

### SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT RECYCLED WATER STRATEGIC PLAN

## Public Information Meeting February 8, 2022



Engineers...Working Wonders With Water\*

## Meeting Outline



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## Introduction to the Plan and Project Team



// Why are we here today?

- To explain why the STPUD is embarking on the Recycled Water Strategic Plan
- Understand the strategic plan development process
- Understand how you can stay involved



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## // Who will you hear from today?

## // Brief History of Existing System



- STPUD established in 1950
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### // Why is STPUD embarking on a Recycled Water Strategic Plan?



Technological advancements in wastewater treatment

Acceptance of water reuse in California

STPUD is taking a proactive approach in planning for the future. The plan will analyze and identify options to determine the most cost-effective, innovative, and environmentally conscious way to manage recycled water in the future.



## Overview of STPUD's Existing System



## // STPUD's Recycled Water System



Elevation (feet)

## // California Reuse Options

Treatment Level	Approved Uses
Indirect Potable Reuse	<ul> <li>Drinking Water</li> </ul>
Disinfected Tertiary Recycled Water	<ul> <li>Spray Irrigation of Food Crops</li> <li>Landscape Irrigation</li> <li>Nonrestricted Recreational Impoundment</li> </ul>
Disinfected Secondary – 2.2 Recycled Water	<ul><li>Surface Irrigation of Food Crops</li><li>Restricted Recreational Impoundment</li></ul>
Disinfected Secondary – 23 Recycled Water	<ul> <li>Pasture for Milking Animals</li> <li>Landscape Irrigation (restricted)</li> <li>Landscape Impoundment</li> </ul>
Undisinfected Secondary Recycled Water	<ul> <li>Surface Irrigation of Orchards and Vineyards (limited harvesting)</li> <li>Fodder, Fiber and Seed Crops</li> </ul>

## // Recycled Water System in Alpine County



## Recycled Water Strategic Plan



## // Outcome of the Recycled Water Strategic Plan



 Overall direction for recycled water system

 Factors that may trigger change and associated alternative pathways VS.

### **Master Plan**

- Specific objective
- Alternatives evaluation
- Selection of preferred alternative or "project"
- Project CIP

### // Recycled Water Strategic Plan Development



## // Recycled Water Strategic Plan Schedule



Milestones

SAG and Public Workshops

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- More stringent requirements on land application of recycled water
- Regulatory frameworks for other types of recycled water





- Unfavorable future contracts
- Revisiting Porter-Cologne Act





Economics

- Energy optimization and/or recovery
  - Revenue opportunities for recycled water



Community

- Acceptance of water reuse
- Ideas for improvements



- Sustainability
- Climate change
- Enhanced beneficial uses of recycled water





- Advanced treatment processes for wastewater purification
- Technology related to energy recovery

## // What categories of alternatives may be considered?





Existing System – Optimize Functionality



**New System – Different Functionality** 

## Public Engagement



## // Public Participation - Attend. Learn. Engage.

- Project webpage: <u>https://stpud.us/recycled-water-strategic-plan/</u>
- E-blast updates/public meeting notices/questions:
  - Email your name to <u>recycledwater@stpud.us</u>
- Phone: (530) 544-6474 x 6202
- Social media sites:



## Questions & Answers



// How to ask questions

- Computer participants:
  - Ask question in the chat box of GoToMeeting
  - Un-mute to speak
- Mobile participants
  - Press "\*6" on phone (for land lines)
  - Un-mute to speak



# Closing



## // Closing

- Thank you for being here!
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#### **Recycled Water Strategic Plan**

The South Tahoe Public Utility District is developing a Recycled Water Strategic Plan to determine the most cost-effective, innovative, and environmentally conscious way to manage recycled water in the future. This Plan will be developed over the next three years and involve opportunities for customers, agency partners, and the public to provide input. To receive email alerts on upcoming public meetings and project updates, send an email to recycledwater@stpud.us.

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### // STPUD's WWTP



### // STPUD Strategic Goals





## // Goals and Objectives – Recycled Water Strategic Plan

- Comprehensive
- Technically Sound
- Path Forward
- Incorporate Points of Flexibility
- Accepted by District Board and Community

#### **Our Vision**

Maintain a dynamic organization that can quickly and proactively meet an ever increasing environment of regulations and scarce

#### resources.

#### **Our Mission**

Furnish our customers with reliable water and wastewater services, and provide those services safely, efficiently, and cost effectively.



## // Why now?

# 1971

Porter-Cologne Act 1969 Clean Water Act 1972 Safe Drinking Water Act 1974 Secondary treatment **2071** Changes to landowner agreements? Nutrient regulations? Wastewater as resource/climate change? Advanced wastewater treatment processes? Direct potable reuse regulations? Porter-Cologne modifications?

### // Recycled Water Strategic Plan Development



## // California Reuse Options

### **STPUD Recycled Water System**

#### **Additional Recycled Water Options**

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	<ul> <li>Landscape Impoundment</li> </ul>	Disinfected Tertiary Recycled Water	<ul> <li>Spray Irrigation of Food Crops</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Landscape Irrigation</li> </ul>
Undisinfected Secondary	<ul> <li>Surface Irrigation of Orchards and</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Nonrestricted Recreational Impoundment</li> </ul>
Recycled Water	<ul> <li>Vineyards (limited harvesting)</li> <li>Fodder, Fiber and Seed Crops</li> </ul>		
		Disinfected Secondary –	Surface Irrigation of Food Crops
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