

“Reclaimed Water” Definitions Worksheet

[Current Washington Statute – RCW 90.46.020]

“Reclaimed water” means effluent derived in any part from sewage from a wastewater treatment system that has been adequately and reliably treated, so that as a result of that treatment, it is suitable for a beneficial use or a controlled use that would not otherwise occur and is no longer considered wastewater.

[Current California Water Code 13050-13051]

“Recycled water” means water which, as a result of treatment of waste, is suitable for direct beneficial use or a controlled use that would not otherwise occur and is therefore considered a valuable resource.

Which concepts do we want included in Washington’s new reclaimed water definition?

- Reclaimed water is water
- Derived [in any part] from wastewater [or a wastewater system]
- Has been treated [or adequately and reliably treated]

- Can be used [reused] for beneficial purposes
- Is suitable for direct, controlled, or mitigated [mitigation] uses
- Uses permitted [or allowed, enabled] through this chapter [or rule]
- Uses that would otherwise not occur
- Uses that would otherwise be served by potable sources

- Is no longer considered wastewater
- Is considered a valuable resource

Some possible draft definitions follow on the next page.

Draft Definitions

Option 1

"Reclaimed water" means water produced in any part through the treatment of wastewater that may be used for beneficial purposes permitted through this chapter [or rule]. As a result of such treatment, reclaimed water is considered a valuable resource, and is no longer considered wastewater.

Option 2

"Reclaimed Water" means water derived in any part from wastewater that is adequately and reliably treated so that, as a result of the treatment, it is suitable for direct, controlled, or mitigated uses. Reclaimed water is no longer considered wastewater.

Option 3

"Reclaimed Water" means water derived from wastewater that has been treated so that, as a result of the treatment, it is suitable for a beneficial use permitted through this chapter [or rule] that would otherwise not occur or would otherwise be served by potable sources.

Option 4

"Reclaimed water" is used water that has been cleaned to a high [suitable] level so it can be beneficially reused and is no longer considered wastewater."

Option 5

"Reclaimed water" is water that has been used, cleaned, and restored to a sufficient quality that it can be reused for beneficial purposes. It is no longer considered wastewater.

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