
- Recycled Water Advocate of the Year
- Recycled Water Customer of the Year (North and South)
- Recycled Water Staff Person of the Year

#### Submit a Nomination!

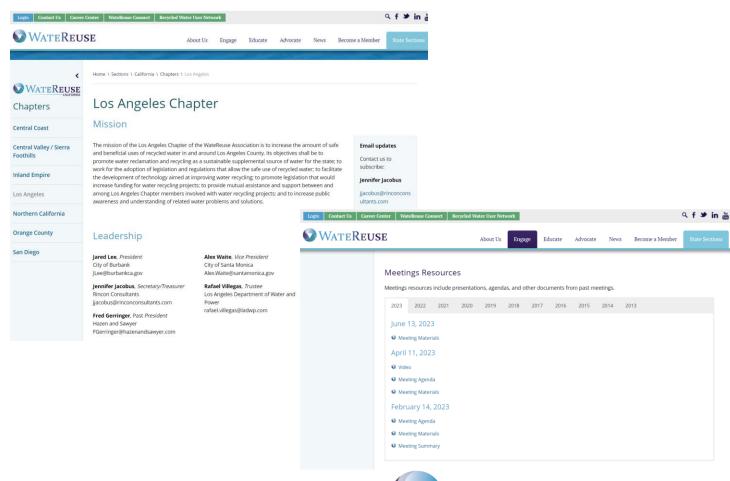
#### Reminder: Abstracts due July 28, 2023

Submit your abstract today and present your project, research, or findings to an audience of California's leading water reuse practitioners! WateReuse California encourages submissions from presenters which include a diversity of voices including water and wastewater utility representation, especially from small utilities, young professionals, and graduate students. If not a California-based topic, abstracts should include detail about how the topic relates to California reuse.

Call for Abstracts

# LA Chapter Update

- ➤ WateReuse LA Chapter Website
  - Meeting Materials (Agenda, Presentation)
  - Meeting Summaries and Zoom Video Recordings
- ➤ Meeting Summary April 2023
  - Thank you Karina Gonzalez,
     LA Sanitation & Environment





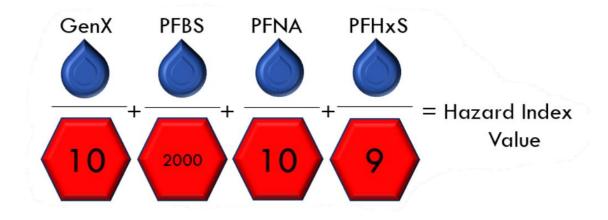
# Membership Roundtable

#### **EPA's Proposed Action for the PFAS NPDWR**

Compound	Proposed MCLG	Proposed MCL (enforceable levels)	
PFOA	0 ppt*	4.0 ppt*	
PFOS	0 ppt*	4.0 ppt*	
PFNA			
PFHxS	1.0 (unitless)	1.0 (unitless)	
PFBS	Hazard Index	Hazard Index	
HFPO-DA (commonly referred to as GenX Chemicals)			

How does the proposed action affect your recycled water system?

What actions are you taking to mitigate PFAS contamination at the source and within the fenceline?





### **Next Meetings**

- ➤ Tuesday, August 8, 2023:
  - Host: Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
  - Sponsor: Brown & Caldwell
- ➤ Tuesday, October 10, 2023:
  - Host opportunity
  - Sponsorship opportunity

