

Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 12, 2022
TO: Chairman and Members, Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC)
FROM: Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager
SUBJECT: Action, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding opportunities for WRWC and Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) members to tour purified water sites as presented by Data Instincts

SUMMARY

Data Instincts provides professional consulting services to the WRWC and NNWPC related to communication, education and public outreach guidance and assistance for advanced purified water planning and projects in the region. Data Instincts has included in their work plan tour opportunities for elected officials and key decision makers at other similar purified water projects in other locations. Onsite tours may enhance community leadership expertise in communicating with the public about advanced purified water projects in our region.

Data Instincts is preparing to arrange and coordinate tours of purified water sites for elected officials and key decision makers. Some tour examples are summarized in Attachment 7a. Staff is seeking direction to work with Data Instincts to arrange and coordinate tours of purified water sites for WRWC and NNWPC members.

BACKGROUND

Data Instincts has been an integral partner and contributor to OneWater Nevada, the high priority regional collaborative effort among the WRWC, NNWPC, the University of Nevada, Reno through the Nevada Water Innovations Institute, the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, Reno, Sparks, Washoe County and the Regional Effluent Management Team, an informal working group comprised of staff from those entities. The OneWater Nevada collaborative is engaged in multiple projects to evaluate and determine if advanced purified water can provide long-term benefits for the region.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is seeking direction as appropriate to work with Data Instincts to arrange and coordinate tours of purified water sites for WRWC and NNWPC members.

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Attachments: 7a Field Trip Examples

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Here is an example of two options for site visits to an operating advance water purification facility and the estimated expense:



Visiting the Monterey One Water site called Pure Water Monterey:

Due to air transportation, this location would involve an overnight stay. Flight could be coordinated from Reno to either Oakland, San Francisco or San Jose airports. Pure Water Monterey would provide a presentation, tour of the facility, and we would coordinate a lunch or dinner depending on travel schedule details.

*Initial estimate per person: \$1,000, initial estimate for 12 people: \$12,000**



Visiting the Orange County Water District site called Groundwater Replenishment System:

Air transportation could be direct from Reno to Los Angeles and would not require an overnight stay.

Tour of facility on a Friday, presentation from OCWD GM, Mike Marcus, and lunch would be provided.

Initial estimate per person: \$500, initial estimate for 12 people: \$6,000 Up to double if an overnight stay were included.*

** Cost shown are estimates only and would need to be reconfirmed depending on which location is preferred/selected and number of participants. Each would involve a large van for transporting the delegation between airport and facilities, and/or hotels.*