



# **DEMOWARE WATER REUSE CONFERENCE**

**U.S.** Municipal Wastewater Reuse:

Project Pipeline and Market Update 2016

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# **Summary**

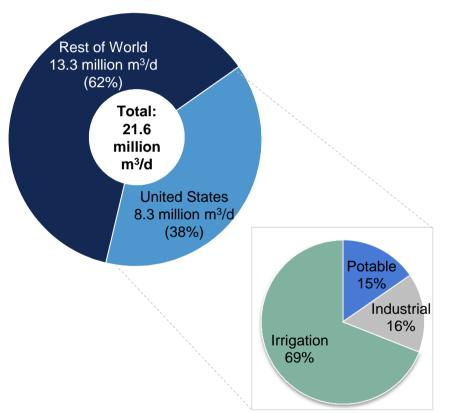
- The US is the world's largest market for wastewater reuse by volume (38%)
  - but still has a long way to go in terms of tapping its full potential (3%).
- Bluefield Research's analysis of the U.S. wastewater reuse sector demonstrates a total installed capacity of 18.5 million m<sup>3</sup>/d and US\$12 billion of projects in the pipeline.
- Longer-term water planning cycles at the state level are demonstrating greater support for the expansion of reuse systems.
- Federal support for reclaimed water, especially in the form of financing, continues to gain momentum.



### Wastewater Reuse in the US in a Global Context

The United States stands out as the largest market by volume for municipal wastewater reuse but lags other countries as a percentage total water supply.

#### **Global Wastewater Reuse Volumes**



# **Applications for Reclaimed Water in the US**

### **Analysis**

# Building blocks in place for broader US reuse build-out

- The US represents a significant share of the total at 38%.
- Relative to share of total water supplies, in the US reclaimed water is only 3%, well below global leaders Singapore and Israel.

# Reclaimed water applications to evolve with shifting demands

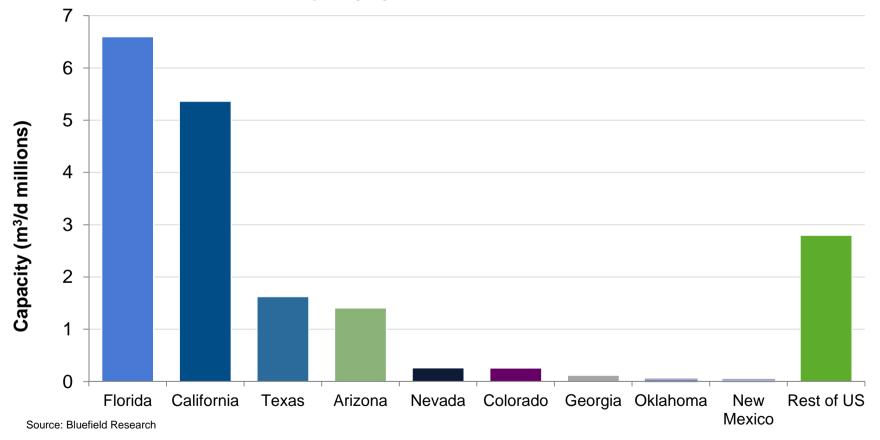
- Potable reuse, almost exclusively indirect, has steadily gained momentum to reach 15% of the total flows.
- Risk to power plants and the energy sector have drawn most reclaimed water for industry.
- Irrigation for agriculture and landscaping, represent 69% of total flows,



# **Installed Reuse Capacity by State**

The U.S. wastewater reuse sector has experienced a slight uptick in activity with 147,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d of capacity added since the end of Q2 2015 and boosting total installed capacity to 18.5 million m<sup>3</sup>/d.

## **Total Installed Water Reuse Capacity by State**





# **Wastewater Reuse Policy Changes**

State and federal policy and financing mechanisms continue to evolve to support development of reuse projects.

State	Date	Wastewater Reuse Policy	Impact on Reuse
Oklahoma	Nov 2015	creation of sensitive water supply reuse classification, to support the introduction of reclaimed water in lakes and reservoirs as part of indirect potable reuse	$\Leftrightarrow$
Colorado	Nov 2015	US\$20 billion dollar water plan highlighting future water needs and supplies, including wastewater reuse	1
Florida	Dec 2015	Senate Bill 536 (SB 536) Study on Expansion of Beneficial Uses of Reclaimed Water, Stormwater and Excess Surface Water.	1
Federal	Dec 2015	Ban lifted on tax-exempt bonds in conjunction with federal loans (WIFIA) for water projects	1
Texas	Dec 2015	2016 Regional Water Plans, consolidated into the 2017 State Water Plan and calls for US\$2.7 billion investment in reuse	$\Leftrightarrow$
Federal	Jan 2016	Bill proposed to authorize US\$350 million for water recycling projects	1
California	Feb 2016	LA Count Dept Public Health publishes guidelines for non-potable reuse,	1

#### **Analysis**

- States with nascent reuse programs continue to pass regulations to supporting a reuse program.
- The federal government continues to develop new financing mechanisms for reuse projects, especially those intended to provide drought relief.
- Reuse market leaders Florida and Texas expand plans for future growth of reclaimed water use.





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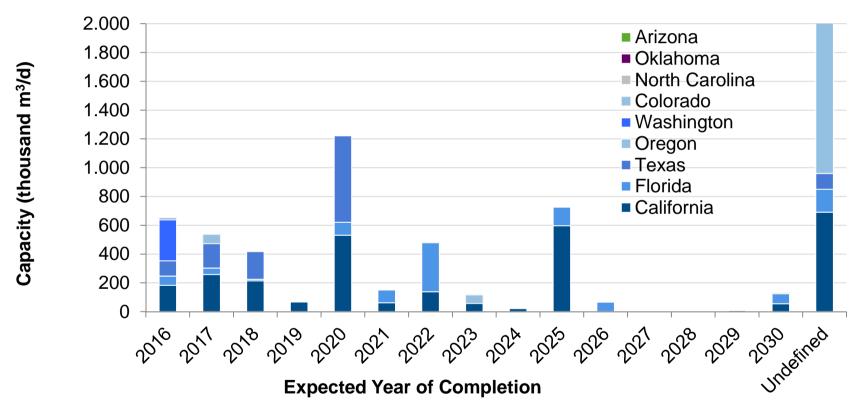




# **Planned Reuse Project Timeline**

Currently, 441 systems are expected to be completed by 2030, accounting for over 6.7 million m<sup>3</sup>/d of reuse capacity that will surpass US\$12.9 billion in infrastructure investment.

#### **Reuse Capacity Additions by Year**



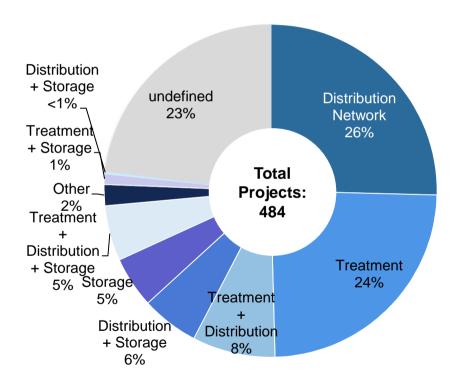
Source: Bluefield Research



# **Types of Planned Reuse Projects**

Of the identified system types, planned reuse projects are evenly split between treatment and distribution systems, accounting for 279 (75%) of total projects, including those that encompass both treatment and distribution components.

### **Types of Planned Water Reuse Projects**



Source: Bluefield Research

#### **Analysis**

- Treatment includes upgrades and expansions to existing wastewater treatment plants to make water suitable for reuse, as well as new plants.
- Types of treatment technology being deployed include membrane bioreactors (MBR), ultrafiltration (UF), reverse osmosis (RO) systems, and UV and ozone for disinfection of reclaimed water.
- Distributions networks include pipe systems and pump stations to transport water to the end users.
- Storage includes tanks, wetlands, and ASR (aquifer, storage, and recovery) all designed to hold reclaimed water for use during drought.





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