

California Water Supply Plan: Where Does Recycling Fit In?

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- Context is critical in thinking about the feasibility of developing regulatory criteria for direct potable use of recycled water.
- There are a wide range of options for water agencies, starting with conservation that can reduce the overall demand for water
- When demands for water must be met, an agency can turn to multiple sources:
 - Treated recycled water
 - Stormwater
 - Graywater
 - Desalination of brackish and ocean water
 - Groundwater
 - Imported water
- There are a range of water users
 - Agriculture
 - Residences
 - Commercial
 - Industrial
 - Institutions
- Users have a wide range of needs that must be evaluated for cost and suitability in order to choose the right water for the demand
- The governor is interested in recycled water and this Expert Panel's deliberations on the feasibility of developing regulatory criteria for the direct potable use of recycled water
- The governor is also aware of the risks that must be considered. He asks that we move speedily and safely forward.

- If there is an opportunity for him to have a conversation with a few of the scientists on this Expert Panel, he welcomes it. I urge you to take him up on the offer.
- There is a lot of interest within the recycled water community and the communities they serve to make decisions quickly.
- My caution to everyone who thinks this way is, “We must not dawdle, but we must be confident in our next steps, ensuring that the safety of the public is paramount. There may be essential research needs. There may be new technology needs that are not yet in the market place. These needs are among the issues the Expert Panel will consider.”