

# **San Francisco's Alternative Water Supply Program**

## ***In Search of New and Diversified Supplies***

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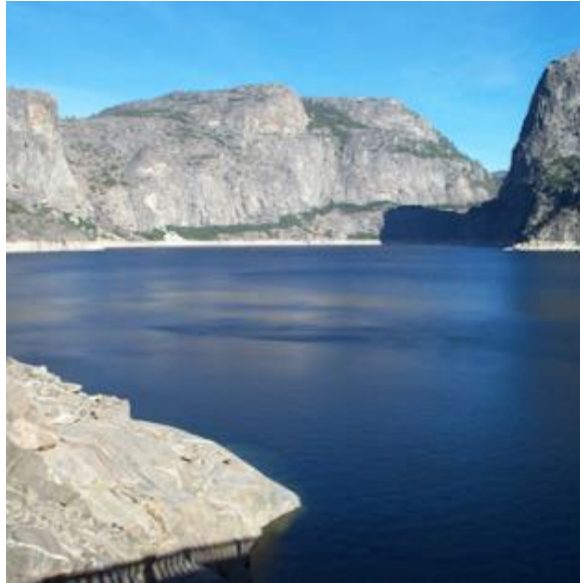
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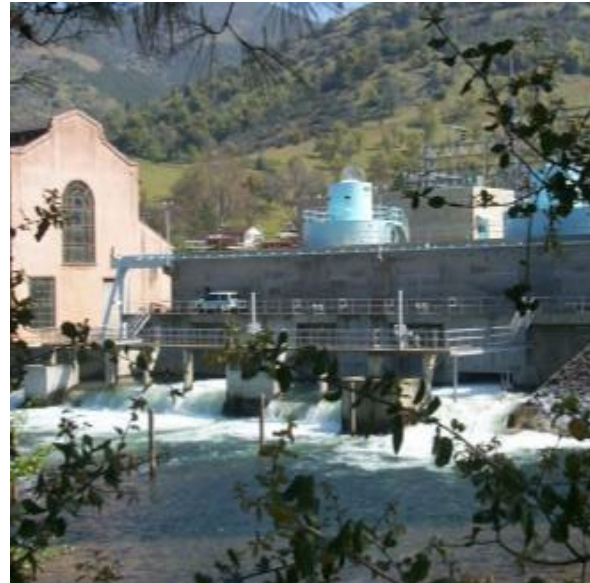
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# **CURRENT WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

# San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)



**Water:** delivering high quality water every day to 2.7 million people



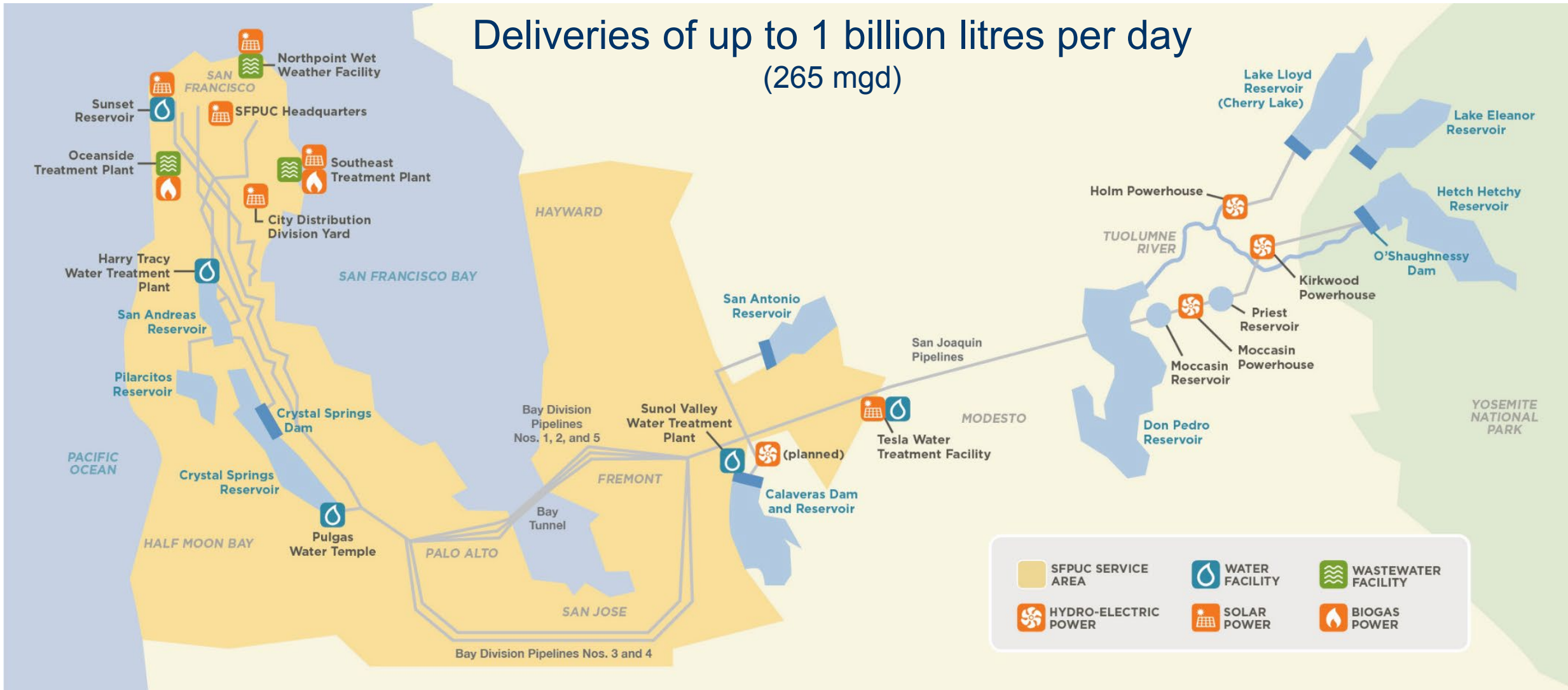
**Power:** generating hydropower and solar power



**Sanitation:** protecting public health and the environment

# SFPUC's Regional Water System

Deliveries of up to 1 billion litres per day  
(265 mgd)



- ✓ Conservation
- ✓ Recycled water
- ✓ Onsite water reuse
- ✓ Minimizing losses
- ✓ Innovations

✓ **Conservation (*150-170 litres per day*)**

- Fixture replacements
- Audits, free devices
- Rain barrel giveaways
- Laundry-to-landscape program
- Financial incentives (rebates, grants)



# Offsetting Non-Potable Demands

## ✓ Recycled water

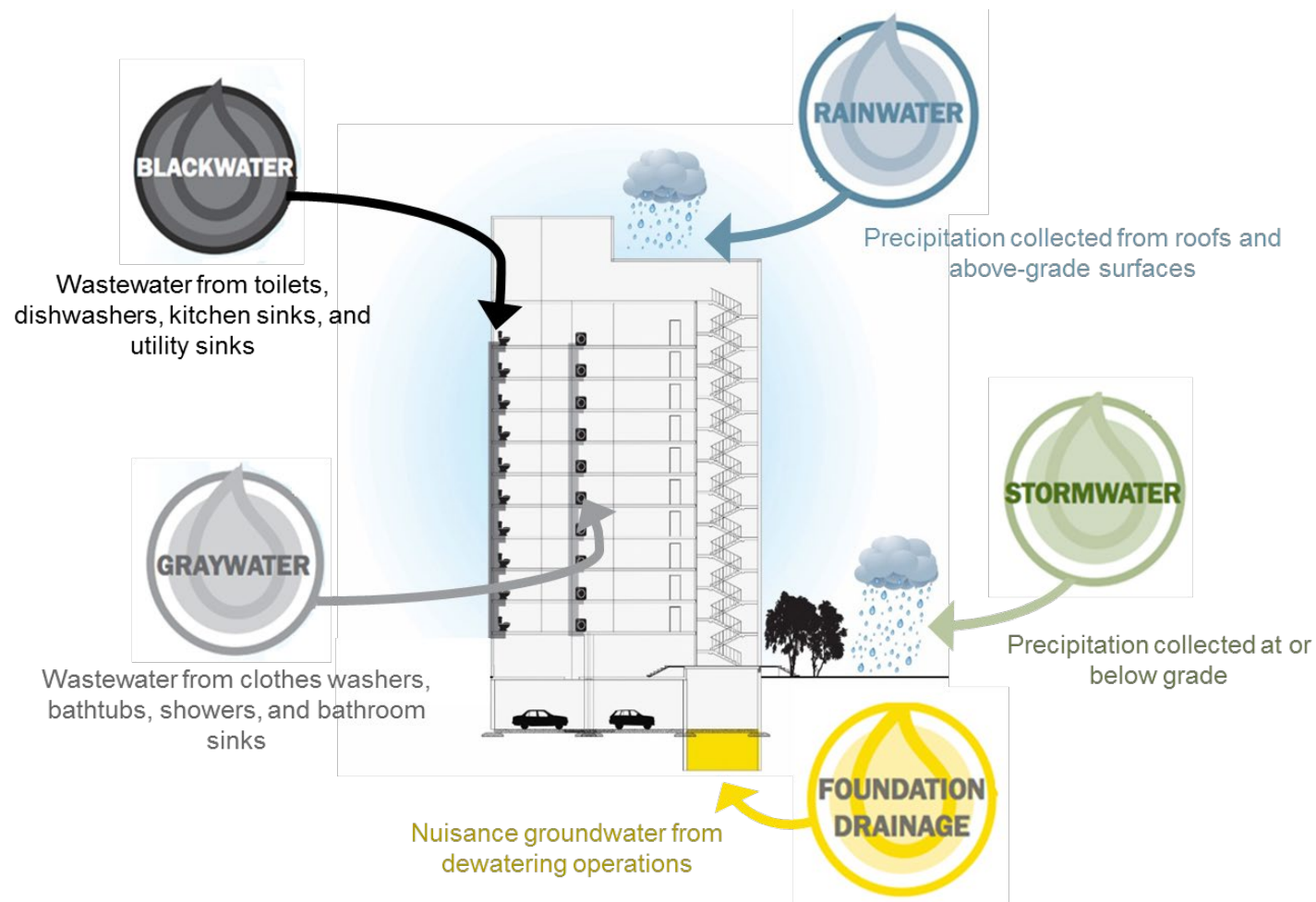
*(centralized)*

- Irrigation, cooling towers

## ✓ Onsite water reuse

*(decentralized)*

- Local ordinances
- Technical assistance
- Grants





- ✓ **Minimizing losses (<10%)**
  - Leak detection
  - Pipeline replacement
  - Automated Meter Installation (AMI)
  
- ✓ **Innovations**
  - Atmospheric Water Generation



# OneWaterSF: A New Approach



Matching the right resource to the right use



# LOOKING AHEAD: ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLIES

# Key Planning Drivers



**Drought**



**Resilience**



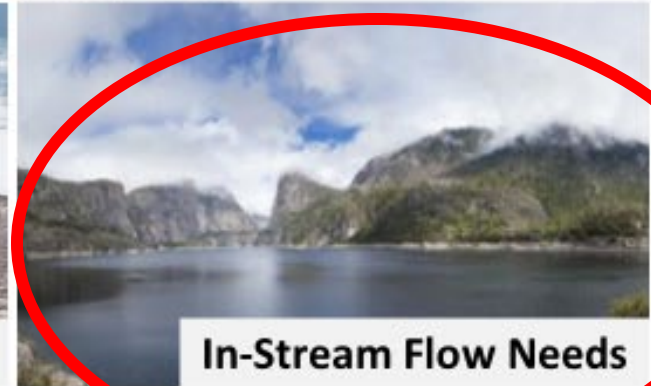
**Aging Infrastructure**



**New Development**



**Stormwater Management**

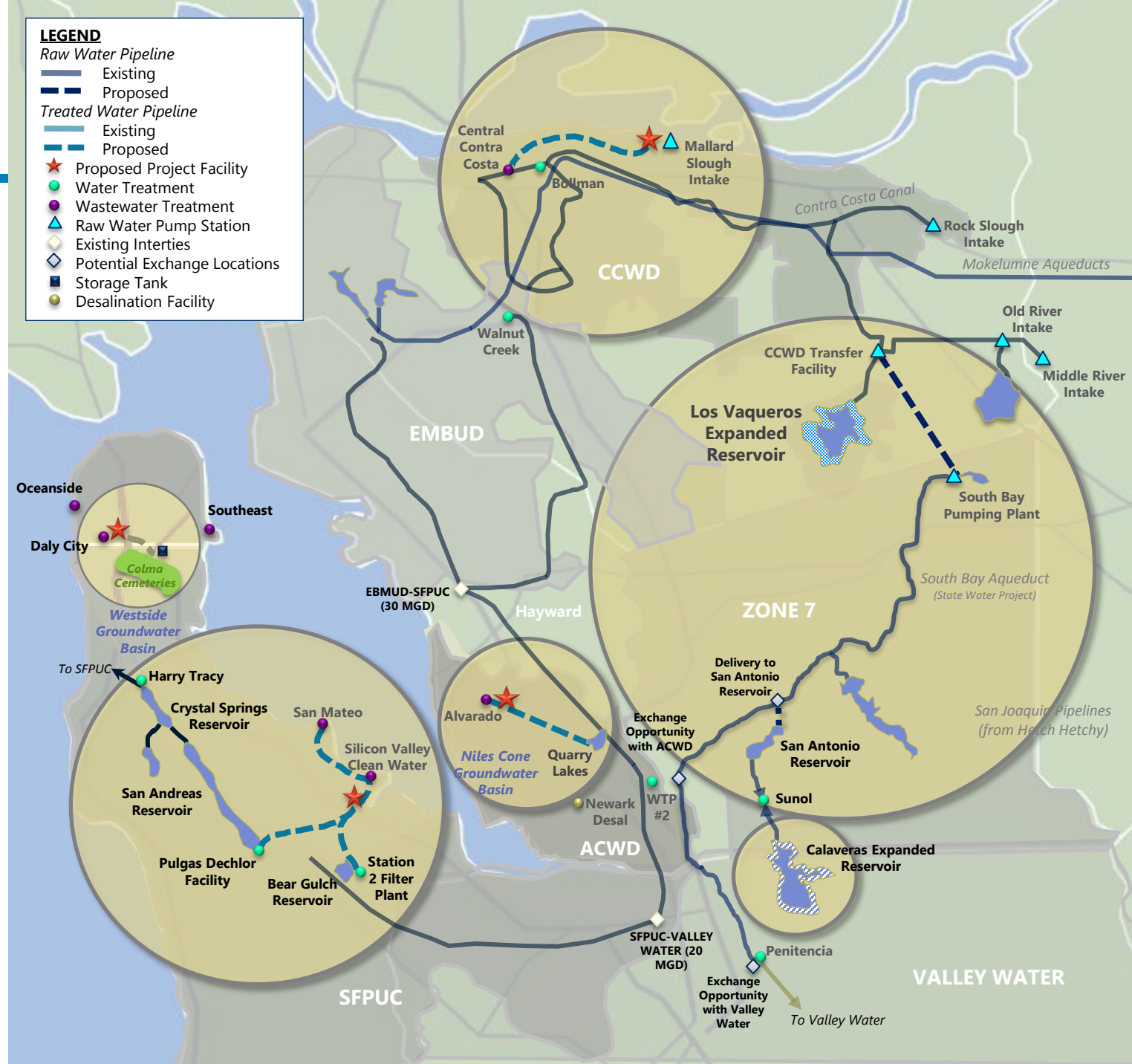


**In-Stream Flow Needs**



# Alternative Water Supply Projects

- Distributed opportunities in the Service Area
- Various conveyance and delivery alternatives being considered for each project
- Leveraging existing infrastructure and regional partnerships



# Limited Potable Supply Options

## Transfers (7.6 mld or 2 mgd):

- Drought year transfers from Irrigation Districts or others

## Purified Water (38-95 mld or 10-25 mgd):

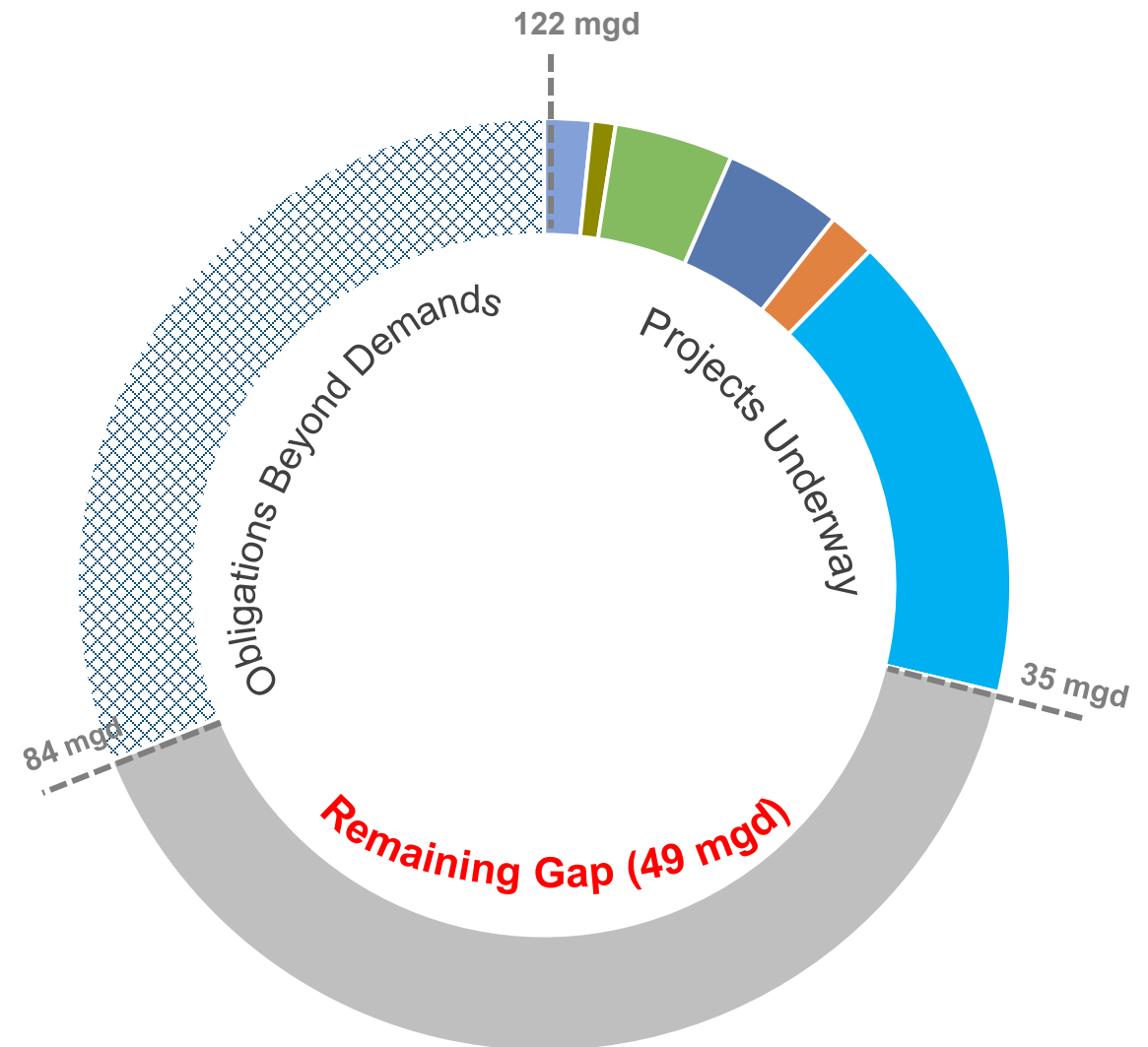
- Recycled water that has undergone full advanced treatment and is suitable for potable use or delivery through existing distribution

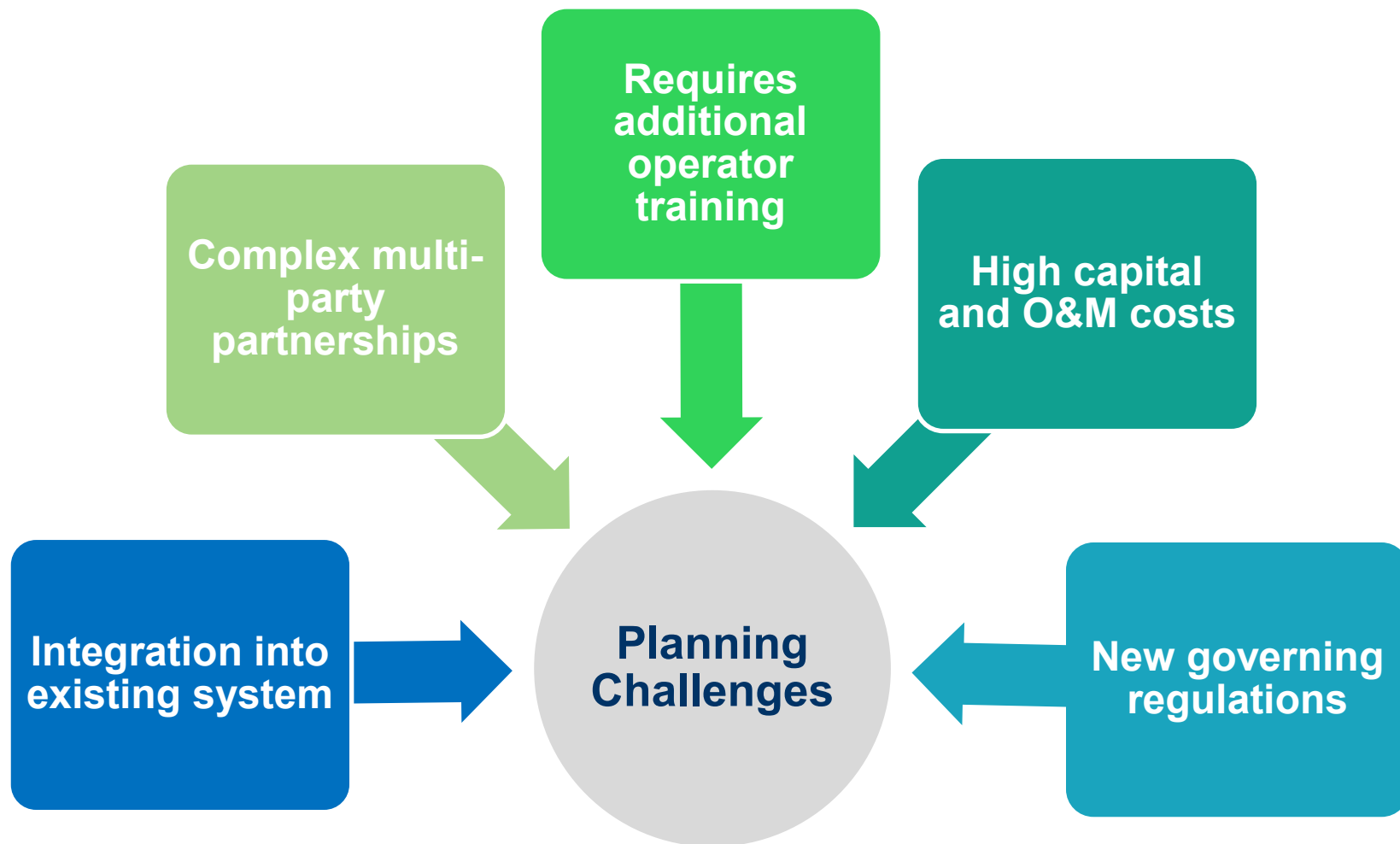
## Desalination (19-57 mld or 5-15 mgd):

- Saltwater / brackish source for potable use or storage

## Storage: (114 mld or up to 30 mgd)

- Above or below-ground option to save water for droughts





**Alternative Water Supplies Require a Longer-Term Planning Horizon**



# COMMON THEMES

# Shared Experiences and Lessons

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- ✓ Maximize efficient use of existing supplies first
- ✓ Recycle water for non-potable uses where feasible
- ✓ Test innovations and technological improvements
- ✓ Prepare for the cost and complexity of new potable supplies
- ✓ Engage with the public and leaders to solicit support for new supplies

# THANK YOU

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