

2026 State Summit on Water Reuse

Intercontinental Downtown, Los Angeles, CA

The 2026 State Summit on Water Reuse will occur on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, in conjunction with the annual WateReuse Symposium (March 8-11) at the Intercontinental Downtown in Los Angeles, California. The primary goal of the State Summit is to provide a place for state regulators to share and learn about a range of water reuse issues, network with state colleagues, and coordinate with representatives from select federal agencies. The Summit will feature perspectives from many states and provide an opportunity for participants to share their thoughts and key questions with colleagues from around the country.

Roosevelt, 7th Floor

Wednesday, March 11, 2026	
Time (PT)	Session/Topic
7:45 – 8:15 am	State Summit Check-in & Networking
8:15 – 9:00 am	Summit Kickoff: Welcome, Overview, and Introductions
9:00 – 10:00 am	<p>Session #1: Resources for Developing State Water Reuse Regulations <i>This session will feature information on the WateReuse Association’s upcoming State Regulatory Guidebook and key U.S. EPA resources.</i></p> <p>Speakers: Miriam Hacker (Brown and Caldwell), Sharon Nappier (U.S. EPA)</p>
10:00 – 10:20 am	Photo and networking break
10:20 – 11:30 am	<p>Session #2: Experiences with Permitting Water Reuse <i>This session will include discussion on permitting approaches for various types of water reuse and include a table/virtual breakout session.</i></p> <p>Discussion starters: Pat Heins (OR), Ryan Eldredge (KS), Gregory Carr (OK)</p>
11:30 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<p>Session #3: Focus on Potable Reuse <i>Discussion will focus on approaches to pretreatment/source water protection, chemicals and monitoring, and piloting approaches and requirements.</i></p> <p>Discussion starters: Laura McLellan (CA), Patrick Wittbold (MA), and Dani Zebelean (UT)</p>

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2:00 – 2:30 pm	<p>Session #4: Advancing Reuse to Support Data Center Cooling <i>EPA will provide an overview of the regulatory landscape of water reuse for industrial cooling. Discussion will center around enabling mechanisms for water reuse for data center cooling.</i></p> <p>Speaker: Sargon de Jesus (U.S. EPA)</p>
2:30 – 3:00 pm	<p>Session #5: Experiences with State Reuse Program Development <i>This session will allow participants to further share perspectives on developing reuse programs in their states. It will explore commonalities across states, issues that may be able to be addressed with more cross-state or national collaboration, and help build more connections among state participants.</i></p>
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Wrap Up

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