SAFEGUARDING LA’S INLAND AND COASTAL WATERS BY ENFORCING LAWS AND EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES
Southern California Water Dialogue
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LAW: 25 Years of Fighting for Clean Water
Towards a New Water Paradigm

- Pollution Prevention
- Healthy Habitats
- Systems Change (4Rs)
Systems Change: A Smarter Water Approach

- REDUCE water waste (conservation & efficiency)
- RESTORE groundwater (groundwater remediation/brackish desal)
- REUSE stormwater (stormwater capture/reuse)
- RECYCLE wastewater (IPR & DPR)

- Large-scale purple pipe (residential)
- Ocean desalination
- Water transfers, dams & diversions
A Brief History of LAW & Water Reuse

- Pure Water SD (Water Reliability Coalition)
- JWPCP (Carson) & Tillman support (conditional)
- DPR legislation (AB 574) & regulation
- WUU cases
- Flows case
We could be recycling an additional ~250-350 MGD of wastewater.
A Balanced Approach to Reuse

- Reuse v. flows (informed decision-making)
- Pumping & energy (laws of man v. nature)
- Recycling v. conservation (‘making conservation a CA way of life’)
- IPR/DPR vs. NPR
What’s Next?

- From concept to commitment; from pilot to implementation
  - Enviro review/permits (minimize impacts; building partnerships)
  - Agency coordination
  - Rate case (building partnerships)
- Community education????
- Complete flows study (2020/21)
- DPR regs (beating 2023?)
Thank You!

We look forward to working with YOU on a smarter water approach for LA.

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