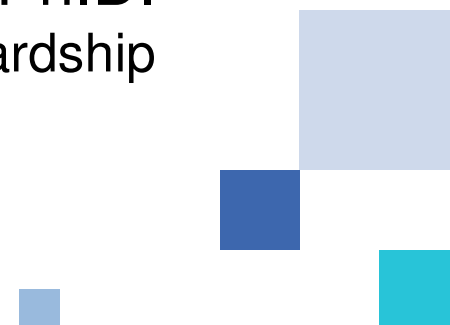
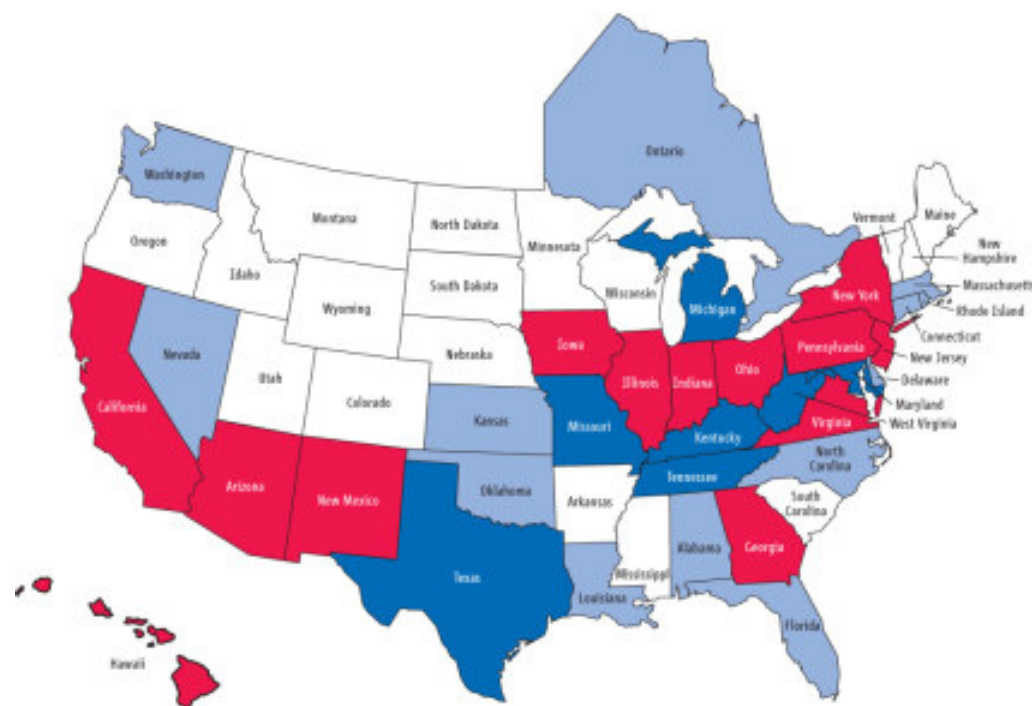


# Overview of Water Reuse Technology:

## Pricing Considerations Related To Reclaimed Water

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American Water owns or operates over 870 water treatment plants & wells and 270 wastewater facilities.

The company conducts over one million water quality tests each year for over 100 regulated parameters, and up to 50 types of water-related tests each day.

[www.amwater.com](http://www.amwater.com)

American Water reuses nearly 2 billion gallons per year



# Reuse of Treated Wastewater

- Water reuse in the U.S. is a large and growing practice
- Nationally, an estimated 1.7 billion gallons per day is reused.
- Reclaimed water use on a volume basis is growing an estimated 15% per year.
- In 2002, Florida reclaimed 584 mgd. California ranked a close second with 525 mgd used every day.
- Florida has an official goal of reclaiming 1 billion gallon per day by the year 2010.
- Texas, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, Georgia, Washington



# Types of Reuse

## ■ Urban Reuse

- Irrigation of parks, highway medians, golf courses, etc.
- Commercial uses such as vehicle washing, window washing, etc.
- Fire protection
- Dust control and concrete production
- Toilet and urinal flushing

## ■ Groundwater recharge

## ■ Augmentation of potable supplies

## ■ Industrial Reuse

- Cooling water
- Boiler make-up water
- Industrial process water

## ■ Agricultural reuse

## ■ Environmental and recreational

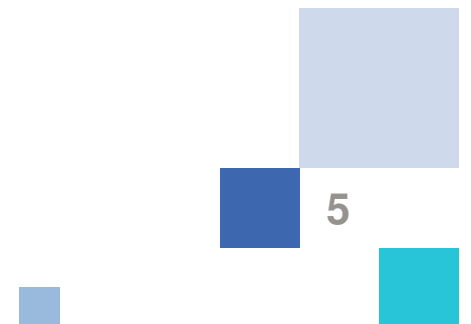
- To create, restore, and/or enhance wetlands
- Recreational and aesthetic impoundments

Reclaimed wastewater is an increasingly important source of supply

# Current Regulations & Guidelines



- Currently there are no federal regulations directly governing water reuse practices.
- 25 states have regulations regarding the use of reclaimed water
- 16 states have guidelines or design standards
- 9 states have no regulations



# Example: Membrane Bioreactors

- American Water operates nearly 30 membrane bioreactors (MBRs), to treat wastewater and provide the potential for water reuse.
- MBR Advantages:
  - Increased Reliability
  - High Quality Effluent
    - Free of Suspended Solids
    - Increased Pathogen Removal
  - Easily Automated
  - Reduced sludge
  - Reduced Footprint
- American Water has experience with different membrane configurations (flat sheet and immersed membranes) and cost models.

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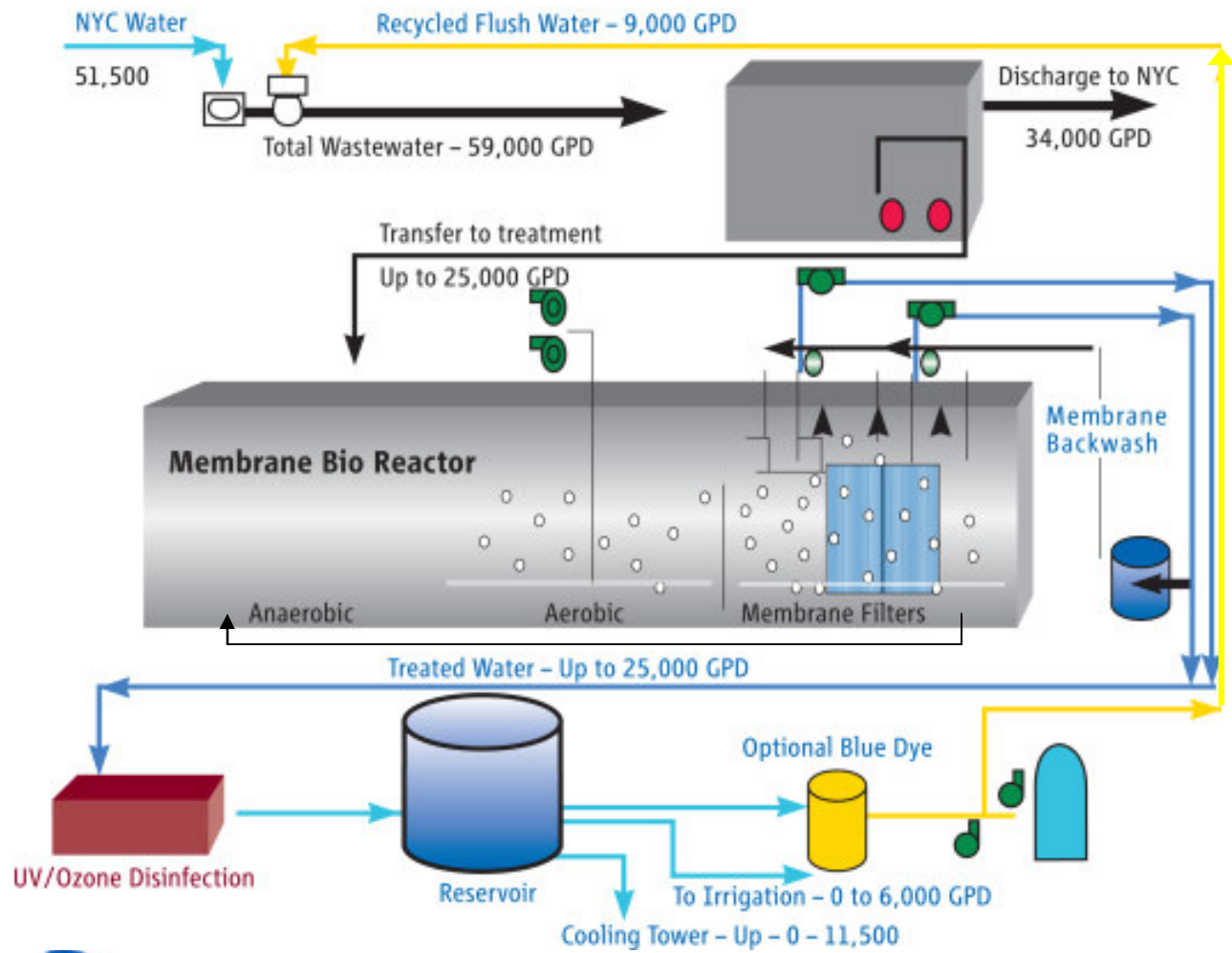
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# Solaire in Building Recycling Battery Park City, NY



- 293 Unit Building
- 25,000 GPD Reclaimed Water
- Treatment Plant Located in the Basement of a Luxury Apartment Building
- Gold LEED Certified

# MBR Technology





# Beneficial Reuse: Solaire

## Recycles up to 25,000 GPD:

- 9,000 GPD toilet flush water
- 11,500 GPD cooling tower make-up
- 6,000 GPD landscape irrigation

## Advanced membrane bioreactor system:

- 35% less overall energy consumption
- 65% less energy at peak demand
- 50% less potable water used than other high-rise buildings of same size

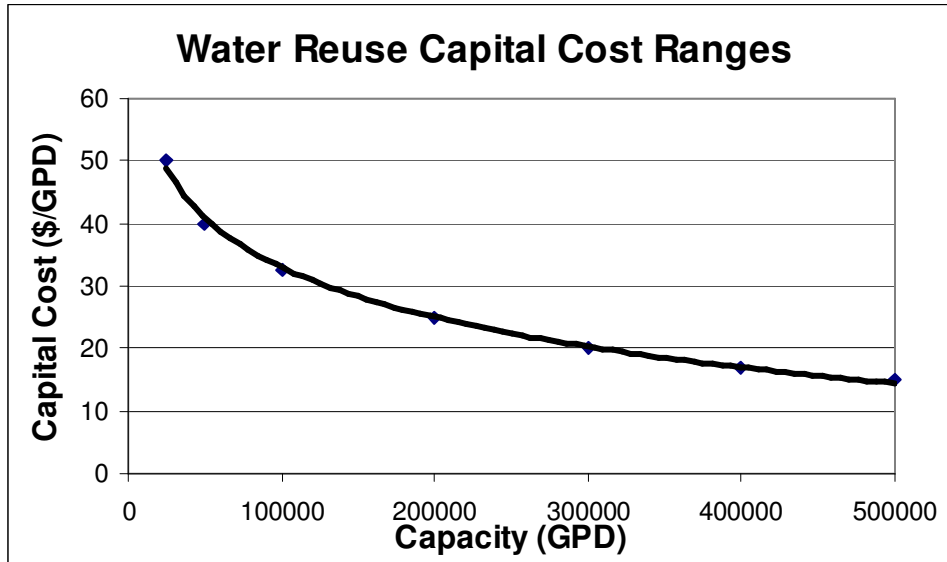
**Rainwater collection system** irrigates 10,000 square feet of rooftop gardens



Treated Effluent Storage Tanks in Basement Equipment Room



# Cost Estimates From Solaire



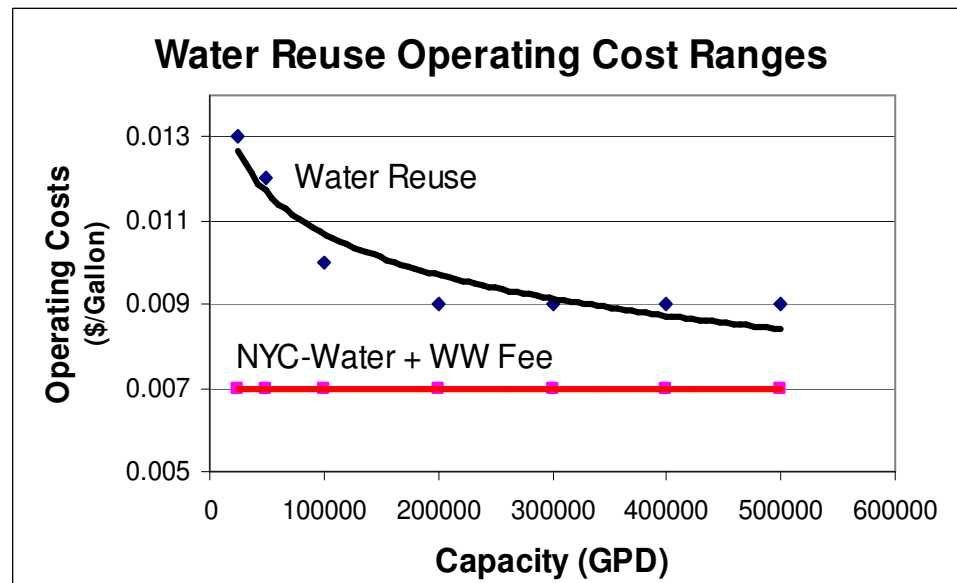
## Capital Cost Range

- \$50/GPD at 10,000 GPD
- \$15/GPD at 500,000 GPD

(Based on current experience - specific site conditions would dictate actual costs)

## Operating Cost Range

- \$0.013/Gallon at 25,000 GPD
- \$0.009/Gallon at 400,000 GPD
- NYC = \$0.007/Gallon W + WW



# Wrentham Village Outlet Mall

- Municipal sewer was unavailable.
- On-site facility required to treat to same levels as municipal plant would.
- Construction schedule was critical to project success.
- Toilet flushing and groundwater recharge
- Original system designed for 375,000 sq. ft. of retail outlet stores.
- Two subsequent reuse plant upgrades of \$500,000 and \$1.3 MM; serving nearly 700,000 sq ft of commercial space.



# Wrentham Village Outlet Mall



## ■ Direct reuse advantages at Wrentham, MA:

- Capital cost savings: smaller effluent disposal fields needed
- Operating cost savings by reducing potable water consumption
- Public relations improved
- Conserved water resources



## The Challenge :



- Where could the Town of Foxboro, MA find a reliable source of 250,000 gallons per day of water to meet the game-day demands of a modern National Football League stadium?
- If water was available, how could the Town treat and dispose of the 250,000 gallons per day of wastewater that was generated?
- What would be the potential environmental impacts of instantaneously withdrawing 250,000 gallons per game-day?

# Gillette Stadium Project Profile

- 250,000 GPD, membrane bio-reactor wastewater treatment plant – expandable to 1.1 MGD.
- 680,000 gallon equalization tank.
- 3,500 GPM submersible lift station.
- 2.4 acre leach field – on site wastewater discharge and recharges local aquifer.
- Reclaimed water is utilized for stadium toilet flushing.
- \$5.2 million capital project; AWM has 20 year operating contract.
- Added commercial development made possible via expandability of recycling capabilities



# Anthem Arizona

- Initial Service Date: 1999
- Design Capacity: 7 million GPD (water)  
3 million GPD (wastewater)
- Population Served: 13,000
- Treatment:
  - Prescreening
  - MBR
    - Anoxic
    - Aerobic
    - ZenoGem membranes
  - UV disinfection
  - Chlorine residual



# City of Fillmore, California



- 2006 DBO for new 1.8 MGD, \$40 million, wastewater treatment plant
- Stringent Performance Criteria
- Wastewater reuse for irrigation and groundwater recharge
- Energy
  - Conservation Issues
  - Self Generation Incentives



Constituent	Enhanced Requirements <sup>(5)</sup>
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD <sub>5</sub> 20°C)	<5 mg/L
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	<5 mg/L
Nitrate + Nitrite (NO <sub>3</sub> -N + NO <sub>2</sub> -N)	<5 mg/L
Nitrite – Nitrogen (NO <sub>2</sub> -N)	<0.5 mg/L
Turbidity	0.2 NTU
Title 22 ReuseWater MCLs	
Total Nitrogen	<8 mg/L





# Lifecycle Cost Comparison

Manufacturer		Zenon	USF-Memcor	Kubota
<b>Chemical Costs</b>				
<b>Annual Cost of Cleaning Chemicals</b>	\$	<b>5,376</b>	<b>8,988</b>	<b>835</b>
NPV of Chemical costs	\$	78,279	130,879	12,159
<b>Power Costs</b>				
Permeate pump power consumption	kWh/yr	32,614	42,340	86,140
Membrane air scour blowers power consumption	kWh/annur	235,578	287,255	775,990
RAS pump power consumption	kWh/yr	75,258	188,705	26,280
Total Power Consumption	kWh/yr	343,451	518,300	888,410
Cost of power	\$/kWh	0.12	0.12	0.12
<b>Total Annual Cost of Power</b>	\$	<b>41,214</b>	<b>62,196</b>	<b>106,609</b>
NPV of Power Costs	\$	600,141	905,669	1,552,393
Lifecycle Opex Costs (ex. Labor & biol. processes)	\$	678,420	1,036,548	1,564,552
<b>Capital Cost of System</b>	\$	<b>2,610,000</b>	<b>2,610,587</b>	<b>2,450,000</b>
<b>TOTAL MBR LIFECYCLE COST</b>	\$	<b>3,288,420</b>	<b>3,647,135</b>	<b>4,014,552</b>
<b>Cost Differential (Zenon as base case)</b>	\$		<b>(358,715)</b>	<b>(726,132)</b>

NB. NPV calculations assume an annual inflation rate of 3% and an interest rate of 6%

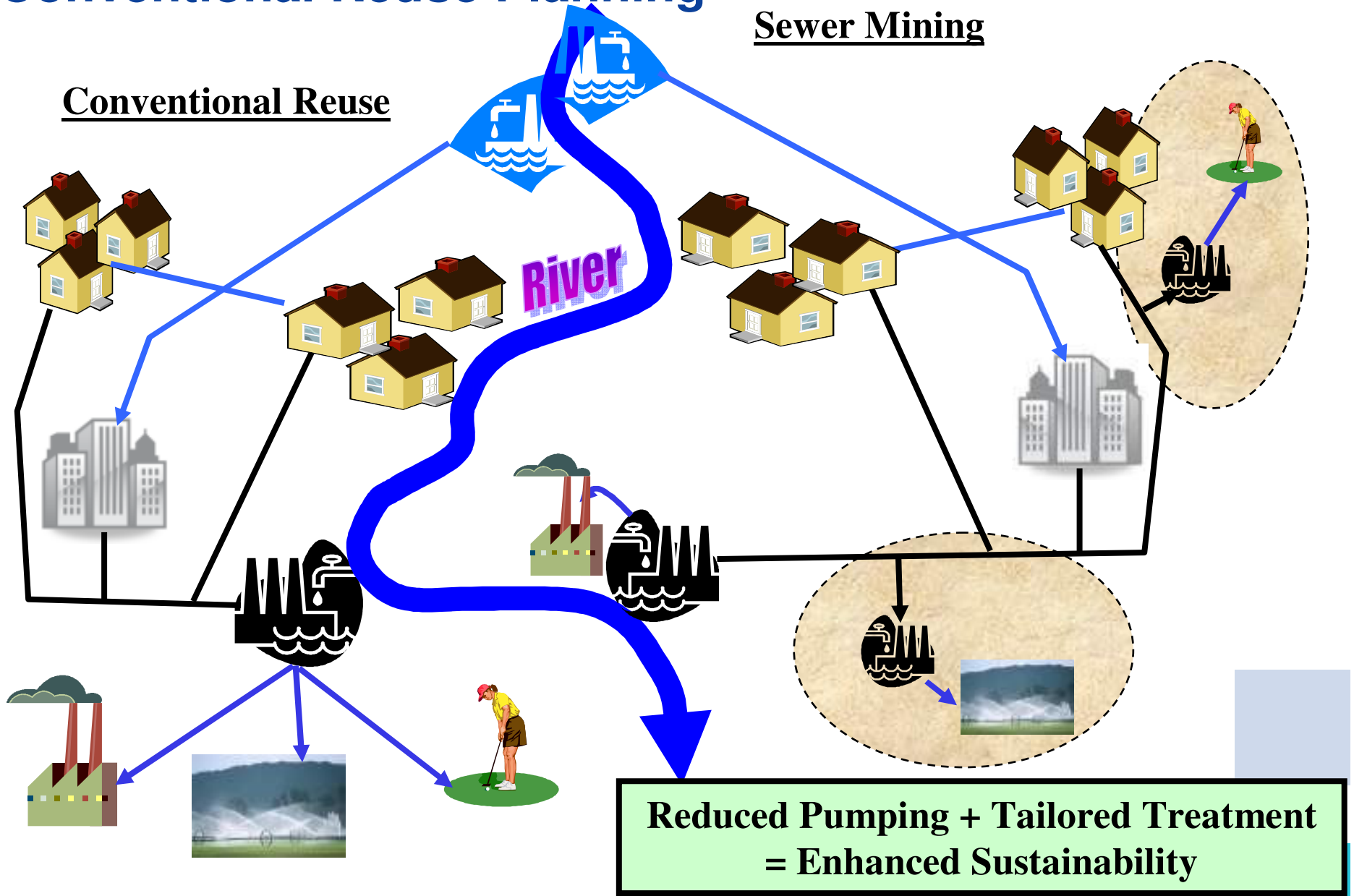
# Orange County Groundwater Replenishment System

- Treats 70 MGD wastewater to a very high level using microfiltration, reverse osmosis membranes and ultraviolet and hydrogen peroxide oxidation
- Replenish the groundwater basin, to protect from seawater intrusion, and for industrial uses
- Reduces the amount of wastewater released into the ocean and delays the need for another ocean outfall
- Decreases reliance on imported water from northern California and the Colorado River
- Helps drought-proof the county
- Helps reduce mineral build up in the groundwater.
- Total program cost of \$480.8 million

<http://www.gwrssystem.com>



# Sewer Mining vs. Conventional Reuse Planning



# Sewer Mining: Immediate Benefits

- Enhances collection system capacity
- Increases water supply reliability
- Minimizes infrastructure requirements
  - Reclaimed water distribution requirements kept at a minimum
  - Saves on pumping costs of reuse water
  - Extends capacity of the collection system
- Waste Activated Sludge to collection system
  - Improves odor control
  - In-pipe treatment
- Provides planning, operating and capital investment flexibility



# Conclusions



- Wastewater reuse is an increasingly important element of the water cycle.
- Drivers for reuse include lack of alternative water supplies, groundwater replenishment, barrier to saltwater intrusion, pollution management
- Lack of federal regulations and varied applications makes defining reuse difficult
- MBR technology perfect for reuse: compact, effective, automated
- Pricing of reuse water is difficult – need to account for all the environmental benefits and the cost of the alternative supplies.

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