

RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICY REGARDING RECYCLED WATER

WHEREAS, managing Southern Nevada's water resources is critical to the continued vitality of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Nevada Water Authority and the Clean Water Coalition are the regional agencies responsible for the management of those resources; and

WHEREAS, those regional agencies have developed a joint policy regarding recycled water to address the safe, effective and sustainable management of recycled water resources; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member agency of both regional agencies and shares with those agencies the common goal of continuing to address water recycling practices in the context of managing water resources; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the City operates a wastewater treatment facility that serves owners and occupants of properties within the region; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to express its support for the joint policy referred to above by means of adopting that policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS to adopt the document entitled "Policy Regarding Recycled Water" which is attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 6TH day of May, 2009.

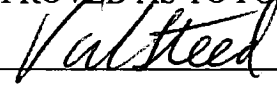
CITY OF LAS VEGAS

BY 
OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:


BEVERLY K. BRIDGES, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

 4-20-09
Date



SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY

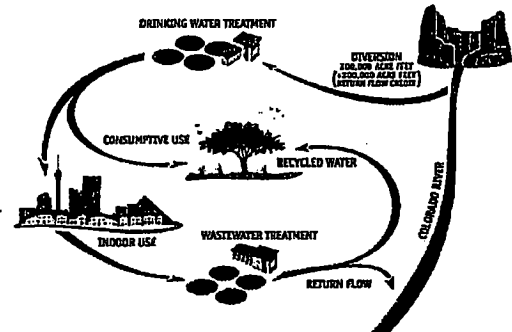
CLEAN WATER COALITION

Policy Regarding Recycled Water

December 2008

RECYCLED WATER POLICY

Managing Southern Nevada's water resources is critical to the continued vitality of the region. Recycled Water constitutes a major portion of the sustainable water resources for Southern Nevada. As the regional water and wastewater authorities, the Southern Nevada Water Authority and the Clean Water Coalition share a policy for continued development of water recycling.



DEFINITIONS

Recycled Water is water that has been used and subsequently treated to make it suitable for use again. Graywater is water from bathing, laundry and bathroom sinks that is used without treatment.

Guiding Principles:

Recycled Water resources should be developed and used in applications that are:

Safe

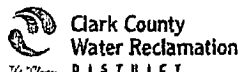
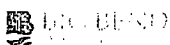
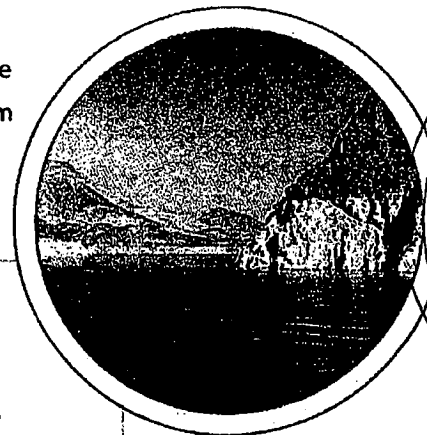
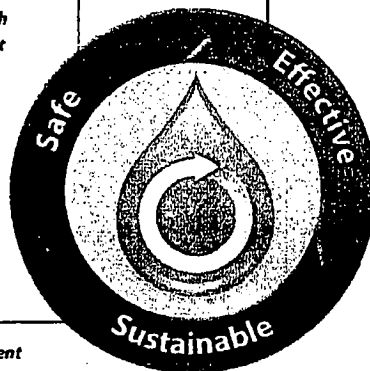
Treated to provide a high degree of assurance that public health and safety is safeguarded.

Effective

Shown to be an effective means of maximizing the water resources available to Southern Nevada.

Sustainable

Demonstrated to represent the best balance of the environmental, economic, and social/cultural benefits.



The Southern Nevada Water Authority and Clean Water Coalition governing boards adopted this policy in December 2008.

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POLICY STATEMENT

Recycled Water programs in Southern Nevada should:

1. Expand return flow to the Colorado River to increase Nevada's credit for subsequent withdrawal.
2. Expand the use of Recycled Water in the Las Vegas Valley where large turf and industrial demands exist.
3. Maximize the use of Recycled Water in areas of Southern Nevada where return flow to the Colorado River system is not practical, including the testing of aquifer storage and recovery.
4. Develop a Salt Management Strategy to address the accumulation of salts that are detrimental in Recycled Water.
5. Continue to advance the research of the health and safety implications of Recycled Water.
6. Prohibit the use of treated or untreated Graywater in the Las Vegas Valley, and prohibit its use outside of the valley where there is reasonable potential for return flow to the Colorado River system or other Water Recycling programs.
7. Educate the public about our local water cycle and the benefits of Recycled Water.

