



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE WATEREUSE ASSOCIATION AND
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLEAN WATER AGENCIES**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the WaterReuse Association (WRA) and the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) is meant to memorialize and maximize collaborative efforts on shared policy objectives, work toward elevating clean and safe water as a national priority and strengthen engagement between NACWA and WaterReuse Association leaders and members.

NACWA recognizes the unique technical expertise of the WaterReuse Association in the reuse/recycling space and wants to ensure this expertise helps inform NACWA'S strategic policy direction. The WaterReuse Association recognizes NACWA's unique role in supporting and encouraging resource recovery, including water reuse, as an important water resource tool employed by the municipal clean water community.

In furtherance of these objectives, NACWA and the WaterReuse Association hereby agree to the following:

Policy Advocacy and Coordination:

NACWA and the WRA agree to collaborate and coordinate on federal policy and investment matters related to water reuse, including but not limited to the following:

- Encourage increased federal investment and funding for programs that support water reuse/recycling infrastructure projects (expanding Title XVI, WIIN Act, SRFs, and WIFIA, etc.);
- Support consistent federal funding for research for water reuse and resource recovery aimed at increasing water supply and satisfying the growing demand for clean water, including supporting resources for reuse-related research undertaken by the Water Research Foundation;
- Work collaboratively on policy matters at the intersection of the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act that impact water reuse-related practices and clean water policy (e.g., water reuse practices for groundwater recharge to augment local water supplies and mitigate land subsidence and saltwater intrusion);
- Seek to adopt and share common positions with key federal agencies and Congress as they develop policies on reuse/recycling to ensure these policies facilitate greater adoption of water reuse and resource recovery;
- Collaborate on policy white papers that advance greater understanding of the role that water reuse plays in advancement of Clean Water Act goals.

Knowledge Sharing and Technical Expertise Exchange:

NACWA and the WRA agree to work collaboratively on learning opportunities that foster increased awareness and advance innovative technologies and approaches with a focus on water reuse and resource recovery – and share best practices being implemented by respective members in this arena - in furtherance of the Water Resources Utility of the Future vision, to include, but not limited to the following:

- As appropriate, provide speaking opportunities for each other's members and/or staff at conferences, via webinars and through other offerings on a regular basis;
- Foster continuous and general collaboration among staffs of both organizations as opportunities arise;
- Hold regular staff calls to discuss strategies as well as priorities on water reuse and recycling projects and identify joint projects and seek alignment whenever possible;
- Identify potential partnerships/collaborations between the organizations' members and with other organizations in furtherance of shared objectives.
- Provide organizational memberships in each other's respective association.



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