



WOMEN IN WATERREUSE: DIVERSITY FOR THE FUTURE

TUESDAY MARCH 19TH TOWN HALL PLENARY SESSION & LUNCHEON

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

An inclusive and diverse water sector is necessary to build trust and promote innovation for the future.

Few sectors are as diverse and universal as the communities served by our WateReuse member agencies and businesses. Integrating our communities with the utilities and businesses that serve them is key, and one way to do that is for our industry to reflect the makeup of our customers. Public trust in water recycling agencies can be earned, in part, through transparent decision making and integration of perspectives that are reflective of the larger community.

There is a growing movement at water events, conferences and other venues, nationwide and internationally, to encourage open conversations about the benefits of gender balance and diversity at all levels of the water sector. Increased inclusion of women and a diverse workforce presents an obvious opportunity to encourage innovation and progress business goals alongside social and developmental goals.

This plenary session will be led by a professional facilitator, Desiree Adaway, who will both educate, entertain and provide pragmatic information related to understanding the benefits of equity and inclusivity. Women leaders from our industry will serve as supporting facilitators during a series of exercises, led by Desiree, to stimulate interactive discussions at the tables in the plenary session room.

WHAT'S THE TAKEAWAY?

Diversity, equity and inclusion is good for business, good for our employees and good for our communities.

The goal is to challenge our membership to look within their organizations, and themselves, to see how they can contribute to supporting an inclusive culture at their organization.

WHO HELPED MAKE THIS HAPPEN?

It takes a village.

Core Committee: made up of WateReuse California Board Members, this year's Conference Chair and the WRCA Managing Director, initiated the conversation and developed the plenary concept.

Supporting Facilitators: made up of volunteers representing the diversity of our industry and leadership of women in WateReuse will be seated at each table to engage the conversation, ensure ground rules are followed, take notes and report out.

Opening Comments: Joone Lopez, General Manager for Moulton Niguel Water District and WRCA Trustee to the Board representing the Orange County Section, will frame the conversation.

External Facilitator: Desiree Adaway, <http://desireeadaway.com/>, will lead a series of exercises to stimulate interactive discussions at the tables in the plenary session room.



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CORE COMMITTEE

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Desiree Adaway	Adaway Group (Facilitator)	Professional Facilitator

SUPPORTING FACILITATORS

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