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Developing Water Reuse Regulations/A State-Level Guide: Water Reuse Association Issues Guide

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The Water Reuse Association ("WRA") issued a document titled:

Developing Water Reuse Regulations: A State-Level Guide ("Guide").

Identified as co-authors of the Guide are:

- Brown and Caldwell.
- Hazen.

Funding partners include:

- WateReuse.
- Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies.
- American Water Works Association.
- National Association of Clean Water Agencies.
- Water Environment Federation.

The Guide, by way of introduction, states that water reuse is increasingly being explored across the United States to:

- Address water supply reliability.
- Support economic development.
- Protect environmental resources.
- Enhance community resilience.

Successful adoption of water reuse is stated to depend on a combination of factors, including:

- Public confidence.
- Technical and scientific understanding.
- Funding and implementation support.
- Governance structures.
- Regulatory frameworks.

The Guide states that policy plays an important role in defining how water reuse is evaluated, implemented, and overseen.

Additional introductory points raised in the Guide include:

- Water reuse is primarily state-led.
- States vary in their approaches.

- Water reuse takes many forms.

The Guide is intended to be applicable to the various types of water reuse forms, including:

- Potable.
- Non-potable.
- Industrial.
- Onsite water reuse applications.
- Commercial.
- Residential.

An objective of the Guide is to help stakeholders participate in or facilitate water reuse policymaking through the “arc of the development process.”

This is stated to include:

- Providing a framework for how to engage in state-level rulemaking process.
- Exploring specific technical considerations that go into rule development and how they integrate with legal, technical, public health and implementation considerations.
- Providing examples and case studies for how others have navigated rulemaking for water reuse.
- Presenting examples and applications for different types of water reuse.

The Guide makes clear that it does not:

- Replace current statutes, regulations, guidance, or consultation with responsible regulatory authorities.
- Recommend a uniform state or federal regulatory model.
- Provide templates with regulatory language.
- Provide recommendations for drafting legislative proposals or statutory development.

A copy of the Guide can be found [here](#).