Water is critical to the economy, and yet it is an increasingly limited resource due to population growth, over-allocation, and flow restrictions on water withdrawals. Economic prosperity depends on having sufficient, clean, reliable water supplies for agricultural, municipal, industrial and environmental uses.

We are the Western Recycled Water Coalition. We are creating reliable and sustainable solutions to address this water crisis - but we need your help. More funding is needed, and partnership provides incentive to build a truly sustainable water future.

Coalition Members as of January 2017

The Western Recycled Water Coalition is a collaboration among cities, water and wastewater districts, and investor-owned water utilities. These projects offer federal and state governments an opportunity to leverage funds for significant benefit - helping to achieve state goals and Bureau of Reclamation Vision through the efficient reuse of water.
Constructing Coalition projects will provide multiple benefits:

- developing ~100,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) dry year yield;
- reducing diversions from natural waterways and aquifers;
- providing drought-tolerant, sustainable water supplies for industry, agriculture, landscape, and wetlands enhancement;
- improving surface water quality;
- saving energy;
- attracting green projects and increasing economic development; and,
- supporting more than 10,000 jobs.

DELIVERING RELIABILITY
Recycled water supplies do not depend on rainfall, and instead depend on wastewater flows that do not fluctuate greatly in a drought and are not subject to evaporation.

Current Coalition projects will provide 100,000 AFY of reliable, sustainable, drought-tolerant water supply. This volume of water is equivalent to meeting the household water needs for 875,000 people.

MEETING WATER NEEDS
Western Recycled Water Coalition projects are ready to deliver – having feasibility studies and environmental completed or well underway. The projects will use the latest in water resource recovery and recycling technology, treating wastewater to high standards that allow it to be reused for many purposes.

WRWC projects will supply clean water for irrigation of parks, school grounds, and government facilities; for cooling processes for power plants, and other manufacturing facilities; for growing crops in the fertile Central Valley and Monterey; for augmenting potable supplies, and for wetlands.

WRWC: A Growing Western Presence
Our members have a presence in several western states, and our membership is growing. The current set of recycled water projects (circles on large map) will contribute significant new water supplies.

WRWC philosophy is that recycled water development should be a national priority.

The coalition is actively seeking partnerships across the United States where new water supplies are needed. We would like to join with others developing recycled water or desalination projects to speak as one voice to our leaders at the state and federal level when asking for help.

See www.westernrwc.org for more details.