

# Regional Recycled Water Program Update

Engineering and Operations Committee Item 6a
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### Outline

- Demonstration Plant Activities
  - Grand Opening
  - Operations and Testing
  - Schedule
- Panel and Regulatory Activities
- Program Activities
- Next Steps



**Demonstration Plant** 

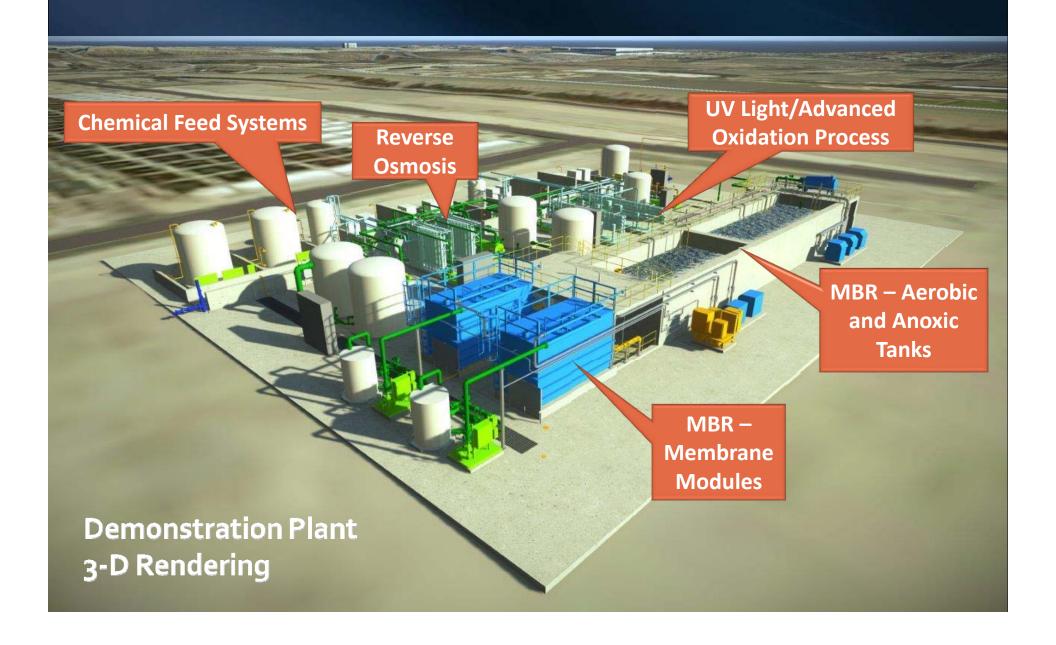
## **Grand Opening Event**

October 10, 2019 - Approximately 250 attendees



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### **Demonstration Plant Process Train**



## Demonstration Plant Pre-Testing

### Activities

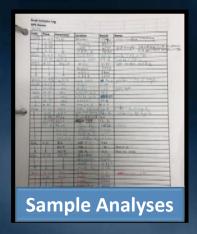
- Continued Weekly Coordination & Operational Meetings
  - Metropolitan
  - LACSD
  - Project Consultants
- Monitoring & Maintenance
- Microbial Method Development
- Start-up Operations





## Monitoring & Maintenance







**Chemical Tote Handling** 



**Field Sampling** 

## **Process Testing and** Microbial Method Development



**Pathogen Analyses Training** 



**Denitrification Reactor Test Setup** 

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Bench-Scale Testing



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## Start-up Operations



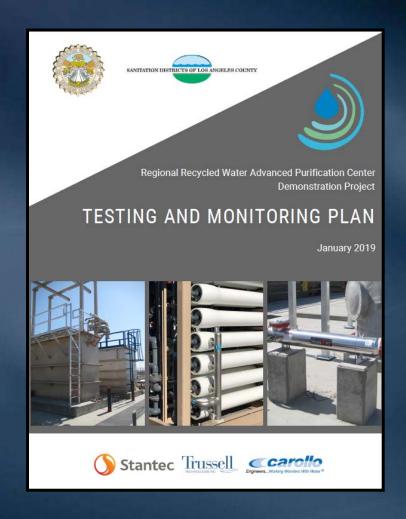
**Biological Acclimation** 



**Equipment Troubleshooting** 



### Demonstration Plant Testing



### **Pre-testing**

Equipment Testing and Process Acclimation (3 months)

### Phase 1

Baseline Performance Testing (4 months)

#### Phase 2

Challenge Testing and Evaluation (8 months)

### Independent Scientific Advisory Panel

- Title 22 Regulations require independent panel of experts to review alternative approaches for meeting existing regulations (e.g., application of Membrane Bioreactor)
- National Water Research Institute commissioned to secure panel for demonstration project
- Panel will help guide demonstration project
  - Testing and monitoring approach
  - Water quality, operations data and reporting
  - Regulatory engagement



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## ISAP Workshop 2 and Regulatory Mtng. 7 Focus Areas covered on Dec. 4-5, 2019



### **Process Technology**

- Testing Approach
- Operational Criteria



### **Monitoring and Analysis**

- Microbial Sampling
- Analytical Methodology



### Raw Water Augmentation

- Conceptual Approach
- Technology Considerations

## Independent Scientific Advisory Panel

Final ISAP report available by early 2020





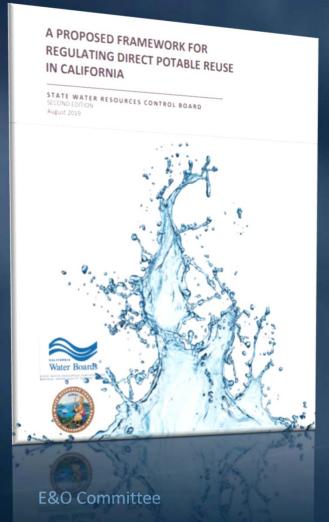


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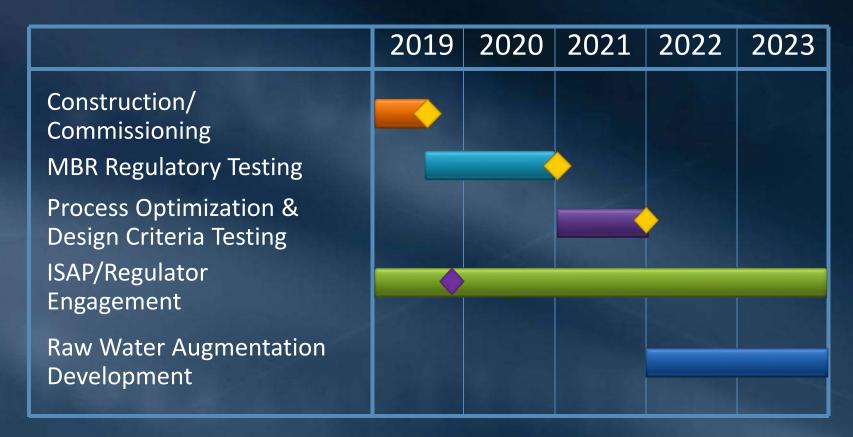
### Raw Water Augmentation (RWA)

State Water Resources Control Board released a revised DPR Framework in August 2019



- Staff provided verbal and written comments on framework
- Joint support letter for RWA Expert Panel
  - Metropolitan, LADWP & Santa Clara Valley Water District
- Research to support and inform regulation in progress

### **Demonstration Facility Testing Schedule**



- Completion
- ♦ ISAP Meeting No. 2 (Dec. 4 and 5), Regulator Meeting No. 7 (Dec. 5)

### **Program Outreach Activities**

Full Tour Program Launched









**Public Tours** 

**Group Tours** 

**School Tours** 

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## **Next Steps for Program**

White Papers





**Early 2020** 

**Board Letter** 



Workshop #1:

Implementation and DPR Considerations

Workshop #2:

Planning, Agreements and Financial Considerations

Board Action on Next Steps

July 23, 2019



Letters of Intent

Mid 2020

## Innovative Partnership Opportunity Southern Nevada Water Authority

- Metropolitan and SNWA collaboration and partnership history
  - Colorado River water supply
  - Water quality, treatment technologies, and laboratory methods
- SNWA assessing future long-term supply needs
- Explore partnership opportunities in Program development
  - Letter of Intent
  - Coordination on 2026 Colorado River Operating Guidelines

# Metropolitan's Recycled Water Website



INTRODUCTION HOW IT WORKS PROCESS BENEFITS STRATEGY MILESTONES RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP



#### A NEW SOURCE OF WATER FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Water is too precious to use just once. So the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is making a major investment in a potential water recycling project that will reuse water currently sent to the ocean.

www.mwdh2o.com/RRWP

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