

2026 CONFERENCE PROGRAM



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues and Champions of California's Water Future,

Welcome to the 2026 WateReuse California Annual Conference.

Every year this conference reminds me that our greatest strength isn't found in a single project, technology, or organization. It is found in this community. Looking around, I see engineers, operators, researchers, regulators, elected officials, consultants, and utility leaders who share one purpose: ensuring a reliable and resilient water future for California.

Our theme this year, Future Ready, perfectly reflects where our industry stands today.

For years, this community has worked tirelessly to build the policies, regulations, research, and public confidence needed to advance recycled water. Today, those efforts are becoming reality. Projects are moving from planning into implementation. Direct potable reuse is entering a new era. Artificial intelligence and emerging technologies are transforming how we design, operate, and optimize our systems. Together, we are building a future that once seemed just beyond our reach.

Being future ready isn't simply about embracing new technologies. It's about preparing to meet tomorrow's challenges with collaboration, innovation, and a willingness to keep learning. It means sharing ideas, supporting one another, and continuing to push the boundaries of what's possible for California's water future.

Over the next three days, you'll hear about groundbreaking research, innovative treatment technologies, successful implementation strategies, and the people making them possible.

Just as important are the conversations that happen between sessions, in the exhibit hall, during technical tours, and over a cup of coffee. Those moments of connection often spark the partnerships, ideas, and innovations that continue shaping our industry long after the conference has ended.

This year's conference is especially meaningful to me because it marks my final annual conference as President of WateReuse California. Serving this organization has been





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a great privilege of my career. I have had the opportunity to witness firsthand the passion, expertise, and generosity that define this community. Together, we've celebrated remarkable achievements, tackled complex challenges, and continued moving recycled water from possibility to reality.

As I conclude my service as President, I do so with tremendous optimism. WateReuse California is stronger than ever because of its members. Your leadership, your willingness to collaborate, and your commitment to advancing recycled water have built an organization that is well prepared for whatever comes next.

Thank you for your friendship, your partnership, and your unwavering commitment to this important work. I hope you leave San Francisco inspired by what you've learned, energized by the people you've met, and excited about the opportunities ahead.

The future of water reuse has never depended on one person or one organization. It has always depended on a community willing to imagine more, work together, and lead with purpose. Looking around this room, I know our future is in good hands.

With gratitude and excitement,

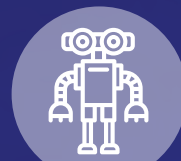
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BLUE DIAMOND PANEL

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RECYCLED WATER, INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS, AND CALIFORNIA'S WATER FUTURE

This plenary session uses the lens of intelligent systems to explore how recycled water can be delivered with greater reliability, efficiency, and public confidence, while supporting operators, managers, and utilities navigating an increasingly complex operating environment. By connecting innovation with practical implementation, the session will frame recycled water not just as a technical solution, but as a critical community asset for California's water future.

A combination of plenary-scale storytelling, live audience engagement, and real-world case studies will demonstrate how machine learning and artificial intelligence are already being applied in recycled water and advanced treatment processes. Discussion will focus on practical benefits to daily operations, such as:

- Improved process stability and regulatory confidence
- Energy and chemical optimization
- Operator and staff decision-support
- Increased transparency and trust in recycled water systems



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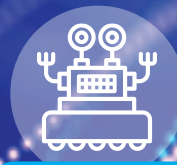
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The WateReuse California Annual Conference is pleased to offer professional development hours (PDHs) for all states.

How Do I Earn Educational Credits at the Conference?

In order to receive PDH hours, you will need to complete the PDH form located in your registration packet. These forms can be dropped off at the conference registration desk or emailed to lgutierrez@watereuse.org.

When Will I Receive Credits for the Conference?

Certificates will be made available to participants electronically within 8-10 weeks after the conference. Please keep in mind that, although WateReuse does provide these files, most states will require the individual licensee to report continuing education credits.

Note: Terminology and education credit requirements and restrictions vary widely. Participants are responsible for checking with their license/certification authority to ensure that the WateReuse technical concurrent sessions meet specific requirements.

OPERATOR CONTACT HOURS

Join fellow operators for three days of practical learning and hands-on experience.

How Do I Earn Contact Hours at the Conference?

Participants must be scanned into the session to receive contact hours. Contact hours are only available for designated tracks indicated by the operator icon:  Your badge must be scanned to receive credit.

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EXHIBIT HALL HOURS

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 1:00 pm – 5:30 pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 7:30 am – 12:00 pm

FEATURED EVENTS

REUSE RUMBLE

Monday, August 24 | 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm | Grand Ballroom



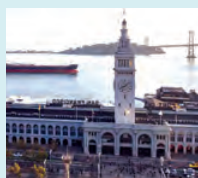
New to the WRCA Conference this year is the Reuse Rumble, a fast-paced, team-based competition highlighting hands-on operator skills. Teams of four will compete in a series of timed challenges, with scoring based on performance and style. At least one team member must be an operator or maintenance professional.

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WELCOME RECEPTION

Monday, August 24 | 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm | Market Street Foyer & Grand Foyer



Join conference exhibitors and fellow attendees as we kick off the 2026 Annual WaterReuse California Conference in San Francisco.

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AUGUST 24 | 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM | WATERFRONT A,B



WRF WORKSHOP

FRAMEWORK & TOOLS TO BUILD STRONG PARTNERSHIPS & SOLIDIFY SUCCESSFUL INTERAGENCY REUSE PROJECTS

This workshop is a continuation of a two-year research effort to create a framework and tools to enable strong partnerships. Informed by in-depth exploration of leading utilities, the effort led to the development of a roadmap for advancing regional and interagency collaborations and a robust toolbox of specific solutions. This workshop will deliver resources and guidance to help water reuse professionals navigate the complexities of interagency and public-private partnerships.

PARTNERING FOR IMPACT: WATER REUSE

Get an introduction to Partnering for Impact: Water Reuse, a peer-to-peer network for professionals that enables direct communication, fosters mentoring opportunities, and helps advance implementation of municipal and industrial programs.

○ KEY AREAS

- Vision
- Collaboration
- Agreements
- Economics
- Regulatory
- Communication

○ FACILITATORS & PRESENTERS

Felicia Marcus
Stanford University

Eric Rosenblum, PE
Envirosppectives

Dave Smith
Water Innovation Services

Shannon Spurlock
Ochotona Consulting

Rick Warner
Jacobs

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KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Tuesday, August 25 | 8:00 am – 10:00 am | Grand Ballroom



NAVIGATING THE UNEXPECTED TAMMIE JO SHULTS

Hear an inspirational story of perseverance and dedication from our keynote speaker Tammie Jo Shults. Shults became one of the first female F/A-18 Hornet pilots in the U.S. Navy, and later served as a pilot for Southwest Airlines. On April 17, 2018, she successfully landed a Southwest Boeing 737 after an engine exploded at high altitude, causing multiple system failures and a rapid depressurization. The successful landing of Flight 1380 in Philadelphia saved 148 lives including passengers and crew, as detailed in her National Best Seller, *Nerves of Steel*.

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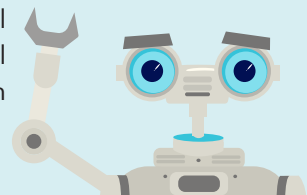
Tuesday, August 25 | 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm | Grand Ballroom



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Join us for an in-depth panel discussion on recycled water, intelligent systems, and the future of California's water. This plenary session explores how intelligent systems can help utilities deliver recycled water with greater reliability, efficiency, and public confidence. Through real-world case studies and audience engagement, the session will highlight how machine learning and artificial intelligence are already being applied in recycled water and advanced treatment.

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ARE YOU READY TO RUMBLE?

Join us for the
First Annual Reuse Rumble!
August 24, 1-2pm

COMPETITION DETAILS

Each team will compete one-at-a-time through a series of 4 tasks

1. MF Cartridge Filter Change
2. RO Membrane Swap
3. Toolbox Showdown
4. Chugging 6oz of purified recycled water

RULES:

4 players Per Team

1 Player must be an
Operator / Maintenance

Highest Score Wins

Score is a calculated by
your time and style!

Have the lowest time and
highest style to win.

Earn Style points with

- Team Name
- Walkup Song
- Team Costume

WINNER RECEIVES
"The Belt of Water"

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PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOT STUDIO

Tuesday, August 25 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM | Golden Gate Room



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PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Tuesday, August 25 | 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm | Lower/Upper Atrium & Waterfront C,D,E



Join us for an evening with the WateReuse California leadership team at this annual networking reception.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 AM -
12:30 PM

THE WATER RESEARCH FOUNDATION WORKSHOP

WATERFRONT A, B



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

10:00 AM-11:00 AM: COMMITTEE BREAKOUTS |

GARDEN ROOM, SEACLIFF C & D

11:00 AM-12:30 PM: FULL POTABLE CMTE | WATERFRONT C,D,E

1:00 PM

FIRST ANNUAL WATEREUSE CALIFORNIA REUSE RUMBLE – GRAND BALLROOM

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	OPERATOR TRACK 1: AWTO PANEL* MARINA ROOM  CA-NV SECTION American Water Works Association	WATER REUSE & CALIFORNIA'S WATER FUTURE SEACLIFF A SPONSOR: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission	ORGANIZATIONAL READINESS & INNOVATION SEACLIFF B	WATERSHED RESILIENCE & MULTI-BENEFIT REUSE SEACLIFF C SPONSOR: Inland Empire Utilities Agency	INTEGRATED PLANNING & PROGRAM MODELING SEACLIFF D SPONSOR: HDR	CALVAL PANEL: VALIDATION FOR IPR BAYVIEW
2:00 PM	PANEL Advanced Water Operator Certification & Advanced Technologies MODERATOR: Sue Motsburg, Cal-Nevada-AWWA Heather Collins, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Mehul Patel, Orange County Water District  CONTINUES	Beyond \$/AF... Articulating the Benefits of Reliable Water Supply Gina Dorrington, Ventura Water; Brent Haddad, UC Santa Cruz 	Empowering People & Programs: Readiness Assessment for Large-Scale Water Reuse Programs Johan Torroledo, LADWP; Christine Cotton, Arcadis	Building Watershed Resilience with Recycled Water: Early Advocacy from Watershed Resilience Pilot Programs Sarah Mulder, Ventura Water; Adriana Stovall and Anna Yip, Rincon Consultants	Advancing One Water Planning into Phased Reuse Projects, Programs, & Policies Jacquelin Mutter and Trent Stober, HDR 	PANEL CalVal: Building Blocks for International Scientific Consensus on Purified Recycled Water Treatment Barrier Validation MODERATOR: Kevin Hardy, National Water Research Institute Jason Dadakis, Orange County Water District; Andrew Salvesson, Carollo Engineers; Shane Trussell, Trussell Technologies  CONTINUES
2:30 PM		Purewater Peninsula – Defining Roles in Partnerships Yinlan Zhang, SFPUC; Kim Hackett, Silicon Valley Clean Water 	Taking Big Swings: Establishing a Utility-Led Research & Innovation Program Jessica Koop and Jenn Swart, Water Replenishment District	From Runoff to Resource: Integrating Stormwater into Purple Pipe Systems for Increased Water Supply Resilience Stephanie Zinn, Geosyntec; Laura Rocha, Moulton Niguel Water District	A Systems Modeling Approach to Program Alternatives & Infrastructure Planning Brenda Mata, LADWP; Marcelo Reginato, Jacobs	

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3:00 PM	(CONTINUED) Advanced Water Operator Certification & Advanced Technologies 	100% Utilization of Recycled Water for the Highest Beneficial & Sustainable Uses Possible – EMWD's Six-Decade Journey John Wuerth, Eastern Municipal Water District 	Future-Proofing Your Workforce Jesse Cordero, Moulton Niguel Water District; Sarah Rossetto, Bodewell Group	Beyond SAR: Improving Soil Health & Crop Performance Under Recycled Water Irrigation Using Multi-Cation Stability Indices Francisco Pedrero Salcedo, CEBAS-CSIC, UC DAVIS 	Integrated, Scenario-Based Reuse Planning Using the Blue Plan It® Model – A City of Los Angeles Case Study Farzaneh Shabani, Carollo; Hubertus (Huub) Cox, LASAN	(CONTINUED) CalVal: Building Blocks for International Scientific Consensus on Purified Recycled Water Treatment Barrier Validation
3:00 PM	CHAPTER LEADERSHIP RECEPTION – GARDEN ROOM 3:00 PM– 4:30 PM					
3:30 PM	COFFEE & NETWORKING – MARKET STREET FOYER & GRAND FOYER Sponsors: MISCOwater, Stantec, and Sundt Construction					
	OPERATOR TRACK 2: WORKFORCE, OPERATIONAL TRANSITIONS, & PRACTITIONER LESSONS* MARINA ROOM  CA-NV SECTION American Water Works Association	TRUST, OUTREACH, & COMMUNITY ADOPTION SEACLIFF A Sponsor: Irvine Ranch Water District	SOURCE WATER & FACILITY DESIGN DECISIONS SEACLIFF B Sponsor: Brown and Caldwell	REVERSE OSMOSIS RECOVERY & RETROFIT STRATEGIES SEACLIFF C Sponsor: MISCOwater	MODERNIZING TREATMENT FACILITIES & PROJECT EXPANSION SEACLIFF D Sponsor: GHD	WATER BOARD PANEL BAYVIEW Sponsors: Eastern Municipal Water District and Michael Baker International
4:00 PM	Preparing the Workforce for California's Purified Water Future: IEUA's Operator Training & Certification Pathway Scott Lening, Ryan Love, and Carl Samantello, Inland Empire Utilities Agency 	Trust: The Ultimate Ask When It Comes to Potable Reuse Sara Katz, Bodewell Group  	Secondary Effluent Is Not All Created Equal: Considerations for Potable Reuse Facilities Linda Sawyer, Brown and Caldwell	We May Need High-Recovery RO in Reuse Projects More Than Ever Ufuk Erdal, Black & Veatch; Medi Sinaki, Valley Water	Modernizing a Pioneering Advanced Water Purification Facility: Lessons Learned & Pathways to Higher Capacity Within the Existing Footprint Kevin Daniels, GHD	PANEL One Project, Many Regulators: Water Boards Staff Perspectives on Navigating Permitting & Oversight of Non-Potable & Indirect Potable Reuse Projects Panelists on following page CONTINUES

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4:30 PM	Operational Insights & Shared Lessons from Four CA Advanced Water Treatment Facilities: A Contract Operator's Perspective Alyssa "Sunshine" Smith and Stephen French, Jacobs 	Building Trust Where Reuse Was New: Agricultural Outreach Lessons from Harvest Water Jofil Borja, Sacramento Area Sewer District; Max Mutter, The Freshwater Trust  	Where's All the Water? Designing an AWWP for Variable Flow Scenarios Lauren Bray, Brown and Caldwell; Oliver Slosser, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District 	From Risk to Readiness: Assessing Flow-Reversal Reverse Osmosis Retrofits at GWRS Alex Waite, Orange County Water District; Sandy Scott-Roberts, Brown and Caldwell 	At a Fork in the Road: What's Next for WRD's LVL Membrane Filtration Nathan Boyle, Hazen and Sawyer; Jessica Koop, Water Replenishment District 	(CONTINUED) One Project, Many Regulators: Water Boards Staff Perspectives on Navigating Permitting & Oversight of Non-Potable & Indirect Potable Reuse Projects MODERATOR: Brie Post, Trussell Technologies 
5:00 PM	Converting to Chloramination: An Operations Journey in RW Production Amelia Luna, Hazen and Sawyer; Michael Fitch, Napa Sanitation District 	Innovation in Action: Building Trust in Purified Recycled Water Manisha Kothari, SFPUC  	Comparative Evaluation of Nitrification-Denitrification & Nitrification-Only Tertiary Membrane Bioreactors for Water Reuse Applications Phung Quan, MWD of Southern California 	Pushing Recovery Limits: Comparing Closed Circuit Reverse Osmosis & Flow Reversal Reverse Osmosis to Inform Smarter RO Design Daniel ten Bosch Black & Veatch; Willie James, Eastern Municipal Water District 	Replacing the Transmission on a Moving Truck: An Expansion of the Pure Water Monterey Project Alex Wesner, Brown and Caldwell; David Bradley, Monterey One Water 	Luis Anaya-Vasquez, Rebecca Christmann, and Scott Miller, California State Water Resources Control Board; Adam Taing, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board 
5:30 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION – MARKET STREET FOYER & GRAND FOYER (5:30 PM - 7:00 PM) Sponsor: Hazen and Sawyer Signature Cocktail Sponsor: Stantec					



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7:30 AM	BREAKFAST — GRAND BALLROOM Sponsors: Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Moulton Niguel Water District, Sacramento Area Sewer District, and Water Replenishment District					
8:00 AM	OPENING SESSION & KEYNOTE — GRAND BALLROOM Sponsor: Orange County Water District					Visionary Leader Sponsor: Valley Water
	OPERATOR TRACK 3: PURE WATER READY* MARINA ROOM  American Water Works Association	BUILDING PUBLIC TRUST IN POTABLE REUSE SEACLIFF A Sponsor: Goble Sampson Associates	PERMITTING, REGULATORY STRATEGY, & METHOD APPROVAL SEACLIFF B Sponsor: Orange County Water District	ALTERNATIVE DPR TREATMENT & VALIDATION SEACLIFF C Sponsor: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	STRATEGIC CHOICES FOR POTABLE REUSE SEACLIFF D Sponsor: Stantec	IPR IMPLEMENTATION PANEL BAYVIEW
10:30 AM	From Blueprint to Control Room: How Early Hiring & Strategic Training Built San Diego's Pure Water Operator Workforce MODERATOR: Doug Campbell, City of San Diego Sarah Brower, John Carroll, and Kira Woodson, City of San Diego Public Utilities Department; Aleks Pisarenko, Trussell Technologies	Building Public Trust: How to Communicate Water Reuse Effectively to Any Audience Tara Randall and Diana Leonard, Carollo Engineers  	Would We Do It Again? Lessons from Potable Reuse Permitting Under Alternative Delivery Sunny Wang, City of Santa Monica	Alternative DPR Train: Enhancing Resilience & Cost-Effectiveness Ufuk Erdal, Black & Veatch	Making Surface Water Augmentation Permitting a Reality with Interagency Collaboration Eileen Idica, Trussell Technologies; Seval Sen, Padre Dam Municipal Water District	PANEL Walsh Construction Diamond Panel: Pushed to the Limit – Implementation of Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo MODERATOR: Riki Clark, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Lauren Bray, Brown and Caldwell; Arie Harel, Walsh Group; Andrew Salvesson, Carollo Engineers; Oliver Slosser, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
11:00 AM	Name It, Frame It, Claim It: Why Branding Your Project Matters! Rebecca Rubin, Soquel Creek Water District; Mark Millan, Data Instincts  	Using the State Reuse Regulatory Guide in an Advanced Regulatory Environment: Potential Applications in CA Fred Gerringer, Brown and Caldwell; Amelia Luna, Hazen and Sawyer	Building the Foundation for LADWP's DPR Program: A Risk-Based Framework for Demonstrating Equivalency of Alternative Treatment Trains Gayathri Ram Mohan, Hazen and Sawyer; Gabriel Vargas, LADWP	Drivers for IPR vs DPR When Seeking Water Security Yamrot Amha and Fernanda Baccaro, Stantec	CONTINUES	

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11:30 AM	(CONTINUED) From Blueprint to Control Room: How Early Hiring and Strategic Training Built San Diego's Pure Water Operator Workforce  	Demonstrating Quality Through Experience: Bottling & Tasting as Tools for DPR Acceptance Brandon Adriano, Valley Water; Nasi Basiri, Santa Clara Valley Water District  	Why Settle for Standard? Pursuing Project-Specific Analytical Method Approval for Recycled Water at Orange County Claire Johnson, Orange County Water District	Evaluation of Alternative DPR Treatment Trains Through Chemical Spiking Greg Wetterau, CDM Smith 	Should We Pursue an Alternative for CA Direct Potable Reuse? The OASIS Water Resource Center Thought Process Alex Thomas, Moulton Niguel Water District; Tara Randall, Carollo Engineers	(CONTINUED) Walsh Construction Diamond Panel: Pushed to the Limit – Implementation of Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo
12:00 PM	PANEL CAROLLO BLUE DIAMOND LUNCHEON PANEL: DOMO ARIGATO, MR. ROBOTO — GRAND BALLROOM MODERATOR: Andrew Salvesson, Carollo Engineers Kevin Hardy, National Water Research Institute; Yoko Koyama, Carollo Engineers; Kate Newhart, Oregon State; Mehul Patel, Orange County Water District; Kyle Thompson, Carollo Engineers					
	OPERATOR TRACK 4: ADVANCED WATER TREATMENT OPERATIONS & OPTIMIZATION* MARINA ROOM  CA-NV SECTION American Water Works Association	DELIVERING REGIONAL WATER RESILIENCE SEACLIFF A Sponsor: Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts	DPR PILOTS, PERMITTING, & LESSONS LEARNED SEACLIFF B Sponsor: Parsons	PATHOGEN CREDITING & MEMBRANE INTEGRITY SEACLIFF C Sponsors: Toray Membrane USA and Protec-Arisawa	DIGITAL TOOLS FOR REUSE PLANNING & OPERATIONS SEACLIFF D Sponsor: KLIR	POTABLE REUSE BENEFITS BAYVIEW
2:00 PM	Operating Advanced Water Treatment Under Variable Wastewater Conditions Vijay Sundaram, AECOM 	Building One Program from Two Agencies: How LADWP & LASAN Unified Planning for Pure Water Los Angeles Rafael Villegas, LADWP; Hubertus (Huub) Cox, LASAN  	CA's First DPR Pilot: Early Insights from LADWP's Pilot Sophia Olmeda, LADWP; Bryan Trussell, Trussell Technologies 	Dropping the Dose Down Under: How a Small Special District Applied Australia's Waterval Framework to Rethink CA's 450 Mg-min/l Requirement Hannah Ford, El Toro Water District; Jacob Newman, Trussell Technologies	From Treatment to Reuse: Spatial Tools for Managing Advanced Water Facilities Suzanne Timani, ESRI - USA	PANEL AECOM Diamond Panel: Affordability & Holistic Benefits of Potable Reuse Panelists on following page CONTINUES

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2:30 PM	Full-Scale RO Membrane Evaluation Program to Support Product Selection Using Satellite Pressure Vessels: Operational Lessons from OCWD GWRS Han Gu and Derrick Mansell, Orange County Water District 	Planning for What's Next: Advancing Potable Reuse to Secure Santa Clara County's Water Future Rene Guillen, Brown and Caldwell; Seema Chavan, Brown and Caldwell  	Piloting for Permitting: Valley Water's Trailblazing DPR Approach Medi Sinaki, Valley Water; Brie Post, Trussell Technologies	Evaluate the Pathogen Reduction Credits for an Aging Advanced Water Treatment Facility Low-Pressure Membrane System Brittany Liu and Tom Knoell, Water Replenishment District	The Common Math: Jpegs, Noise-Canceling Headphones, & Wastewater Early Warning System Karthik Kumarasamy, AECOM	<i>(CONTINUED)</i> AECOM Diamond Panel: Affordability & Holistic Benefits of Potable Reuse MODERATOR: Beverly Stinson, AECOM Gloria Lai-Bluml, MWD - Pure Water Southern California; Robert Ferrante, LACSD - Pure Water Southern California; Kirsten Struve, Valley Water - Pure Water Silicon Valley, Evelyn Cortez-Davis, LADWP - Pure Water Los Angeles; Danny Rotter, Truckee Meadows Water Authority – OneWater Nevada
3:00 PM	Pure Water Oceanside Operations Optimization Rudy Guzman, City of Oceanside 	Start to Finish of a Non-Potable Reuse Project John Robinson, John Robinson Consulting; Scott Lynch, Jurupa Community Service District 	The State Water Board's Potable Reuse Workgroup & Lessons Learned Brandon Bushnell, Angelica Rojas, and Laura McLellan, State Water Resources Control Board	Navigating Regulatory Approval: Online Strontium Monitoring for Higher Pathogen Removal Crediting in RO Systems Troy Pittenger, SailBri Cooper Inc.; Seval Sen, Padre Dam Municipal Water District	Digital Defense: Using SCADA to Coordinate Purified Water & Injection Wells Melanie Mow Schumacher and Bryan Kienow, Soquel Creek Water District	
3:30 PM	COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK — MARKET STREET FOYER & GRAND FOYER Sponsors: Kennedy Jenks, MWH Constructors, Inc., Parsons, and Western Municipal Water District					
4:00 PM	PUBLIC OFFICIALS & SENIOR MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (INVITATION ONLY) — GARDEN ROOM 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM					

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	OPERATOR TRACK 5: INJECTION WELLS, STARTUP & FACILITY PERFORMANCE* MARINA ROOM  CA-NV SECTION American Water Works Association	UV AOP RESEARCH & CHALLENGE TESTING SEACLIFF A Sponsors: Arcadis and San Diego County Water Authority	SCALING PROGRAM DELIVERY ACROSS REUSE SYSTEMS SEACLIFF B Sponsor: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power	OZONE, UV, & COMMISSIONING LESSONS SEACLIFF C Sponsor: Hazen and Sawyer	PFAS, INDUSTRIAL REUSE, RO MONITORING SEACLIFF D Sponsors: Kennedy Jenks and Orthos Liquid Systems	DPR PROJECT DELIVERY BAYVIEW
4:00 PM	The Challenging Journey to Maximize Plant Capacity – Commissioning & Start-Up Onsite Injection Well Jessica Koop, Water Replenishment District; Breanne Padilla, PERC Water Corporation 	Upcoming UV/ AOP Challenge Testing at North City Pure Water Facility Aleks Pisarenko, Trussell Technologies; Sarah Brower, City of San Diego Public Utilities 	When Reuse Meets Reality: A Systems View of Pure Water Los Angeles Leneyde Chavez, Carollo Engineers; Benson Lim, LADWP 	Optimizing Ozone Treatment for DPR: Bench-Scale Evaluation of Bromate Formation & Mitigation Yamrot Amha, Stantec; Dinaz Kureishy, City of Santa Monica 	Pilot-Scale Comparison of GAC, IX & SMC Adsorbents for PFAS Removal in Municipal Reuse Reverse Osmosis Concentrate (MRROC) Yue (Sophie) Sun, Orange County Water District; Charlie Liu, Kennedy Jenks Consultants 	PANEL Jacobs Diamond Panel: From Projects to Programs: How Agencies Are Delivering Water Reuse & Supply Programs at Scale MODERATOR: Renee Groskreutz, Jacobs Adham Almasri, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Dan Ruiz, Rancho Water; Oliver Slosser, LVMWD; John Zhao, City of Amarillo
4:30 PM	Optimizing Injection Well Controls & Operation for Pure Water Oceanside Nathaniel Peckham and Rudy Guzman, City of Oceanside 	Enhancing Understanding of UV/AOP Fundamentals Through Applied Pilot Research to Inform Calval Guidance Keel Robinson, Trussell Technologies; Harold Wright, Carollo 	Program Management as Connected Systems to Deliver Scalable, Integrated Water Reuse Infrastructure Programs Jacquelin Mutter, HDR; Johan Torroledo, LADWP 	Best Practices for Design & Permitting of UV Disinfection for 4+ Log Virus Inactivation Bryan Townsend, Black & Veatch 	Characterizing RO Fouling in MBR-RO Trains Through Improved Monitoring Michael Adelman, Stantec; Nao Shimizu, KUBOTA Water and Environment 	

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

5:00 PM	Now That You've Built an IPR Facility, How Do Your Operators Run It? Mehul Patel and Derrick Mansell, Orange County Water District 	Impact of Performance Metrics & Control Strategies on UV AOP System Operating Efficiency Bryan Townsend, Black & Veatch	Balancing NPR, DPR, & Source Flows: Glendale's Reuse Roadmap Ryan Hejka, Arcadis; Graciela Zapata, Glendale Water and Power; Kanchan Joshi, Arcadis	Lessons Learned from the Design, Testing, & Commissioning of an IPR Ozone System Cameron Kostigen Mumper, Soquel Creek Water District; Austin Cuniff, Black & Veatch	Reverse Osmosis Operational Strategies & Data Tools to Maintain High-Quality Product Water for Industrial Reuse Kristine Yung, East Bay MUD; Aleks Pisarenko, Trussell Technologies	<i>(CONTINUED)</i> Jacobs Diamond Panel: From Projects to Programs: How Agencies Are Delivering Water Reuse & Supply Programs at Scale
5:30 PM	PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION – LOWER/UPPER ATRIUM & WATERFRONT C,D,E 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Sponsor: Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Signature Cocktail Sponsor: Parsons					



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 AM

BREAKFAST WITH THE EXHIBITORS — MARKET STREET FOYER & GRAND FOYER

DESIGNING REUSE FACILITIES FOR OPERATIONS*

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FUTURE DPR PANEL BAYVIEW

9:00 AM

Think Like an Operator: Designing an AWWP with Commissioning/ Operations in Mind

Austin Cuniff,
Black & Veatch;
Cameron Kostigen
Mumper, Soquel Creek
Water District



Hitting the Intel Jackpot: Using Potable Reuse Research to Tailor Messaging & Inform Outreach

Laura Rocha,
Moulton Niguel
Water District;
Richard Bernard, FM3



Harnessing the Calculus of UV AOP Systems Without Instrumentation: Why Less Can Lead to More

Scott Bindner
and Alan Royce,
Trojan Technologies

The Multi-Faceted World of Water Reuse Projects

Catalina Alvarado Claro
and Jay Witherspoon,
AECOM

PANEL

**CDM Smith
Diamond Panel:
What Will DPR
Look Like in CA?
An Exploration of
the Possibilities**

MODERATOR:
Traci Minamide,
CDM Smith

9:30 AM

MBR for Californians: Optimizing & Advancing MBR for Reuse

Ben Christensen,
Trussell Technologies



The Water We Share: Engaging Youth to Build Community Support for Purified Water

Lakeisha Bryant and
Elizabeth Park,
Valley Water



From Construction to Operation: Lessons Learned Commissioning Advanced Water Treatment Facilities

Tyler Lund and
David Massie, CDM Smith



Reclaimed Wattage: A Historical Case Study on the Use of Recycled Water for Industrial Cooling

John Moynier,
Garney Construction

Greg Wetterau,
CDM Smith;
Andrew Salveson,
Carollo Engineers;
Shane Trussell,
Trussell Technologies;
Randy Barnard,
Division of Drinking
Water, State Water
Resources Control Board

10:00 AM

Early Operational Insights from Parallel IPR & DPR Testing at San Diego's Central Area Small-Scale Facility

Samantha Hogard,
Trussell Technologies;
Sarah Brower,
City of San Diego
Public Utilities



Bringing the Community Along: The LAGWR Engagement Story

Leneyde Chavez,
Carollo Engineers;
Jesus Gonzalez,
LADWP



Mission Possible: Early Lessons from Pure Water Soquel's First Year of Operations

Shane Clements,
Brown and Caldwell;
Cameron Kostigen
Mumper,
Soquel Creek Water
District

Water Recycling & Reuse: Critical Tools for Water Resilience & Semiconductor Manufacturing in California

Zeynep Erdal and
Heather Cheslek,
Black & Veatch

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

10:30 AM

COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK — MARKET STREET FOYER & GRAND FOYER

11:00 AM

MONITORING, TRACERS, & WATER QUALITY CREDITING
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SEACLIFF D
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INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS PANEL
BAYVIEW

11:30 AM

Making the Invisible Visible: Comparing Intrinsic & Fluorescent Tracers from Implementation to Interpretation at Pure Water Soquel
Melanie Mow Schumacher, Soquel Creek Water District; Cameron Tana, Montgomery & Associates

Charting the Next Wave of Reuse Research: The Water Research Foundation's Grant 3 with CA State Water Board
Julie Minton and Monica Lee-Masi, The Water Research Foundation; Laura McLellan, State Water Resources Control Board

Progressive Design-Build Mindset: San Francisco International Airport's Recycled Water System Project
Tom Kral, Walsh Construction; Chris McManus, San Francisco International Airport

Building the Future Workforce: Investing in High School Workforce Development Programs
Janel Ancayan, Water Replenishment District; Mariann Johnson, Tomorrow's Talent

PANEL
Black & Veatch Diamond Panel: From Vision to Operations: Innovative Solutions Driving the Next Generation of Reuse Facilities
MODERATOR:
Zeynep Erdal, Black & Veatch

12:00 PM

Cracking the Black Box: Open-Source Chemical Kinetics Modeling for UV Advanced Oxidation
Yoko Koyama and Harold Wright, Carollo

Six Years of Bioassays in Recycled Water Monitoring: Progress, Pitfalls, & Possibilities
Luciana Pereyra and Aarthi Mohan, Trussell Technologies

Leading SFPUC to the Treasure Chest: Treasure Island Water Resource Recovery Facility
Billy Wong, Stantec; Calvin Huey, SFPUC

Building the Team: Key Staffing Strategies for an AWPf
Steve Wait, GHD

Hossein Ashktorab, Santa Clara Valley Water District; Heather Collins, MWD; Kevin Davis, Black & Veatch; Jesus Gonzalez, LADWP; Laura McLellan, State Water Resources Control Board; Hamid Rezaei, Black & Veatch

12:30 PM

Reconciling Water Quality & Dilution Requirements in a California Reuse Reservoir
David Austin, Jacobs; Oliver Slosser, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

CA Nutrient Regulations & Statewide Indexing Efforts with Wastewater Agencies to Inform Exploration of Additional Reuse Opportunities
Michael Falk, HDR; Jared Voskuhl, CA Association of Sanitation Agencies

Innovation in Construction to Deliver LA's Groundwater Replenishment Project
Jesus Gonzalez and Sebastien Rossouw, LADWP

Learning by Doing: Developing Confident Operators for Modern Utilities
Jake Lincoln, Cloacina, LLC

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12:30 PM	AWARDS LUNCHEON & MEMBERSHIP MEETING — GRAND BALLROOM Sponsor: Black & Veatch Join us for the Awards Ceremony and be eligible to win one of three raffle prizes. Must be present to win.				
	SOURCE CONTROL & EMERGING WATER QUALITY RISKS SEACLIFF A Sponsor: Central Contra Costa Sanitary District	LONG-TERM WATER SUPPLY ROADMAPS SEACLIFF B Sponsor: Woodward & Curran	REUSE SAFETY, NUTRIENTS, & ENGINEERING INNOVATION SEACLIFF C	APPLIED DPR SCIENCE & TREATMENT TRAIN EVALUATION SEACLIFF D Sponsor: Trussell	COMMUNICATIONS LESSONS LEARNED PANEL BAYVIEW Sponsors: Elsinore Valley MWD and Data Instincts
2:00 PM	Sound Water: Ultrasonic Algae Control for Reliable Recycled Water — Lessons from Ukiah & Vallecitos Facilities Ernest Neafsey, LG Sonic US	Adapting Water Reuse Strategies for a Resilient Future: East Bay Municipal Utility District's Strategic Path to 2050 Florence Wedington and Reena Thomas, East Bay MUD	Behind the Code: How the CPC Protects Recycled Water Users Nancy King and Richard Mills, CA Dept of Water Resources	Six Years of Automated Conductivity Profiling — What Did We Learn? James Vickers, Brown & Caldwell	PANEL Don't Mess with My Hetch Hetchy Water! What Surveys & Polling Tell Us about Introducing Purified Water to a Beloved Water Supply Lucia Del Puppo, FM3 Research; Fan Lau, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Betsy Lauppe Rhodes, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission 
2:30 PM	The Road to Enhanced Source Control in Oz: Lessons Learned That Can Benefit California Mary Kate Forkan and Cora LeMar, Carollo Engineers 	Data Analysis Techniques for Determining LRVs for MBRs Emily Clements, Carollo Engineers; Larry Morris, Kubota Water and Environment	A Greener Path: Reducing Nutrients Through Water Reuse Daniel Gill, Dublin San Ramon Services District	An Unexpected Endangered Species: Pathogen Credits in DPR Brian Pecson, Trussell Technologies; Dave Tucker, Valley Water	
3:00 PM	Managing PFAS During Groundwater Augmentation of Non-RO Treated Effluents Ganesh Rajagopalan and Vijay Sundaram, AECOM	Successfully Navigating the Long Road to Maximize Potable Reuse — Carpinteria's Unique Journey Kelley Dyer, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Robert Morrow, WSC	Advancing DPR in Practice: Engineering Innovations from Pure Water Silicon Valley Hossein Ashktorab and Nasi Basiri, Santa Clara Valley Water District	Advancing Direct Potable Reuse: Bench-Scale Insights into Alternative Treatment Trains for Pure Water Southern California Ryan Gustafson, MWD of Southern California; Bryan Trussell, Trussell Technologies	
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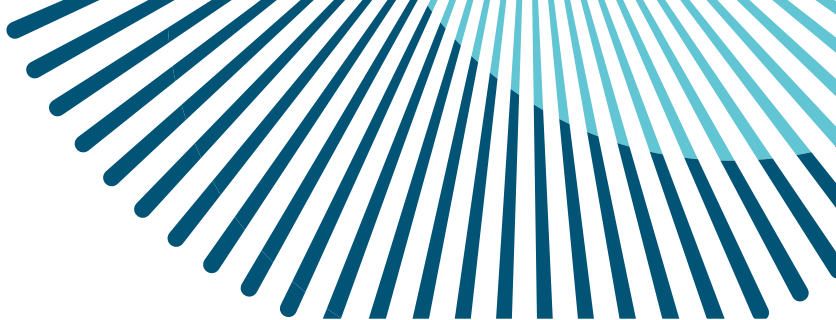
Greg Wetterau has spent more than three decades helping shape the future of water reuse in California and around the world. A recognized leader in advanced treatment and potable reuse, Greg has played a pivotal role in the planning, development, and implementation of many of California's most influential reuse projects. From helping Los Angeles, Metropolitan Water District, Monterey One Water, and San Diego evaluate potable reuse as a future water supply, to advancing groundbreaking facilities in Cambria and the Water Replenishment District, Greg has consistently identified opportunities long before they became industry standards. His technical leadership, global expertise, and unwavering commitment to innovation have helped transform potable reuse from a promising concept into a critical component of California's water future. Through his vision and leadership, Greg has strengthened water resilience for communities across the state and inspired the next generation of water reuse professionals.



EMERGING LEADER IN RECYCLED WATER **REBECCA RUBIN**

Rebecca Rubin has distinguished herself as a rising leader whose creativity, innovation, and passion have advanced public understanding of recycled water in California and beyond. Through her leadership of outreach efforts for Pure Water Soquel, Rebecca has transformed complex water supply challenges into engaging and accessible experiences that build trust and inspire action. Her award-winning communications campaigns, educational programs, community partnerships, and industry leadership have helped set a new standard for public engagement in water reuse. Whether developing innovative learning tools, creating memorable branding, or sharing best practices with colleagues across the state and nation, Rebecca consistently demonstrates a commitment to excellence and a vision for the future of water reuse. Her growing impact on the industry makes her a deserving recipient of the Emerging Leader Award.





RECYCLED WATER ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR **GINA DORRINGTON**

Gina Dorrington has dedicated her career to advancing innovative water supply solutions and championing the value of recycled water. From her beginnings as a treatment plant operator to her leadership as General Manager of Ventura Water, Gina has been a steadfast advocate for water reuse and its role in securing California's water future. Through her leadership of VenturaWaterPure, she has helped build community understanding, navigate complex challenges, and advance a transformative potable reuse program that will provide a reliable, drought-resilient water supply for generations to come. Beyond her work in Ventura, Gina is a respected industry leader, mentor, and educator whose passion for water reuse has inspired colleagues, policymakers, and communities across California. Her dedication and influence make her a deserving recipient of the Recycled Water Advocate of the Year Award.



RECYCLED WATER AGENCY OF THE YEAR **CARPINTERIA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

Carpinteria Valley Water District (CVWD) has demonstrated extraordinary leadership, vision, and perseverance in advancing water reuse as a cornerstone of its community's water future. Through the Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project, the District is transforming a local challenge into a long-term solution by creating a drought resilient water supply that will replenish the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin and strengthen water reliability for generations to come. What makes this achievement particularly remarkable is that it has been accomplished by a small agency willing to take on the complexity of potable reuse through thoughtful planning, strong partnerships, and a steadfast commitment to public trust. By moving this landmark project from vision to construction, CVWD has become a model for communities across California, demonstrating that agencies of any size can lead the way in building a more resilient water future.



RECYCLED WATER OPERATOR OF THE YEAR **DERRICK MANSELL**

As the inaugural recipient of WateReuse California's Operator of the Year Award, Derrick Mansell exemplifies the technical excellence, professionalism, and dedication that operators bring to advancing water reuse. For nearly two decades, Derrick has played a vital role in the successful operation and expansion of the Orange County Water District's Groundwater Replenishment System, the world's largest potable reuse facility. Known for his deep technical expertise, analytical approach to problem solving, and commitment to mentoring others, Derrick has helped ensure the reliable delivery of high-quality recycled water while maintaining the highest standards of operational performance. Beyond his work in plant operations, he actively shares his knowledge with peers and the broader water community, helping advance the practice of water reuse across California and beyond. His leadership, expertise, and commitment to excellence make him a fitting first recipient of this important award.



RECYCLED WATER OUTREACH OR EDUCATION PROGRAM OF THE YEAR **VALLEY WATER**

Valley Water's Education and Outreach Program has set a new standard for public engagement in water reuse by transforming education into action and community members into advocates. Through innovative initiatives that engage employees, inspire students, and build trust among older adults, Valley Water has created a comprehensive approach to fostering understanding and acceptance of purified water. From its award worthy "Water We Share" youth curriculum and creative employee ambassador program to hands on tours, tasting events, and community outreach efforts, the program connects people directly to the science and promise of water reuse. By making purified water accessible, relatable, and inspiring, Valley Water has strengthened public confidence in sustainable water supplies and demonstrated how thoughtful engagement can help shape a more resilient water future. Its leadership, creativity, and measurable impact make Valley Water a deserving recipient of the Recycled Water Outreach and Education Program of the Year Award.



RECYCLED WATER STAFF PERSON OF THE YEAR

JAMES LEE

James Lee has dedicated his career to advancing recycled water through leadership, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to operational excellence. As a leader at Eastern Municipal Water District, James has played a vital role in strengthening one of California's most respected recycled water programs, helping improve system reliability, support regulatory compliance, and advance sustainable water use for the communities he serves. Known for his technical expertise, collaborative approach, and ability to solve complex challenges, he is equally respected as a mentor who invests in the growth and success of those around him. Through decades of service, James has helped shape the future of recycled water not only through his accomplishments, but through the people he has inspired and the standards of excellence he has set. His dedication, integrity, and lasting impact make him a deserving recipient of the Recycled Water Staff Person of the Year Award.



RECYCLED WATER CUSTOMER OF THE YEAR

OAKLAND BALLERS

The Oakland Ballers have demonstrated how community partnerships can expand awareness and acceptance of recycled water in creative and meaningful ways. By integrating recycled water into the operation of Raimondi Park and weaving water reuse education into the fan experience, the Ballers have transformed a baseball venue into a platform for public engagement. Through in game messaging, educational content, interactive activities, community events, and direct outreach, they have helped thousands of fans learn about the value of recycled water while reinforcing its role in building a more sustainable future. Their commitment to environmental stewardship, community connection, and public education has extended the reach of recycled water messaging far beyond the ballpark, making the Oakland Ballers a deserving recipient of the Recycled Water Customer of the Year Award.



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Dear Conference Attendees,

As we gather for the 2026 WateReuse California Annual Conference, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the many volunteers and partners who made this event possible.

To our Planning Committee, thank you for the countless hours, thoughtful leadership, and creativity you invested in bringing this conference to life. This year's program reflects your willingness to embrace new ideas, challenge the status quo, and create something truly meaningful for our community. Innovation is rarely comfortable, but it is always driven by people who are willing to try something new. Thank you for your trust, your flexibility, and your commitment to making this conference stronger than ever.

I also want to express my sincere appreciation to our valued partners at The Water Research Foundation and the California-Nevada Section of the American Water Works Association. Your collaboration has strengthened this conference in countless ways and is a wonderful reminder of what we can accomplish when we work together.

The water reuse community is unlike any other. We are united not only by a shared mission, but by a spirit of collaboration, generosity, and a genuine desire to help one another succeed. Every volunteer, speaker, sponsor, exhibitor, and attendee contributes to that culture, and together we are advancing a more sustainable and resilient water future.

Thank you for being part of this incredible community. I hope this conference leaves you with new ideas, lasting connections, and renewed inspiration for the important work we do together every day.

Thank you,



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