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BOARD POLICY

RECYCLED WATER

PURPOSE

The State of California consistently experiences water shortages and recycled water is one of the major alternatives for an uninterrupted source of water supply. Wastewater is an underutilized resource that is increasing in value. The purpose of this Policy is to promote cost-effective recycled water projects in collaboration with water agencies to augment the region's water supply with Central San's water resources.

POLICY

- I. Promote, produce, sell and/or deliver recycled water to retail and wholesale customers both within and outside of Central San's service area in a safe manner consistent with laws, regulations, and prudent public policy.
- II. Work with the State of California, the County of Contra Costa and individual local cities and water agencies to develop ordinances and guidelines to expand the use of recycled water.
- III. Collaborate with water agencies to develop cost-effective recycled water projects and customer connections that are based on the beneficiary pays principle.
- IV. Prioritize large recycled water projects that expand water resources within Central San's service area and have year-round demands.
- V. Collaborate on the development of satellite water recycling facility projects in accordance with the Guiding Principles adopted by the Board in January 2022.
- VI. Conduct ongoing public information and customer service programs to ensure that the public and individual customers have an appropriate understanding of recycled water including the benefits and responsibility of using recycled water.
- VII. Track all costs associated with recycling water and periodically report to the Board.