



## **Revised Regulations Regarding the Use of Reclaimed Water**

- Existing and revised regulations regarding use of reclaimed water are comprehensively protective of human health and the environment.
- Revision of existing regulations will increase available options for uses of reclaimed water to better protect and conserve water resources in Nevada.
- Whenever reclaimed water is used in a public area, signage is required to inform the public about use of reclaimed water.

### **FAQs**

#### **What are reclaimed water regulations?**

These regulations define the uses of reclaimed water and determine water quality standards for different allowed uses. For example, reclaimed water use with the potential for human contact would require a higher water quality standard than reclaimed water used to control dust. Types of reclaimed water uses allowed by the proposed regulations include: Urban, Agricultural, Environmental, Industrial and Groundwater Augmentation/Indirect Potable Reuse.

#### **What is changing/being revised?**

Changes to the regulations primarily include the addition of a new reuse category, “A+”. Additional uses of reclaimed water in existing categories, and some new definitions and language add clarity to the regulations.

#### **Why are regulations being revised?**

Regulations are being revised to increase the uses of reclaimed water to better protect and conserve water resources in Nevada.

#### **How does this affect the quality of our groundwater and drinking water?**

There are no adverse affects to the quality of groundwater or drinking water. Reclaimed water that is introduced into aquifers is required to meet drinking water standards. Proposed revisions will not affect drinking water standards.

#### **What are the health risks with revised reclaimed water regulations?**

Existing regulations and proposed regulations are protective of human health.

**Who came up with the revised regulations?**

A Reuse Steering Committee was created to review the current reclaimed water program and develop revisions that expand options for use of reclaimed water while remaining protective of human health and the environment. Members included representatives from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, the Clark County Water Reclamation District, the Southern Nevada Water Authority, the Las Vegas Valley Water District, the Cities of Reno and Sparks, the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, Washoe County Community Services Department, Lyon County Wastewater Division, Resource Concepts, Inc. and the Nevada Association of Counties.