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for Water Innovation

# The Technological Frontier of Desalination and Water Reuse: More Water at Lower Cost

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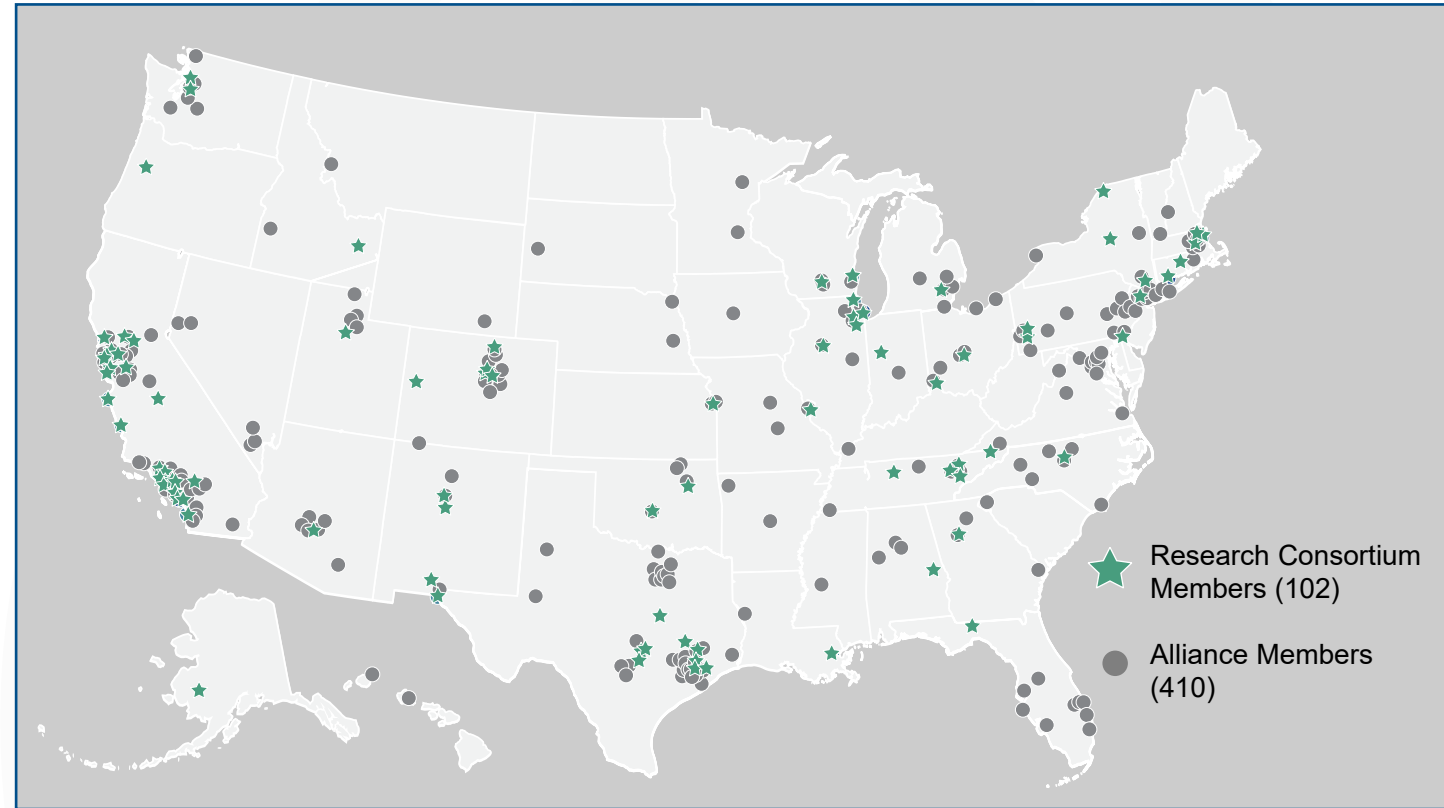
# NAWI Hub – At A Glance



**BERKELEY LAB**



- **5-Year, \$110M+ “early-stage applied research” program from DOE’s Advanced Manufacturing Office (EERE), headquartered at LBNL**
- **\$23 million in cost share support from CA State Agencies**
- **Goal: 75% reduction in cost and energy of desalination**



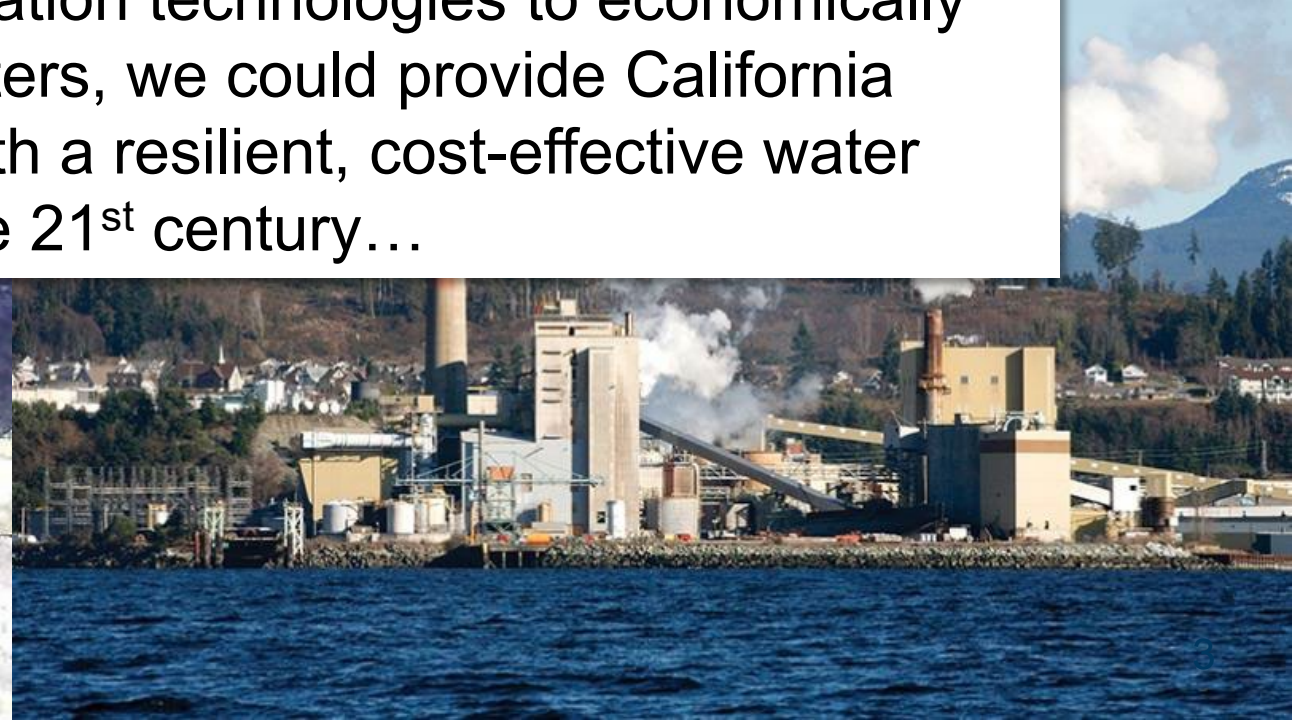
Nearly 1,500 individuals have joined the (free) NAWI Alliance

(go to: [www.nawihub.org](http://www.nawihub.org))



These non-traditional waters are geographically widespread, often contain valuable constituents, and are presently discarded...

If we could develop new desalination technologies to economically treat these non-traditional waters, we could provide California industries and communities with a resilient, cost-effective water supply for the 21<sup>st</sup> century...




50 MGD



Our Region's Trusted Water Leader  
San Diego County Water Authority

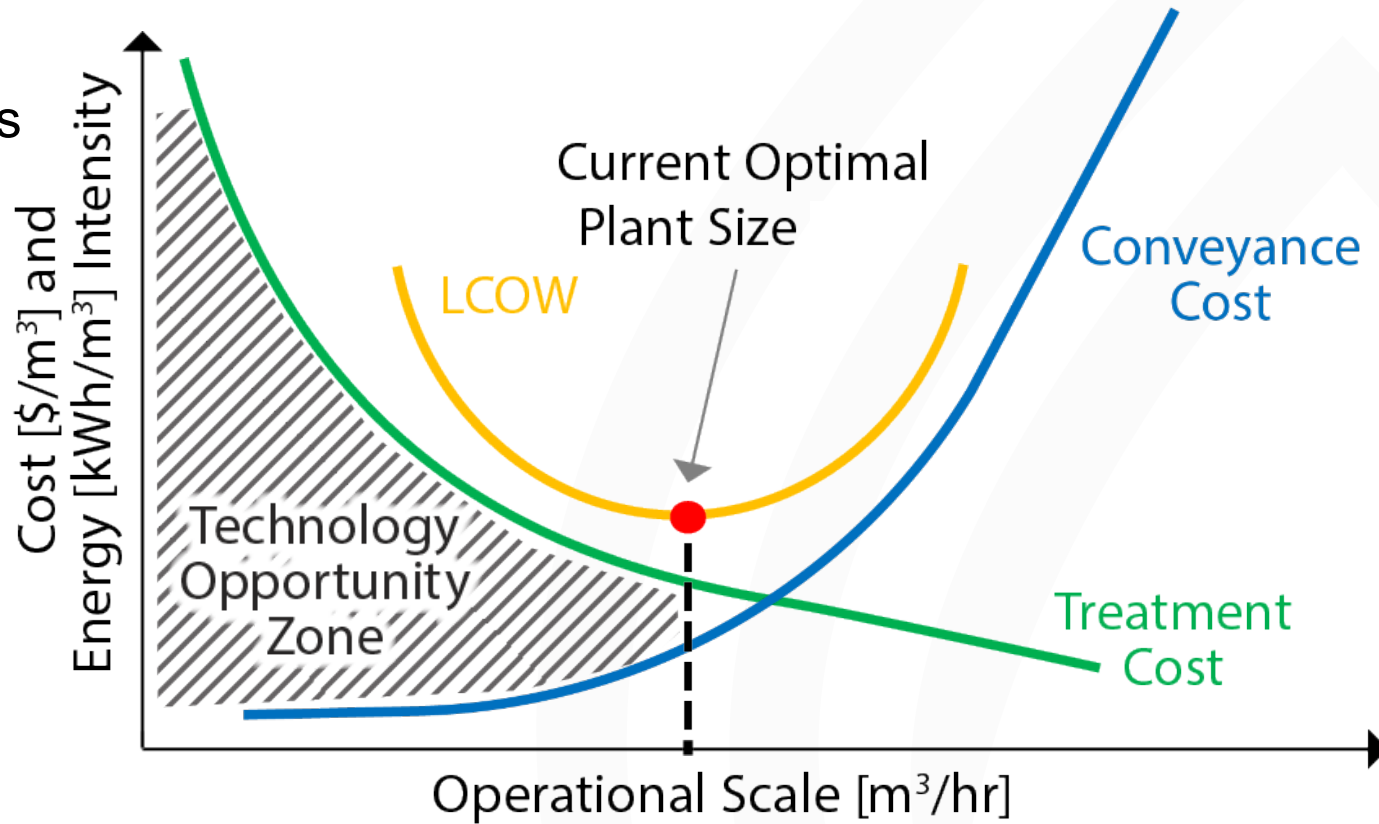
POSEIDON WATER



Claude "Bud" Lewis  
Carlsbad Desalination Plant

# Where's the biggest opportunity in desalination? Going SMALL

-  **A**utonomous
-  **P**recise
-  **R**esilient
-  **I**ntensified
-  **M**odular
-  **E**lectrified



NAWI's Goal: Enable cost-effective (small-scale) distributed water treatment and reuse

# Small desal actually works well for California...





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SPECIALIZING IN CONCENTRATION

CIDS

Center for Inland Desalination Systems

CIDS

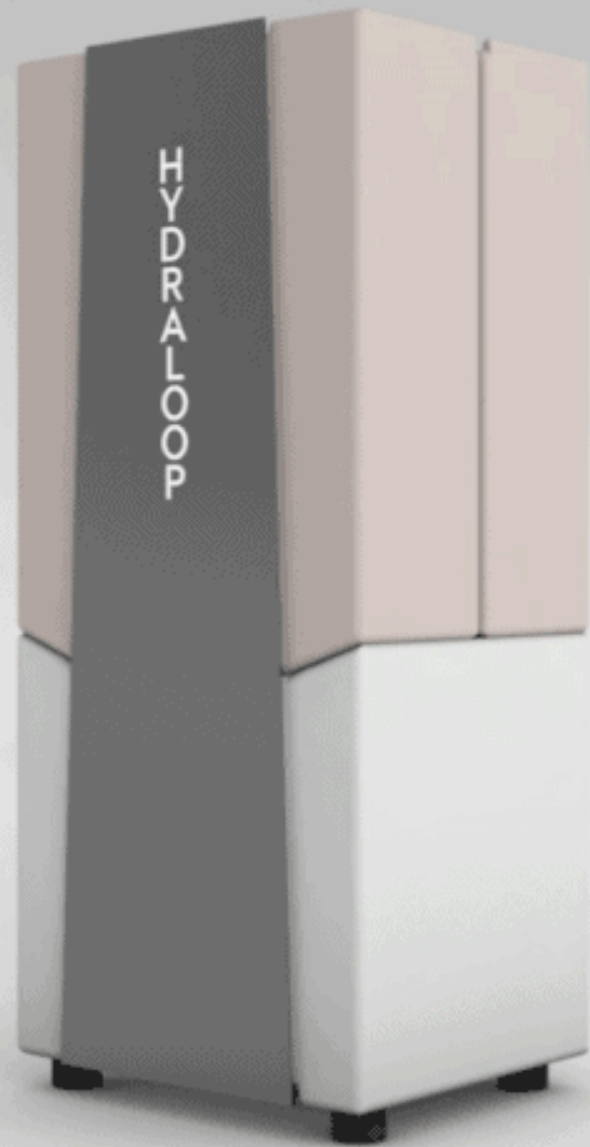
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# NAWI's Dream: The Water Washing Machine





HYDRALOOP

Sewer ventilation

Ø40mm

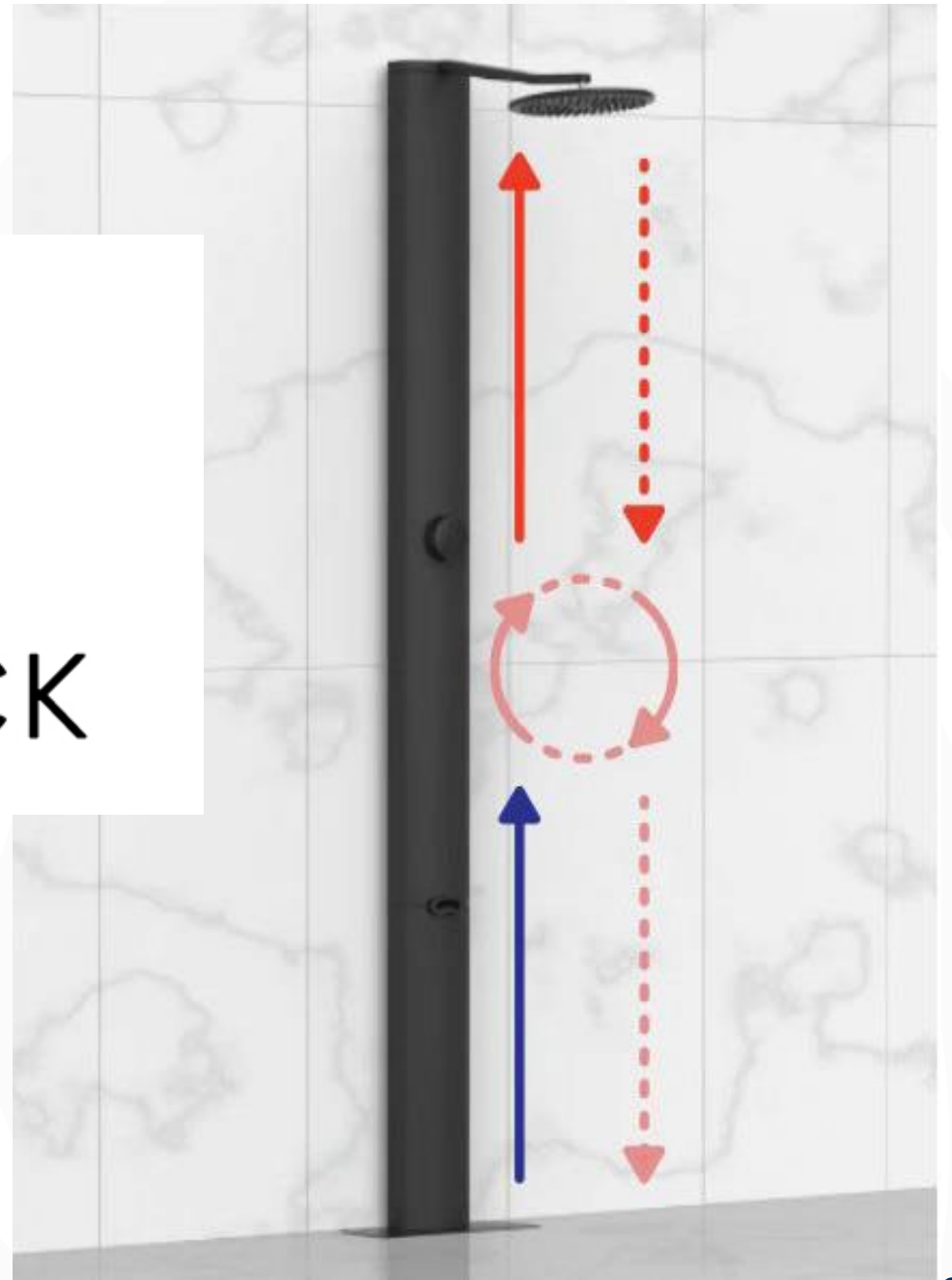
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HYDRALPOOP



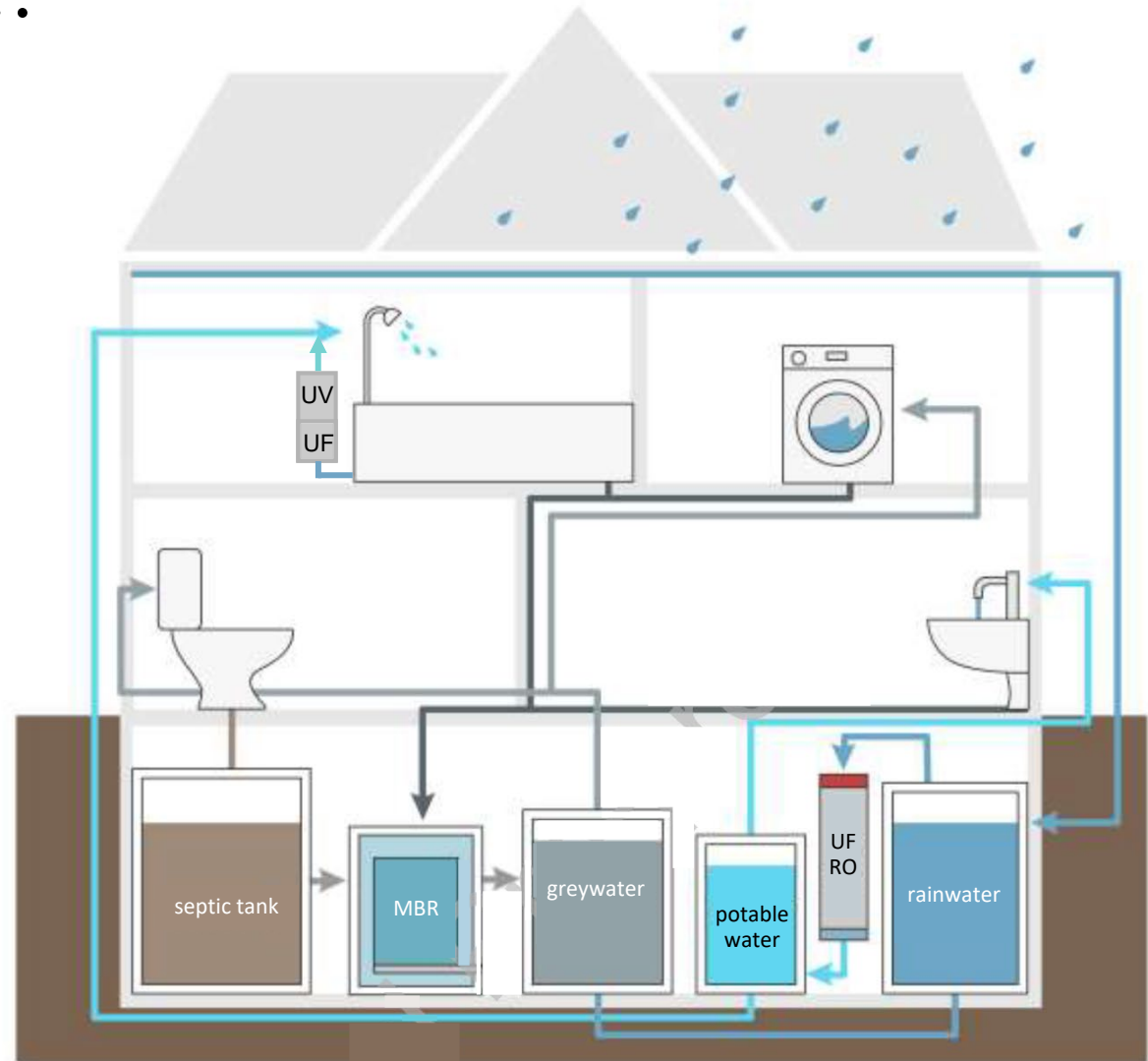


RAINSTICK



The home could be a major element of climate-resilient water systems...

**Homes could use 80% less water, substantially LESS energy.. and enjoy higher reliability and safety in the water they use...**



**Are our water systems 30 years from now really going to look like our water systems 30 years ago?**

# What if...

- Buildings processed and reused the wastewater generated from occupants so that water in most buildings could be supplied solely by the rain that fell on their roofs or harvested from the air...
- Distributed desalination systems operated flexibly on the grid – maximizing water production when renewable energy was most abundant
- Water treatment systems enabled farmers and manufacturers to recover 100% of the water from their waste discharges and safely dispose of the solutes and suspended debris as solid waste – eliminating the need for environmental discharges...

# The transition to decentralized water treatment reuse vision would mirror a transformation that has already happened in the energy sector...



Centralized  
Custom-designed  
Long lead time  
\$B  
1 per city



Distributed  
Manufactured  
Short lead time  
\$K  
1 per building