

**City/County Water & Wastewater Study Oversight Committee**  
**Technical Report Follow Up**  
**RECLAIMED WATER WHITE PAPER**

**Follow-up Items**

1. Definitions and uses of effluent and reclaimed
  - Need to better define wastewater, effluent and reclaimed water.
  - Describe various uses and regulatory requirements of each.
  - Describe regulatory barriers to using reclaimed water for riparian enhancement.

*Response:* **Will provide additional information here**

2. Quality of reclaimed water
  - Need to describe the importance of matching the quality of water to the aquifer where it is being recharged.
  - Concern expressed that quality of groundwater where reclaimed is recharged will be degraded.
  - Concern expressed about how recharge of reclaimed and effluent will affect the soil, salt content, contaminants, and the environment over time.

*Response:* *These issues will be addressed in Technical Report on Additional Water Resources*

**Comments/Recommendations/Themes**

1. Reduction of turf should be a goal.
2. Public health issues need to be considered in use of reclaimed water.
3. There were comments made for and against whether ratepayers should subsidize bringing reclaimed water to sites that create a public benefit but have no price incentive or don't have an ability to pay.
4. Location decisions for wastewater treatment plants should take into account how effluent can be used for beneficial purposes close to the site.
5. We should explore how reclaimed can be used for recreational purposes such as lakes.
6. Reclaimed should be more expensive for areas further out.
7. Need to be cautious in making "overcoming regulatory barriers" a goal in that these regulations are there to protect people and the environment

**Issues for Regional or State-level Discussion**

1. State water law and state water planning need to be addressed.