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Regional Reclaimed Water Feasibility Study

Public Outreach Strategies

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Regional Reclaimed Water Feasibility Study

Purpose

- Determine if Nevada's newly adopted Category A+ for reclaimed water offers additional water management opportunities for the Truckee Meadows Region.



A+ Reclaimed Feasibility Study Questions

💧 **Would A+ Water Offer the Region Benefits?**

- What are the beneficial uses for A+ water?
- What would be the social, economic, and environmental impacts?

💧 **How Can A+ Water Quality be Achieved?**

- Which advanced water treatment technologies are needed?
- How do we ensure A+ water will be a safe, sustainable, and a reliable resource?

💧 **Could A+ Water be Implemented in the Truckee Meadows?**

- Would water rights and water markets be affected?
- How to encourage public engagement?



Importance of Public Outreach

- Necessary component of potable reuse projects or demonstrations
 - Can be the primary challenge
- Important to have a consistent, research based outreach effort
 - “We talked to anyone who would listen to us!” – Orange County GWRS
- Many potable reuse projects have substantial outreach programs




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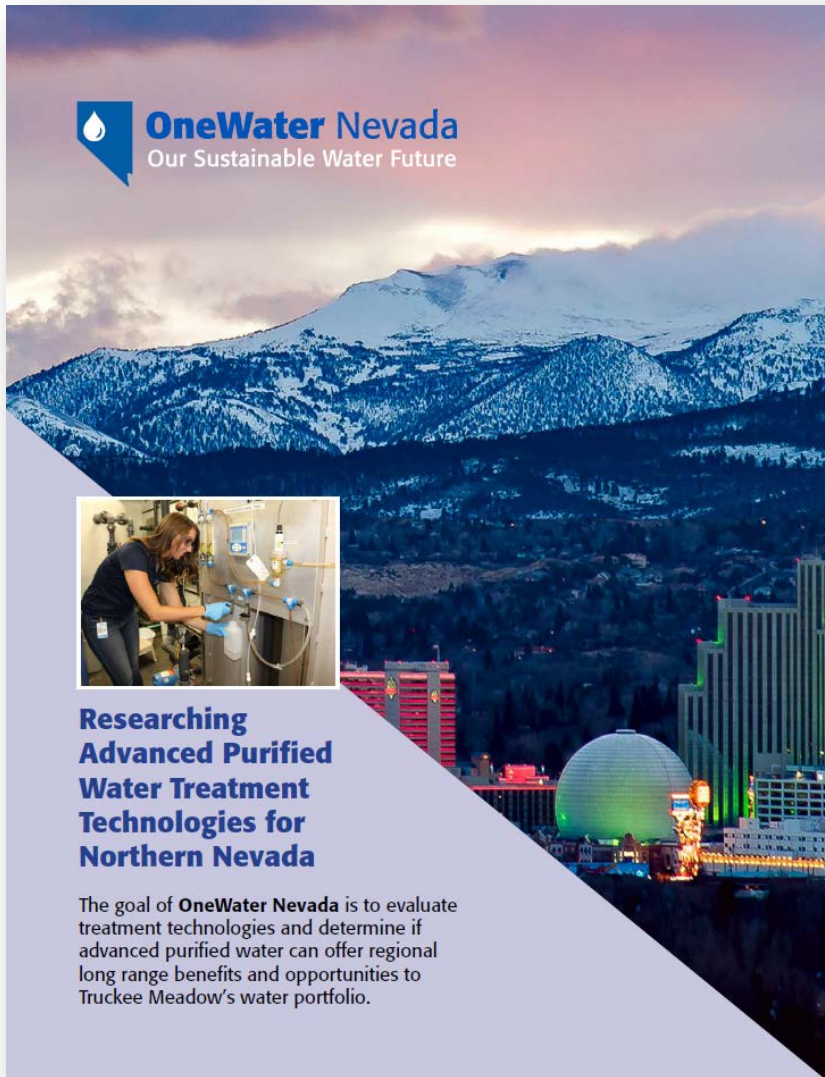
- ◆ Data Instincts assisting and providing guidance in development of outreach strategies, messages, materials and information dissemination
- ◆ \$25,000 funding in February 2018 from NNWPC
- ◆ Developed outreach framework and guidance for public meetings
- ◆ Created OneWater Nevada logo and brand
- ◆ Produced first version of outreach brochure



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**Researching
Advanced Purified
Water Treatment
Technologies for
Northern Nevada**

The goal of **OneWater Nevada** is to evaluate treatment technologies and determine if advanced purified water can offer regional long range benefits and opportunities to Truckee Meadow's water portfolio.



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Scope of Work

- Support public outreach and communication needs for the project
 - Develop outreach material, web content, messaging and public awareness strategies
- Assist representatives in support of the regional program
 - Coordination and communication with regional partners
 - Decision makers and staff education
- Stakeholder relations
 - Relations with interested parties and guidance on public meetings and workshops
- Support funding strategy and initiatives

- Funding in the amount not to exceed \$100,000 for Phase 2 public outreach

