

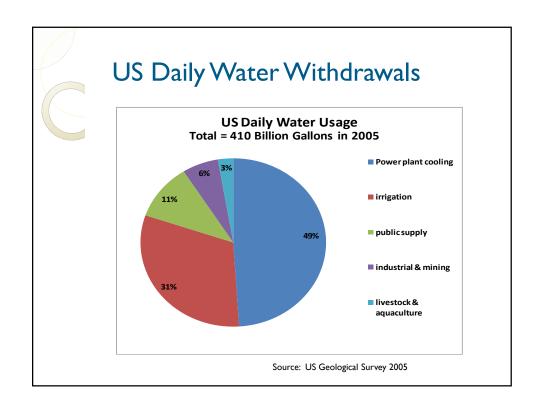


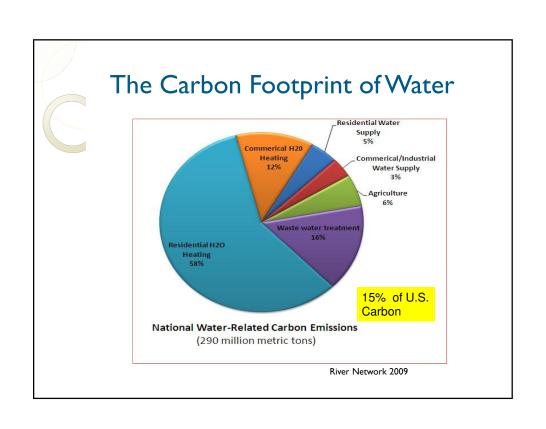
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# WATER-ENERGY NEXUS: PRESENT EFFORTS & ISSUES











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- Supported by funding from the Turner Foundation.
- Purpose: to identify the major research, program, and policy needs of the water-energy nexus for decision-makers and funders.
- Establish the beginning of a national long term energywater community.

http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/blueprint.aspx

## December 9, 2010 Workshop

- Over 75 organizations in the water/energy communities invited.
- 54 individuals from 41 diverse organizations attended workshop.
- 8 Main Themes with recommendations.
- 5 Priority areas for immediate action.







#### 8 Themes of Recommendations

- Increase the level of collaboration between the water and energy communities in planning and implementing programs.
- Achieve a deeper understanding of the energy embedded in water and the water embedded in energy.
- 3. Learn from and replicate best practice integrated energy-water efficiency programs.
- 4. Integrate water into energy research efforts and vice versa.





#### 8 Themes of Recommendations

- 5. Separate water utility revenues from unit sales, and consider regulatory structures that provide an incentive for investing in end-use water and energy efficiency.
- 6. Leverage existing and upcoming voluntary standards that address the energy-water nexus.
- 7. Implement codes and mandatory standards that address the energy-water nexus.
- 8. Pursue education and awareness opportunities for various audiences and stakeholders.







- Implementing the preceding recommendations will require intense collaboration among stakeholders and advocates.
- Also will require government engagement and leadership.
- Blueprint contains 9 needed policy directions for the national, state, and local levels.





### Nine Policy Needs

- Regulatory structures and incentives that reward water and energy efficiency.
- 2. DOE Appliance and Equipment Standards for waterusing appliances and equipment.
- 3. Building Codes that recognize water and energy efficiency.
- 4. Specific energy-water elements to add to existing legislation.
- 5. Tax incentives for water and energy efficiency.





### Nine Policy Needs

- Collection of water and energy end-use data by federal agencies.
- 7. Better communication between regulatory and governance bodies.
- 8. Collaboration among federal, state, and local agencies in integrating water and energy in grant funding research, regulation, and technical assistance.
- 9. Coordination in new power plant siting or significant expansion of existing plants.





## Moving Forward: 5 Key Priorities

- Develop baseline of total energy use by water & wastewater utilities and water use by electric utilities.
- 2. Incorporate cost-effective energy/water measures into building codes, equipment standards, and tax credits.
- 3. Survey existing programs for best practices.
- Prepare a report for local and state policymakers addressing the rate-related barriers and pricing disincentives for efficiency in water.
- 5. Establish ongoing water and energy workgroups.





## 2012 Joint Working Groups

- Codes, standards and tax incentives.
- 2. Water utility disincentives and ways to address them.
- 3. Joint energy and water-saving programs.
- 4. Research on energy-use connected to water and water use connected to energy.





### Getting National Attention

- Water/Energy Connection is still largely driven by energy efficiency policy at the national level.
- How do we get decision-makers in Congress and in State Legislatures to expand their focus?.
- How do we get the research money we need?
- S 1343: Energy-Water Integration Act of 2011 introduced on July 11, 2011 (Senator Bingaman of NM).
- HR 5827: Energy and Water Research Integration Act of 2012 introduced on May 18, 2012 (Rep. John of TX).







- Water and energy efficiency studies, research priorities and assessments on water-related energy consumption.
- Strategic Plan examining energy-water issues.
- Energy-water resource and development roadmap.
- Energy-Water Architecture Council composed of relevant federal agencies.





#### National Outlook for 2012

- S 1343 or HR 5827 (or any other energy/water bill) not likely to pass in this Congress.
- Rogue amendments in this Congress need to be followed (e.g. Ban on DOE showerhead enforcement).
- Energy efficiency programs (like the proposed Home Star program or the Homes Act) should include measures for water efficiency along with energy efficiency.
- Consumers need to be educated.





