## Recycling Conserves Both Water and Energy

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#### Water may not be as green as you think

# Supply, Conveyance, Treatment of Water can be Energy Intensive

Water Use Cycle	Range of Energy Intensity [kWh/MG]	
	Low	High
Water Supply and Conveyance	0	14,000
Water Treatment	100	16,000
Wastewater Collection, Treatment and Discharge	1,100	5,000
<b>Recycled Water Treatment and Distribution</b>	400	1,200

California Energy Commission



#### **Moving Water Around is a Big Deal!**

#### 2900 MGD

1900' lift

#### **Power: 1.1 million Hp (835 mW)**



Edmonston Pumping Plant, CA state water project

State water project is the largest electricity user in the state of CA (5 billion kWh/yr)

### Arid Locations Pay Dearly (Energy) for Their Water

	Northern California	Southern California
	kWh/MG	kWh/MG
Water Supply and Conveyance	150	8,900
Water Treatment	100	100
Water Distribution	1,200	1,200
Wastewater Treatment	2,500	2,500
Total	3,950	12,700
	Water Rich	Water Poor

Source - California Energy Commission

# Where is the Energy in the Conventional Water Treatment Process?



Sample relative distribution of energy at a 10-MGD surface water treatment plant.

## Recycled Water Not Only Saves Energy but Big Money



The Pinellas County Resource Recovery Facility

3,150 TPD waste to energy facility (75MW)

60,000 to 150,000 GPD Boiler make up water

Conversion to recycled water saves \$192,000/yr vs. potable water



#### **But What About Ground Water?**



#### **Ground Water Can be Energy Intensive**



#### **Energy Intensity of Water Supplier in Southern California**



Source - Dr. Robert Wilkinson, Environmental Studies Program, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Martha Davis

#### If Water Conveyance Energy Intensity Scares you, Take Look at the End Energy Use

Residential Water Use Category	Estimated Percent of Total Use in 2010	Estimated Energy Intensity (kWh/MG)
Toilets and leaks	14%	0
Dishwashers	1%	98,000
<b>Clothes washers</b>	8%	36,000
Showers, faucets, and bathtubs (1)	12%	24,120
Landscape irrigation	23%	0

Water End Use Energy Intensity San Diego County, CA

Source - NRDC

## CUSTOMERS HAVE THE LARGEST ENERGY/GHG IMPACT IN THE URBAN WATER CYCLE

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#### 2005 GHG Emissions from Santa Rosa, CA Urban Water Cycle



## **A Few Notes on Energy Costs**

Electricity cost is not going down (currently 9.9¢/kWh) nationwide avg.

**Coal is a 4 letter word. Coal produced electricity cost will go up big-time** 

Non renewable Energy – GHG

GHG legislation looms (Waxman-Markey, AB 32-CA, 21 States)



#### Should Reclamation be Part of Your Carbon Action Plan?



Napa Reclamation System

Reclamation energy is trivial – take advantage of this windfall in your carbon action plans

## **Reclamation Energy Summary**

Within 5-10 years most WWTPs will produce unrestricted use reclaimed water quality

**Energy for their WWTPs is a sunk cost** 

**Energy intensity for reclaimed water is almost zero!** 

Almost every other water supply source has a higher energy intensity

WWTP discharge standards: cheaper to reuse than discharge





#### Discussion

