

# 2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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## WRCA SECURES \$459.75 MILLION IN CLIMATE BOND AND STATE BUDGET FUNDING

After multiple years of advocacy in trying to pass a California climate bond, WaterReuse California (WRCA) efforts paid off by securing **\$386.25 million for recycled water/potable reuse grants** in the initiative. Now Proposition 4, the bond is a \$10 billion measure that funds a wide variety of climate and environmental projects. Prop. 4 will be on the November 2024 ballot. As Prop. 4 was not a water bond, securing this level of funding for water recycling/potable reuse required a major legislative effort that included advocacy and coalition building. In another major win for WRCA, the bond requires the Water Board to adopt new grant funding guidelines for large-scale water recycling projects—essential for the many large planned potable reuse projects in California.

Despite a major deficit, the final state budget for 2024/25 included **\$73.5 million for recycled water projects**, largely due to the strong advocacy efforts of WRCA. If Prop. 4 passes in November, this will make a total of \$459.75 million that will go towards critical recycled water and potable reuse projects in California.



## DPR REGULATIONS RECEIVE FINAL APPROVAL

After 12 years of advocacy by WRCA, the State Water Resources Control Board approved the Direct Potable Reuse regulations in December 2023. This summer the Office of Administrative Law approved these regulations without any changes. The DPR regulations will take effect October 1.



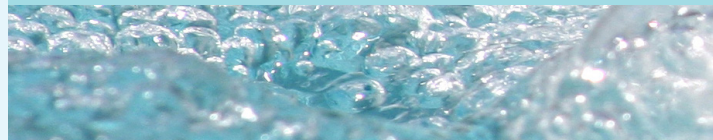
## RENEW YOUR WATERREUSE CALIFORNIA MEMBERSHIP TODAY

California is on the forefront of policy and innovative water reuse projects in the United States. WRCA is the leading organization driving the reuse policy agenda, advocating for state funding opportunities and providing many forums to build relationships within California's growing water reuse community. Renew your membership today to help keep the momentum going in California.



## 2025 WRCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SAN DIEGO | SEPT. 7-9

The WRCA annual conference provides another great opportunity to learn, engage and build lasting relationships in the reuse community. Participants learn from numerous technical sessions and panels on the most pressing reuse issues, and enjoy tours, networking opportunities, and industry celebrations. The 2025 conference will be held in San Diego. As a WRCA member you receive a significant discount on conference registration.





## CONSERVATION REGULATIONS ADOPTED IN 2024

WRCA successfully advocated for several important recycled water provisions in the regulations, *Making Conservation a California Way of Life*, which was adopted this summer. These include:

- **Maintaining a 1.0 ETO standard for irrigating with recycled water.**
- **A bonus incentive for all types of potable reuse.**
- **A variance for irrigation with high TDS recycled water.**
- **Suppliers may request a temporary variance in the indoor standard to respond to negative impacts to wastewater collection, treatment and reuse system.**

The regulation is expected to be in effect by January 1, 2025. To learn more, visit the State Water Resources Control Board's [Water Conservation Portal](#).



## 2024 WATEREUSE CALIFORNIA COMMITTEES

WRCA has four committees active on different facets of issues facing the reuse community in California.

- **Legislative and Regulatory Committee**
- **Communications Collaborative Group**
- **Agricultural Reuse Committee**
- **Potable Reuse Permitting and Compliance Committee**

## WRCA CHAPTERS COME ON STRONG IN 2024

WRCA has seven chapters that meet quarterly to discuss regional projects, as well as share information about local reuse policy issues. In 2024 many connections were made through chapter meetings as they provide essential forums to build relationships within the water reuse community.

- Central Coast Chapter
- Central Valley/Sierra Foothills Chapter
- Inland Empire Chapter
- Los Angeles Chapter
- Northern California Chapter
- Orange County Chapter
- San Diego Chapter



WRCA Statewide Chapter Leadership, November 2023

## MORE INFORMATION

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