Saving Water & Energy – Reducing Greenhouse Gases by Improving Efficiency

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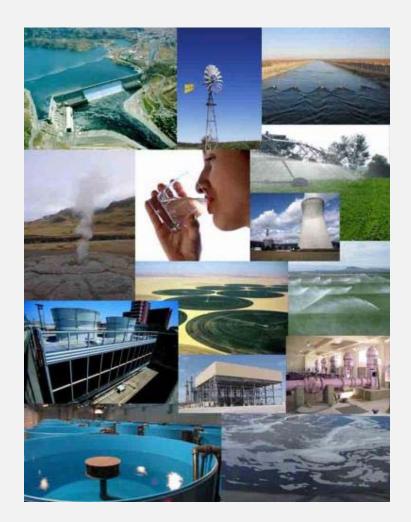
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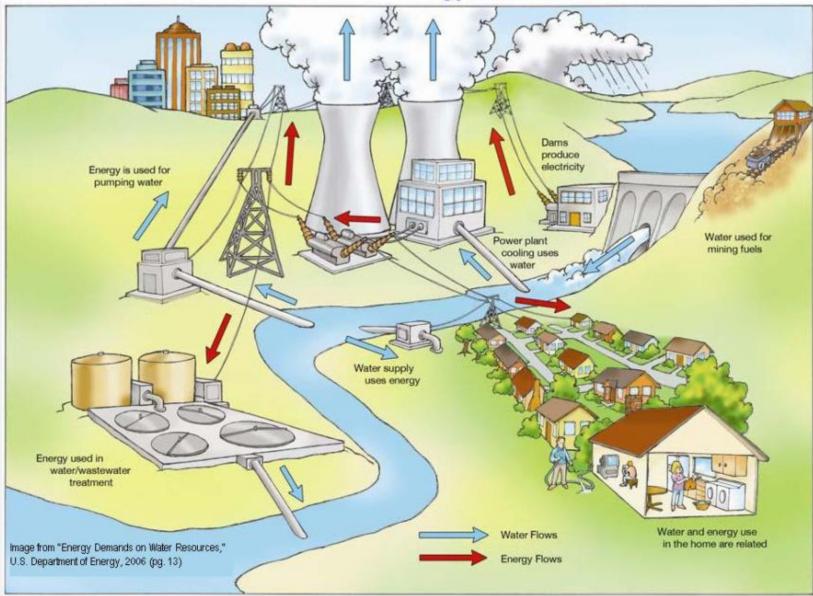
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Two Sides of the Same Coin?

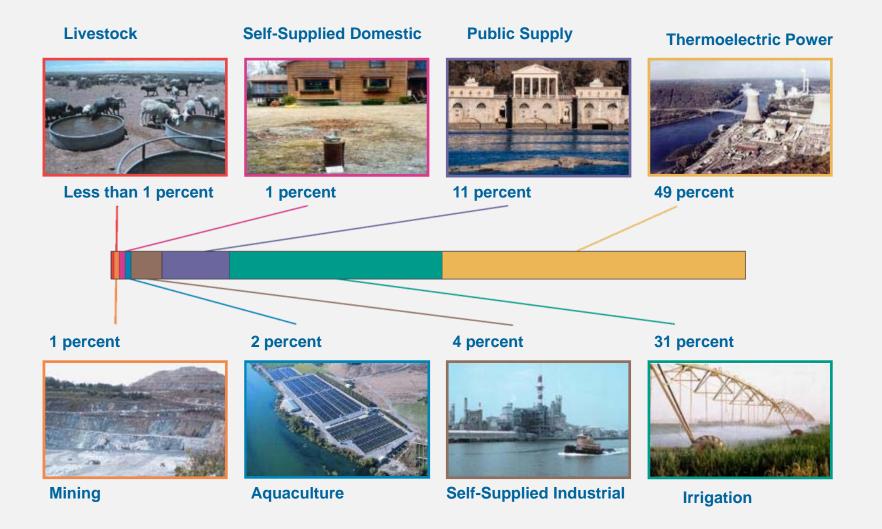
- Energy for Water
 - Pumping
 - Treating
 - Heating
- Water for Energy
 - Thermoelectric
 - Oil & Gas development
 - Biofuels
 - Concentrated solar
 - Etc.



The Water-Energy Nexus



Water withdrawals by category USGS 2005 Water Use Report



DOE and the Water/Energy Nexus

- ENERGY STAR includes criteria for water efficiency in some products (e.g., washing machines)
- Federal Energy Management Program efforts to advance water efficiency in federal facilities
- Several DOE labs are conducting research and development to
 - reduce water use in agriculture
 - reduce energy costs of desalination
 - understand the water requirements of emerging energy technologies
 - reduce power plant cooling requirements
 - develop improved technology for water treatment/reuse













Water utilities are a major focus for EPA's Office of Water

They face challenges on a number of fronts

- Investment needs to address aging infrastructure
- Increasing threats to watersheds and aquifers
- Changing compliance and public-health standards
- Population growth
- "Rising cost" industry
- Higher customer expectations
- Emerging contaminants (pharms)
- Increasing competition for raw water sources
- Rising energy costs and need to reduce GHGs
- Impacts of climate change



How does energy come into the picture for the water sector ?

- Moving, treating and heating water uses energy
 - Every gallon of water has an energy "footprint"
- Water sector energy use
 - Nationally ~3-4%
 - California ~20%
 - Municipal level can be > 40%
 - Utility level one of the highest costs



- Doesn't include energy footprint associated with end uses (hot water)
 - New Pacific Institute-Argosy Institute WECalc calculator allows estimates of water-related energy use in a household http://www.wecalc.org/

Today's Speakers

• Veronica Blette, EPA WaterSense Program

• Will talk about how efforts to use water more efficiently can also bring energy savings and how organizations can partner with EPA to promote water efficiency

• Jason Turgeon, EPA New England

 Will talk about cutting edge efforts to advance energy efficiency at water utilities – including all the way to net zero

Wendy Wilson, River Network

• Will talk about energy/water nexus challenges and how watershed groups can work to inform smart actions at the watershed, community and state levels

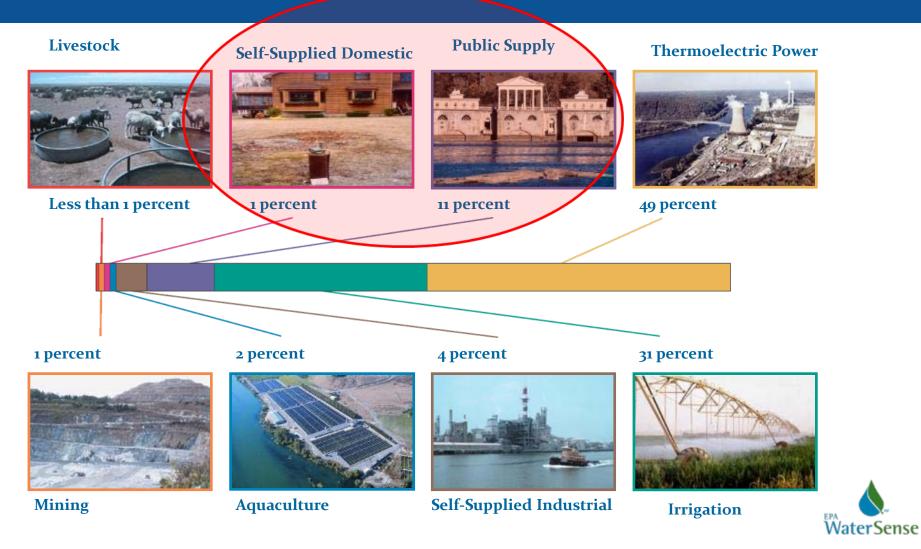


Saving Water Saves Energy

Veronica Blette Chief, WaterSense Branch US EPA Office of Water



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Good news – pace of withdrawals slowing and per capita use decreasing

2.50 500 Total Withdrawals 450 Per Person per Day 400 2.00 Thousands of Gallons per Person per Day 350 Billion Gallons per Day 1.50 300 250 1.00 200 150 0.50 100 50 0 0.00 1960 1965 1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 1950 1955

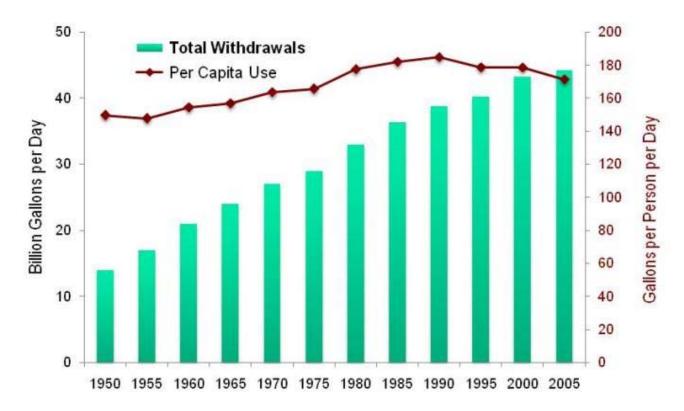






Sort of good news – per capita use of public supplies has leveled, but withdrawals still increasing

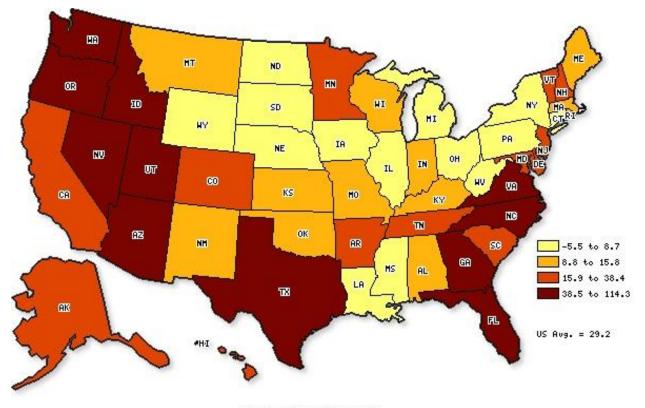
Public Supply Withdrawals (1950-2005)







Bad news - Population will continue to grow and will further stretch water resources



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

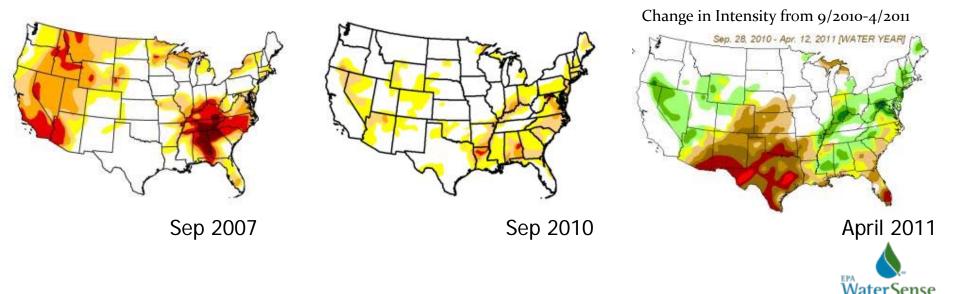
Figure -- Projected Change from 2000 to 2030 in Total Population – 2030. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State Interim Population Projections by Age and Sex: 2004–2030.





Ensuring a reliable supply of water can and will be a challenge

- Water scarcity is a reality
- Weather patterns change every year, but drought happens somewhere in the country every year
- Climate change only exacerbates problems



We need water efficiency

- Our national thirst for water is increasing
 - Between 1950 and 2000, U.S. population doubled while the demand on public supply systems more than tripled
 - A growing population will need food and services to meet its needs
 - Increasing awareness of nexus between water and energy, but some alternatives are water intensive
- Increased demands are stressing surface water and depleting aquifers
 - 2003 GAO report had at least 36 states predicting water shortages by 2013, even under non-drought conditions
- EPA estimates water utilities need to invest more than \$600 billion to update aging infrastructure over the next 20 years





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Co-benefits of Saving Water

The cheapest gallon of water may be the one you never have to provide



- Save energy and costs associated with pumping and treating water
- Reduce peak demands
- Reduce physical size of surface water alternative facilities
- Reduce volume of ground water pumping
- Delay capacity expansion projects
- Savings to individual homeowners in both water and energy bills
- Less greenhouse gas emissions





Strategies to Save Water on the Supply Side

- You can't manage what you don't measure
 - Water Accounting
 - Universal Metering
- Minimize losses and line breaks
 - Water Loss Control
 - Pressure Management
- Cheap water is easy to waste
 - Smart Costing and Pricing can send price signals to save

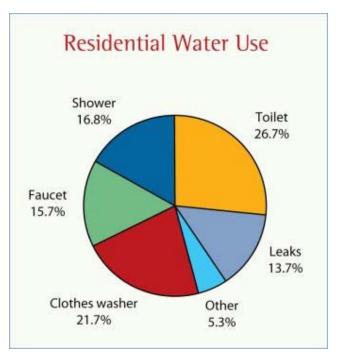






Opportunities to Save Water on the Demand Side

- Approx. 70% of water used indoors, 30% outdoors
 - Outdoor use is higher in Southwest and other regions
- Many of these uses also use energy - focusing on water efficiency can reduce energy consumption
 - Homes with electric water heaters, for example, can spend 1/4 of their total electric bill just to heat water







WaterSense as a Tool to Save Water and Energy

WaterSense is voluntary partnership and labeling program launched by EPA in 2006



- Our vision
 - All Americans will understand the importance of water efficiency and take positive actions to reduce their water use – in their homes, outdoors, and at work.

How will we achieve it?

- By transforming the marketplace for products and services that use water
- By promoting a nationwide ethic of water efficiency to conserve water resources for future generations and reduce water and wastewater infrastructure costs

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WaterSense Product Evaluation Factors



WaterSense uses the following factors in determining which products to label Products must:

- Offer equivalent or superior performance
- Be about 20 percent more water-efficient than conventional models
- Realize water savings on a national level
- Provide measurable results
- Achieve water efficiency through several technology options
- Be effectively differentiated by the WaterSense label
- Be independently certified





Where Is the WaterSense Label?

- Tank-Type Toilets
 - More than 700 labeled models
- Faucets/Faucet Accessories
 - 2,600 labeled models
- Flushing Urinals
 - 39 labeled valves, 30 labeled fixtures
- Showerheads
 - More than 270 labeled models
- Single-Family New Homes
 - 15 labeled homes
- Organizations certifying irrigation professionals
 - 10 organizations





Labeled products are listed at www.epa.gov/watersense/products/index.html



Schedule for Evaluating WaterSense Products

	Complete	2011/2012	2012 and Beyond
Irrigation	Professional Certification Programs	Irrigation Controllers Moisture Sensors Drip/Micro Technology	Irrigation Sprinklers
Residential Plumbing	Toilets Faucets Showerheads	Water Softening Systems	Water Treatment Systems
Commercial Plumbing	Flushing Urinals	Pre-rinse Spray Valves	Flushometer Valve Toilets Food Disposals
Other	New Homes	Commercial and Institutional Building Support	Autoclaves Glassware Washers Additional Professional Certifications



Significant opportunity for associated energy savings



WaterSense New Homes Program

- Launched in December 2009
- First national new home labeling program for water efficiency
- Criteria for indoor, outdoor, and homeowner education
- Works with other green building programs - homes can receive multiple certifications
 - ENERGY STAR[®], LEED, NAHB, EarthCraft, etc.
- Inspected & certified by independent third parties
- Recoup initial investment in as little as six years







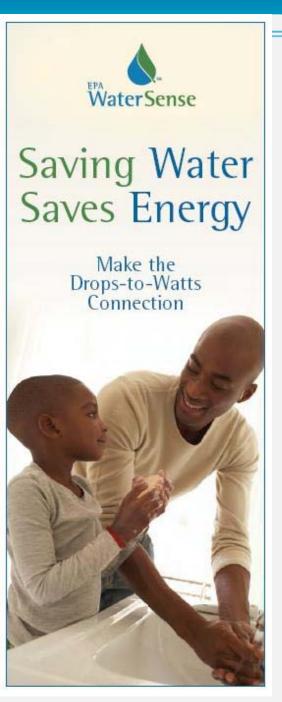
New Homes Specification: Indoors

Required items:

- Water service pressure maximum 60 psi
- Leak prevention measures
- WaterSense labeled plumbing fixtures
- Other water-efficient plumbing fixtures
- Efficient hot water distribution system
- Optional items must meet efficiency criteria, if installed:
 - ENERGY STAR qualified dishwasher or clothes washer (if appliances installed)
 - Evaporative air conditioners
 - Water softeners
 - Drinking water treatment systems







Savings Associated with WaterSense Labeled New Homes

- WaterSense labeled homes will be 20% more efficient than a traditional home for a family of 4
 - 50,000 gallons of water equal to 1,200 loads of laundry
 - 1,200 kilowatt hours of electricity (*if electric hot water*)—enough to power a television for nine years
 - At least \$500 per year on water, sewer, and energy bills





Collaborating for Water Efficiency

- Success of programs hinge on collaboration between utilities, retailers/distributors, and manufacturers
 - Utilities help create demand; manufacturers, retailers, and distributors help utilities meet that demand
- Many utility partners are working with manufacturer and retail/distributor partners
 - Promoting WaterSense and tips on water efficiency
 - Offering incentives to customers that replace older, inefficient toilets with WaterSense labeled toilets



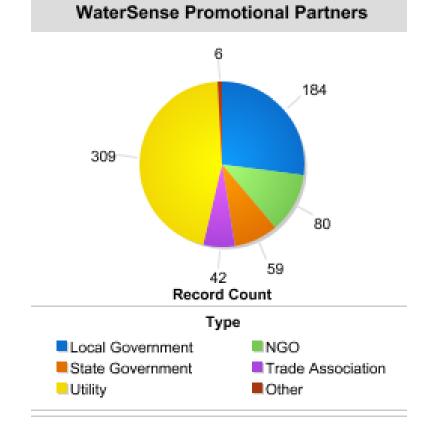




WaterSense Partners

Partners:

- 680 Promotional Partners
- 171 Retailers/Distributors
- 174 Manufacturers
- 1,163 Irrigation Partners
- 42 Builder Partners
- 13 New Home Certification Providers



Note: Individuals cannot partner, with the exception of qualified irrigation professionals



We're for Water

- Umbrella campaign for WaterSense consumer outreach with an identifiable brand
- Theme: Individuals can make a difference
- Campaign components include:
 - A pledge for personal action
 - Print PSAs
 - National media outreach
 - Spokesgallon Flo
 - Local media events
 - Online and social media









Partner Tools

- Increased reach through partners with new tools
 - PSAs
 - Bilingual billstuffers
 - "We're for Water" artwork
 - Web banners
 - Widgets







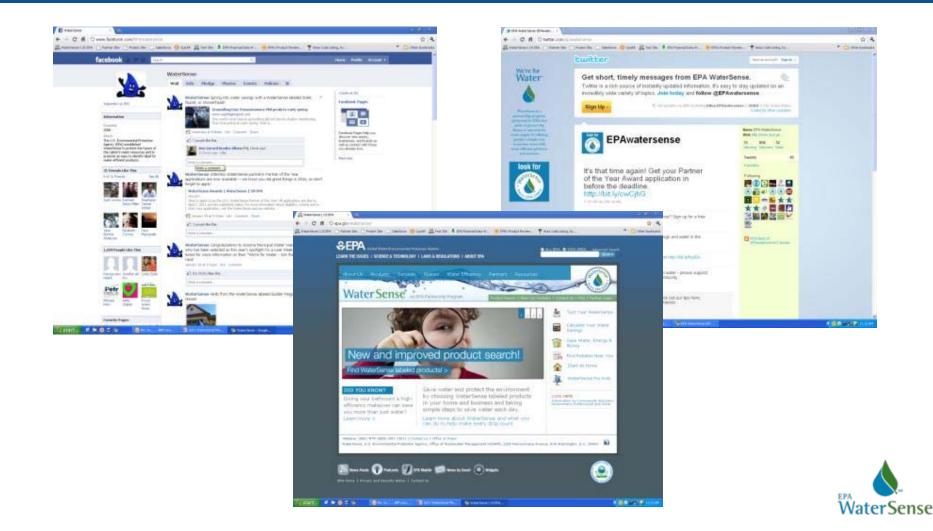


Partner Tools





Web & Social Media





What Can You Do?

- Become a WaterSense partner
- Recruit new WaterSense partners
 - Irrigation professionals
 - Promotional partners, retailers, manufacturers, builders
- Promote WaterSense labeled products
- Adopt irrigation certification programs
- Educate your friends, families, and constituents about importance of water efficiency and WaterSense





WaterSense Accomplishments in 2009

- Total water savings from all WaterSense labeled products shipped was more than 36 billion gallons
- Reductions of 4.9 billion kwh of electricity and 1.75 million metric tons of carbon dioxide through the use of WaterSense labeled products.
- Consumers saved more than \$267 million on water and sewer bills
- More than 2,000 labeled plumbing fixture models
- Participation jumped to more than 1,500 partners







Other Activities to Support Utilities on Water/Energy Efficiency

- Water Loss Guidance document for drinking water utilities
- Developing "factsheets" on water & energy efficiency for utilities
- New sustainability web pages
 - http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/sustain/energyefficiency.cfm
 - http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/sustain/main_wp.cfm
- Energy Management Guidebook
- Energy Star Portfolio Manager and Toolkit <u>http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=water.wastewater_drinking_water</u>
- Utility energy self-assessment/audit tool (in development)
- State Revolving Fund Green Project Reserve





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Questions?



The Zero Net Energy Wastewater Treatment Plant: Coming to a Town Near You!

Jason Turgeon US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 5/17/2011 WASTE Water?

Waste is a Resource Out of Place

Remaking the Way We Make Things

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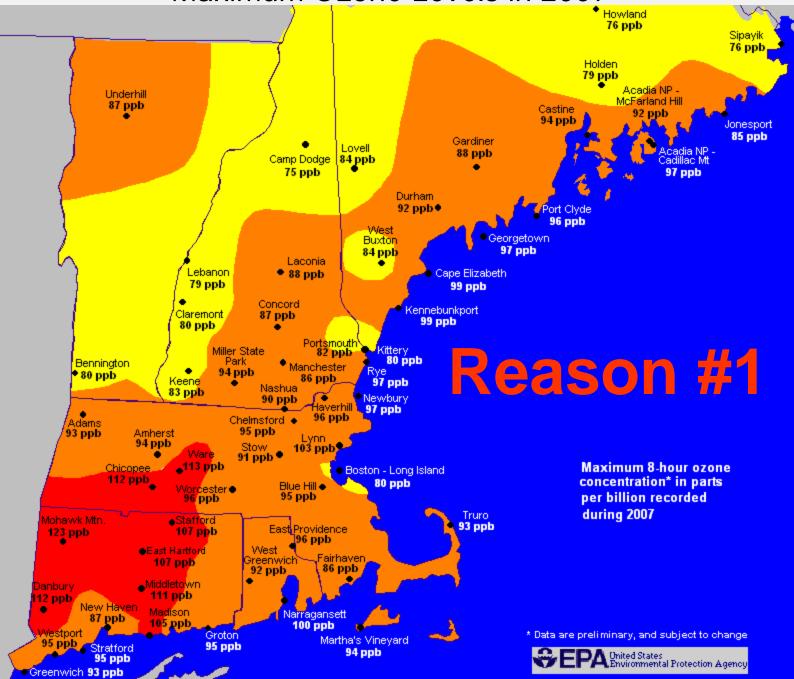


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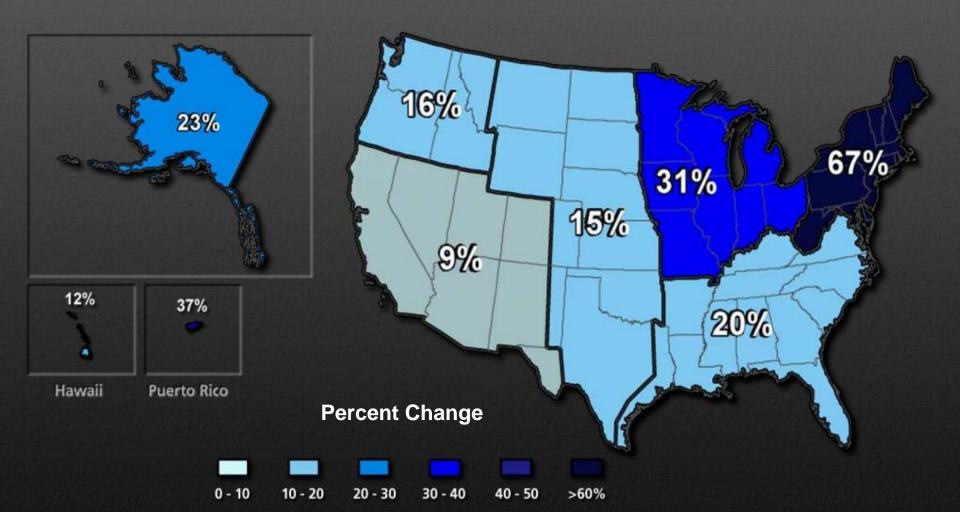
5 Reasons To Care About Energy Intensive Wastewater Treatment

Maximum Ozone Levels in 2007





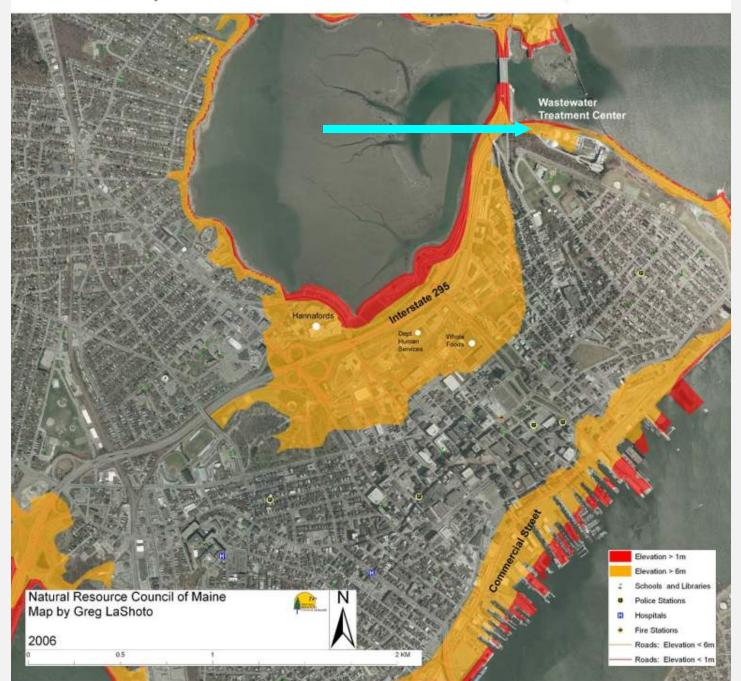
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Increases in Amounts of Very Heavy Precipitation, 1958 to 2007

Source: USGCRP. 2009. < http://www.globalchange.gov/publications/reports/scientific-assessments/us-impacts>

Impact of Sea Level Rise on Portland, ME



3/2010 Warwick, RI POTW. Image: USEPA

5/19/2010 Gulf of Mexico Image: USCG

Reason #3





How Much Energy is 100,000,000,000 kWh?

Source: CEE extrapolation from EPRI/Burton, 1996

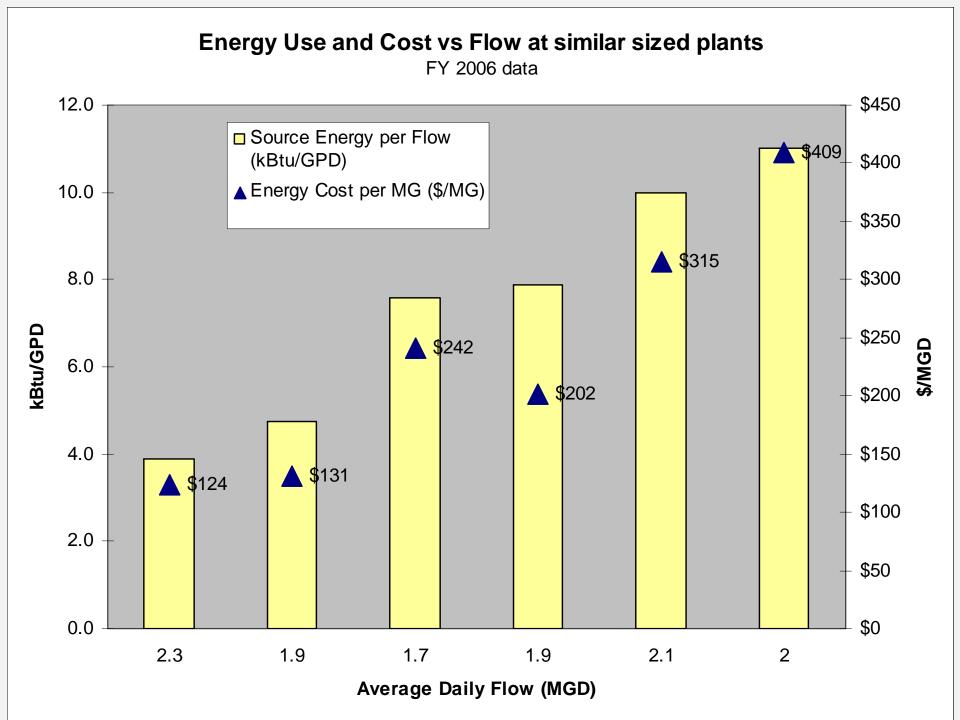
Image: USAF Defense Meteorological Satellite Program 2008 CA Residential electric sales: 91,230,818 MWh (EIA) Extrapolated Water/WW energy use: 100,000,000 MWh (CEE) Image: wikimedia commons, cc-by-sa http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Schwarze_Pumpe02.jpg#file



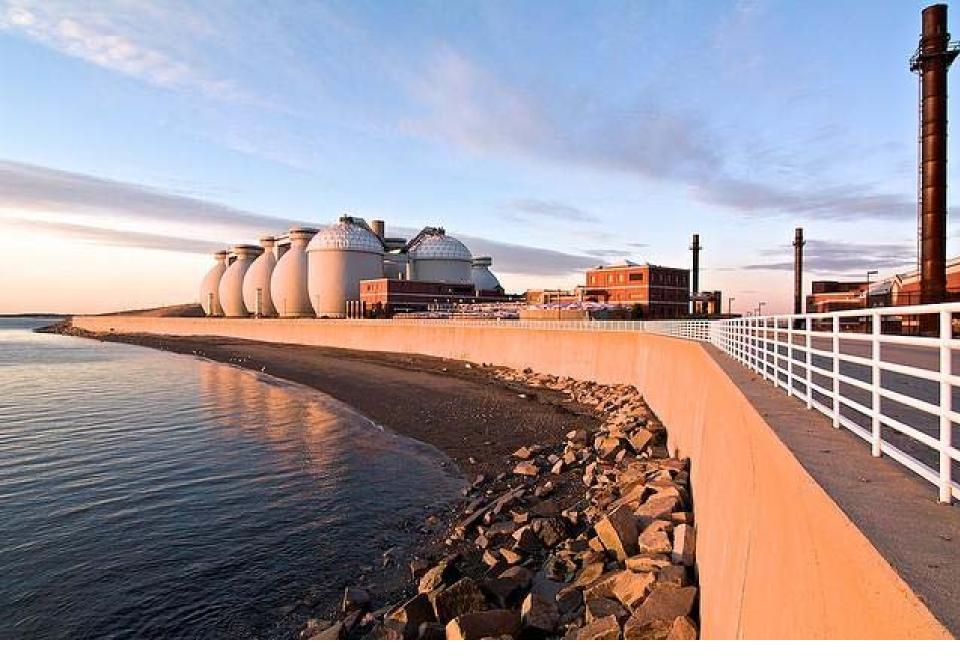
Assuming national average of 48% of power from coal:

- •71.8 MILLION metric tons of CO2 equivalence
- •142,800 tons of NOx from coal
- •140,000 236,000 tons of SO2 from coal
- •Equivalent to emissions from 8.7 million homes
- •30 BILLION gallons of freshwater withdrawal just for coal
- •Billions more gallons of freshwater for nuclear, oil, and NG

Getting to Zero Net Energy Step 1: Use Less Energy



Getting to Zero Net Energy Step 2: Make Your Own Energy

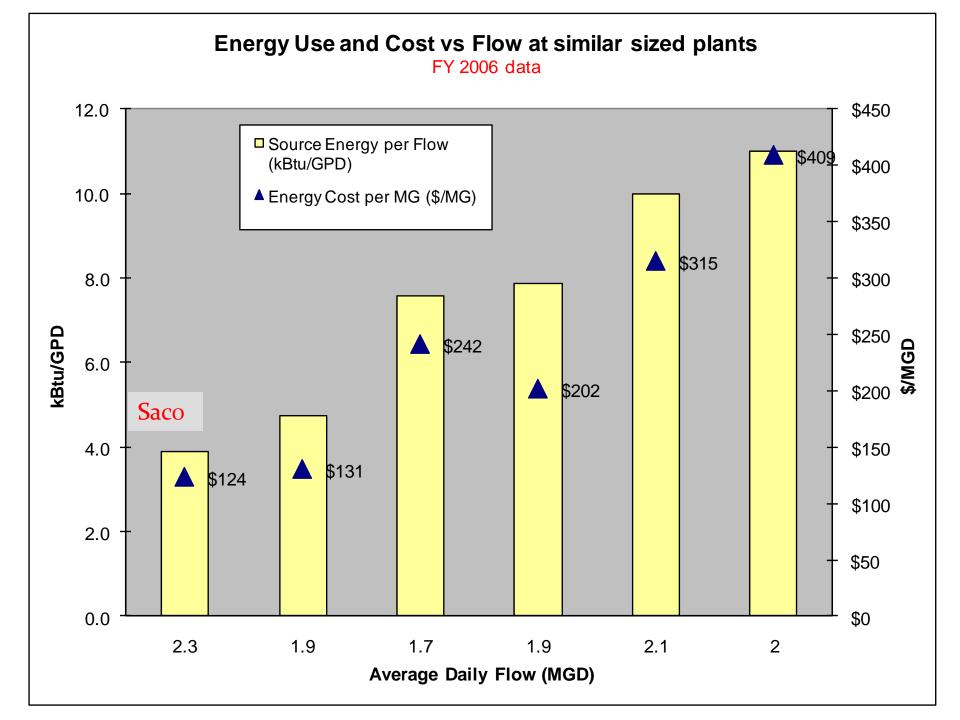


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Case Study 1: On the Path to Zero Net Energy by 2026 in Saco, ME



"Welcome to the Future"

Solar Thermal Heat

Efficient Equipment

Super-Insulation

Effluent Heat Recovery

Daylighting

Wind Power















Case Study 2: ARRA (Stimulus) at Work-80% Self-Powered in Pittsfield, MA



195 kW Digester Gas CHP

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Removed 118 kW of demand, saved 69% of aeration energy, 24% of total plant energy

Efficient Equipment

1.6 MW solar (not pictured) Th





Pittsfield Savings	kWh
2008 Electric Use	4,446,000
Aeration upgrades (projected)	-696,000
Other efficiency measures (projected)	-74,000
CHP and Solar output (projected, combined)	-3,263,000
Projected Electric Use After Upgrade	413,000

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If it's not energy efficient ...



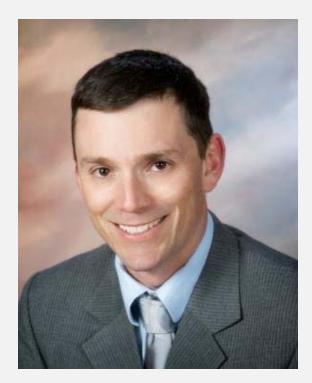
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...it's not sustainable

Questions?





Saving Water Saves Energy



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Water-Related Climate Impacts

Higher Temperatures Increased Drought & Floods Faster runoff

Leads to:

- Increased irrigation needs
- Thirstier farm animals
- More water needed for industrial cooling and energy

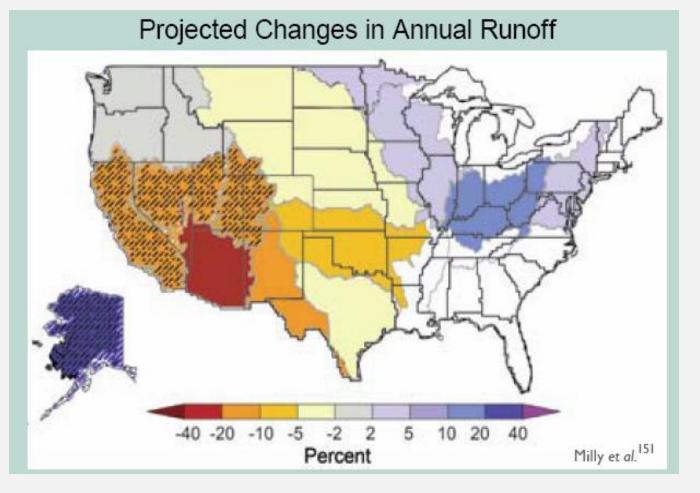


Adapted from Pacific Institute's, "Climate Change and Global Water Crisis: What Businesses Need to Know and Do" http://www.pacinst.org/reports/ungc_climate_water/report.pdf>

Regional Differences

In the past century, total precipitation in U.S. has increased by about 7%

For every 1 F rise in temperature, water holding capacity increases by 4%



Water Insecurity

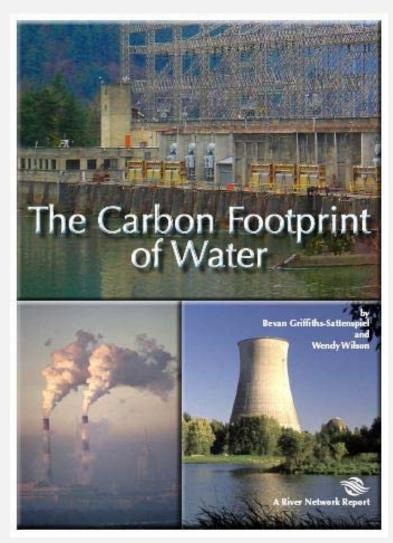
Water Supply Sustainability Index (2050) With Climate Change Impacts

- Number of Counties for each Category in Parentheses Extreme (412) Moderate (1,192) High (608) Low (929)
- 1,100 counties with higher risk of water shortages?
- Fourteen states face extremely high risk

NRDC and Tetra Tech: <u>http://www.nrdc.org/globalWarming/watersustainability/</u>

The Carbon Footprint of Water

- 520 Billion kWh
- 150 coal-fired power plants
- 13% U.S. electricity
- 290 MM tons of CO2 emissions
- 5% of U.S. GHG
- 50 million cars



Set Local Priorities

Table One: Potential Environmental Results of Water and Energy Initiatives

Sector	Water	Energy	GHG
Targeted Water Use	Potential for	Potential for	Potential GHG
Sector	water savings	energy savings	reduction
Land Use LID	Medium	High	High
Energy Sector	High	Low	High
Residential Hot water	Low	High	High
Water Supply Utilities	Medium	High	Medium
Waste Water Utilities*	Low	Medium	High
Commercial/ Industrial	Medium	Medium	Medium
Processes			
Residential Cold water	Medium	Medium	Medium
Storm water	Low	Medium	High
Management			
Agricultural Sector**	High	Low	Low

* estimate for direct use at waste water facilities, not consumer use **estimate does not include reforming livestock related water uses

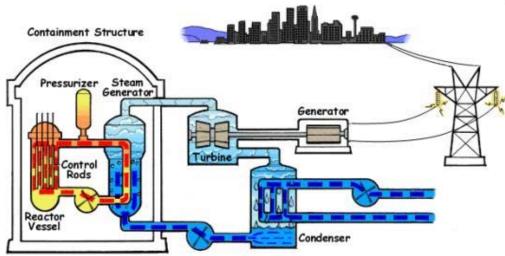
Burning our Rivers

Thermoelectric power accounts for 53% of all fresh surface water withdrawals (USGS, 2010)



Typical coal plant uses 12-20 million gallons per hour

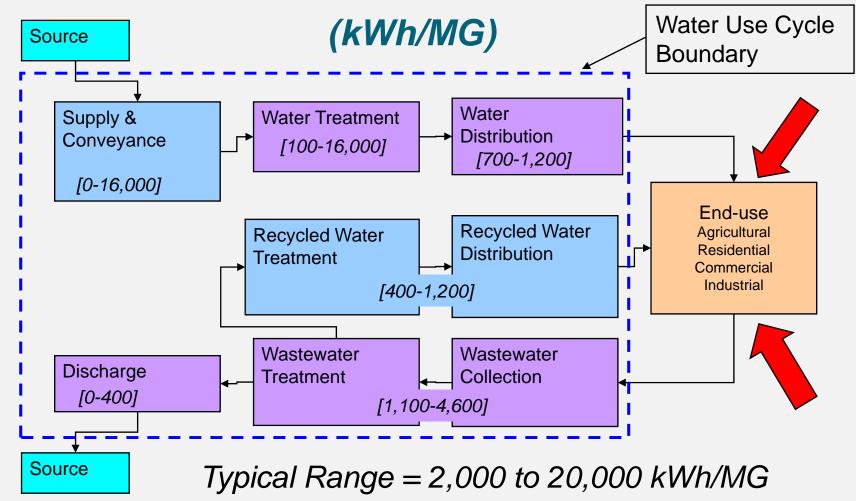
Approx. 2 galls per kWh average consumptive use



EIA <http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/epa/epa_sum.html>,

diagram from <http://www.nrc.gov/images/reading-rm/basic-ref/students/student-pwr.gif>

Water Use Cycle Energy Intensities



Source: California Energy Commission, 2005 Integrated Energy Policy Report

Carbon-Intensity of Water Supply Factors

- Source: Groundwater 30% more energy intensive than surface
- Desalination 7x more energy intensive than groundwater
- Distribution leakage can result in significantly greater energy intensity
- 1,250 to 6,500 kWh/MG used for most systems

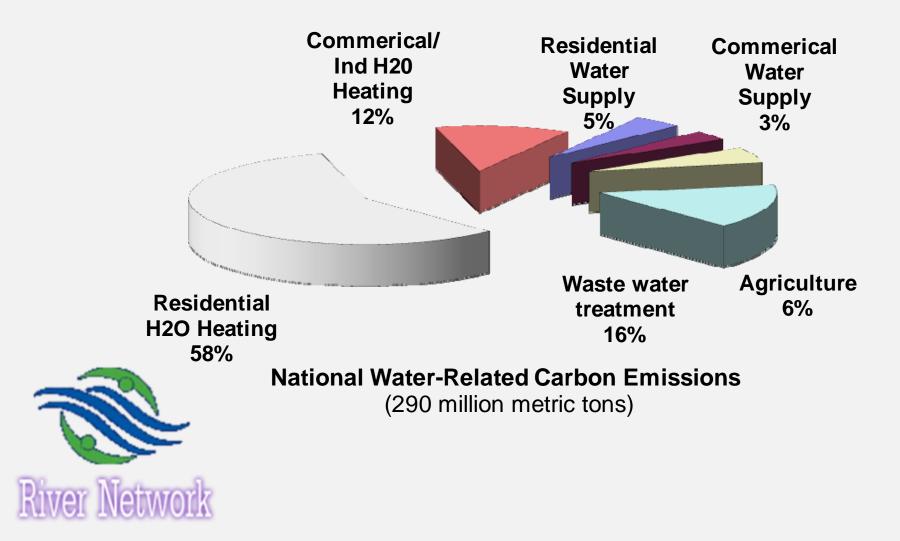
Generic Energy Intensity of Water Supply Types

Source Types	Energy Intensity (kWh/MG)
Surface Water (Gravity Fed)	0
Groundwater	2000
Brackish Groundwater	3200
Desalinated Seawater	13800
Recycled Water	1100

Range of Energy Intensities for Water Use Cycle Segments

Water Use Cycle Segments	Range of Energy Intensity (kWh/MG)	
	Low	High
Water Supply and Conveyance	0	14,000
Water Treatment	100	16,000
Water Distribution	250	1,200
Wastewater Collection and Treatment	700	4,600
Wastewater Discharge	0	400
Total:	1,050	36,200

Where is the carbon?



Lessons Learned





- Public water supply carbon-intensity typically varies between 2,000 to 20,000 kWh per million gallons.
- Related to source, leakage, geography, and time of year.
- For example -- Portland, OR:
 - Bull Run: 570 kWh/MG / Groundwater: 3,700 kWh/MG
 - Backup supply 6.5x more energy intensive
 - In 2006, 43% of electricity for 14% of water supply

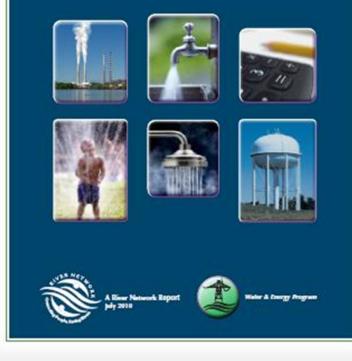
Water-Energy Toolkit

Describes eleven tools:

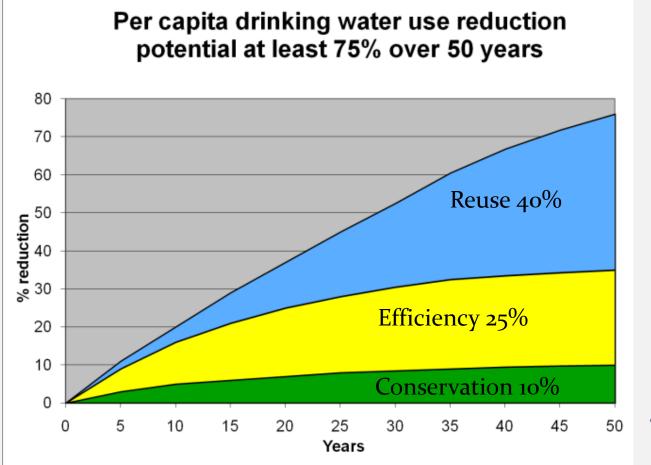
- Showerhead Comparison Calculator (RN)
- Water-Energy-Climate Calculator (Pacific Institute)
- New Source Impact Tool (RN)
- Water-Energy Sustainability Tool (UC Berkeley
- Community Water-Energy Savings Calculator (RN)
- Water Conservation Tracking Tool (AWE)



Water~Energy Toolkit: Understanding the Carbon Footprint of Your Water Use



The Blue Wedge Response





1. Fix System Leaks

 The USGS estimates water losses of 6 billion gallons per day

Results in:

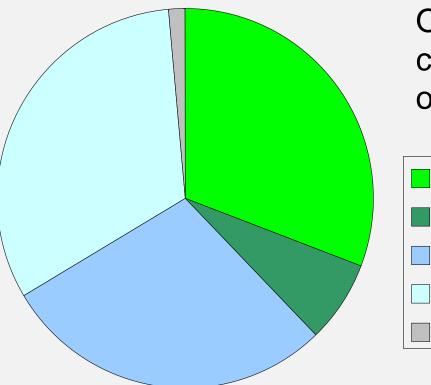
- About 1.5 billion kWh of wasted energy
- 1.1 million metric tons CO2 emissions



-George Kunkel Jr P.E.From "Water Efficiency and Accountability" pg. 65 of the March 2008 issue of Water Efficiency; Assumes 1,500 kWh/MG and 1.34 lbs. CO2 per kWh

2. Restructure water prices

Nationwide survey of water utilities



Only 38% have conservationoriented rates

Inverted Block
 Seasonal
 Uniform Block
 Declining Block
 Other

Source: Adapted from the 2002 RFC Water and Wastewater Rate Survey; 148 systems surveyed

3. Reduce Outdoor Use

"Of the 7 billion gallons of water used outdoors on the average day, as much as 50% is wasted due to wind, evaporation, improper system design, installation or maintenance." – US EPA



- About 10.5 million kWh per day
- Over 3.8 billion kWh per year
- About 5.1 billion lbs. of CO2
- Outdoor demand often drives need for energy-intensive marginal sources

4. Reduce High-Carbon End Uses:

Hot water faucets
 Use energy 200 times faster than a light bulb)

Showerheads Should be <1.5 gall/min?</p>

- Washing machines
 Use your clothesline
- Hot water heaters

(Tankless models save little water, but a lot of energy)





5. Reduce Indoor Cold Water: Switch Toilets

If 1% of American homes replaced an older toilet with a WaterSense toilet:

- Save more than 38 million kWh of electricity annually
- Enough electricity to supply more than 43,000 households for one month.



Fix Leaks at Home

Retrofit 5 percent of American homes and save:

- 24 .4 MMT of CO2
- Equivalent to 5.3 coal power plants

6. Protect Groundwater & Natural Hydrology

- If nationwide loss of recharge caused a 10 foot drop in groundwater we would:
- Use1.5 billion kWh per year
- Cost \$150 million for pumping-related energy
- Use 2 billion pounds of more CO2



Assuming 60% pump efficiency, 1.34 lbs CO2 per kWh, and \$0.10 per kWh

Emphasize Low Impact Development

NRDC study shows how implementing LID in California could:

• Save up to 362 MGD

Enough water for 800,000 households

• Save up to 1.2 billion kWh Annually

100,000 cars off the road



NRDC, A Clear Blue Future <http://www.nrdc.org/water/lid/files/lid.pdf>

7. Provide Low-carbon Sources: Reused water

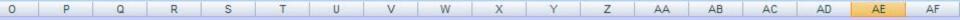
- Rainwater "harvested" on site
- Stormwater retained on site or detained near site
- Graywater from golfcourses, ski resorts, toilets, etc.
- Wastewater treated to levels adequate for re-use

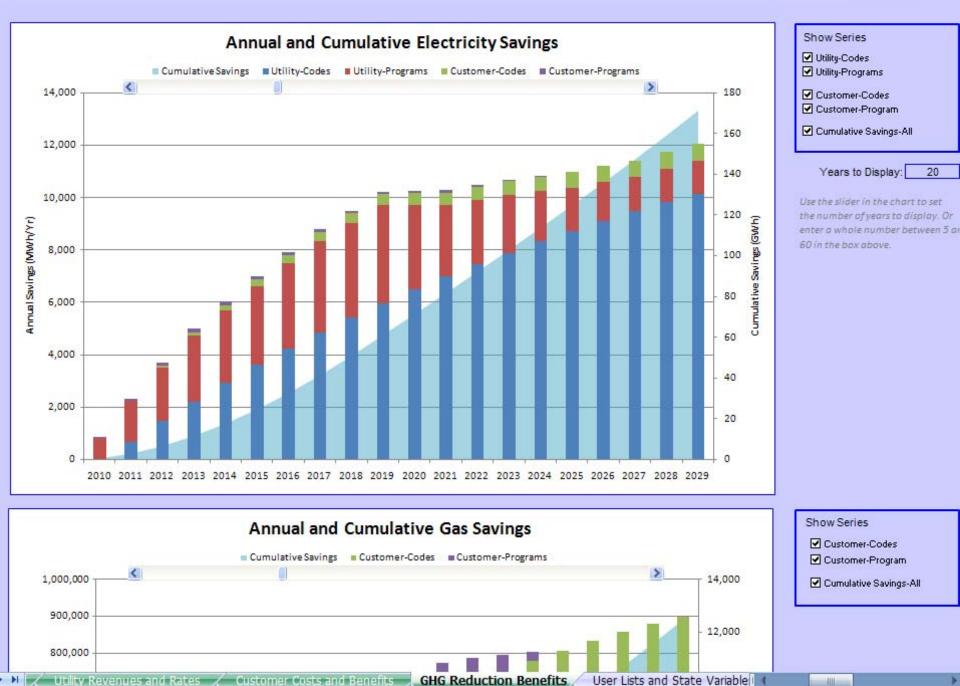


Integrate Energy Conservation Programs vs. Water Efficiency

California	Energy Efficiency Programs		_
<u>California:</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2006-2008</u>	WUE
GWh (Annualized)	2,745	6,812	6,500
MW	690	1,417	850
Funding (\$ million)	\$762	\$1,500	\$826
\$/Annual kWh	\$0.28	\$0.22	\$0.13
WUE Relative Cost	4 6%	58%	CEC, 2005

That means water efficiency can save over 95% of the energy at 58% of the cost of planned energy conservation programs





Leadership and Collaboration?

"Water and its availability and quality will be the main pressures on, and issues for, societies and the environment under climate change."
-Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2007

Image of the Snake River from: http://www.searchpictures.net/nature_scenes/national_parks/snake_river,_grand_teton_national_park,_wyoming.jpg



Water Energy Working Group

- Reducing the water-impacts of energy production across the country
- Reducing water use and the greenhouse gas emissions associated with public water supplies.
- Implementing state-by-state policy changes to support "climate-resilient" green-infrastructure.

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http://www.rivernetwork.org/sites/default/files/StrategyDoc-CampaigntoSustainWE.pdf

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