



EXPLORING UTILITY DIGITAL TRANSFORMATIONS

October 1, 2024

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Today's Agenda

Webcast Housekeeping

WRF Introduction

SWAN Introduction

Jeanna Long, Woodard & Curran

Flavio Silva, Corsan

Panel Q&A

Housekeeping

- Submit questions through the question box at any time. We will do a Q&A after both presentations are complete.
- Slides and a recording of the webcast will be available at <u>www.waterrf.org</u>.
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- A certificate of completion will be automatically generated after the webcast.
 Any questions, please contact Michelle Suazo at msuazo@waterrf.org.
- Please stay until the end to fill out a quick survey.







OUR PURPOSE

To advance the science of water to improve the quality of life for all communities.

OUR VISION

The science and knowledge we generate allow the water sector to provide high-quality, safe, accessible, and affordable water services that contribute to healthy, resilient communities and a sustainable global environment.

OUR MISSION

To help our subscribers discover opportunities and solve problems by delivering actionable water research to meet the needs of the communities they serve.



What does The Water Research Foundation do?

Identify, prioritize and fund research for the water sector.

Accelerate the adoption of new technologies in the water sector.



CONNECTIONS

INNOVATION

RESULTS

Convene experts and sector representatives to identify and collaborate on priority water research.

Educate decision-makers on the science of water.

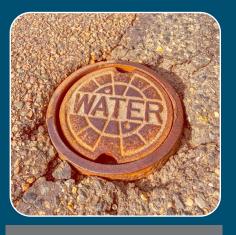
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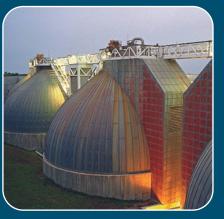
















Healthy Communities & Environment

- Holistic Watershed **Management & Integrated Planning**
- Monitoring Tools at Watershed & **Sewershed Scale**
- **Receiving Water Quality Management**

Treatment Innovation & Optimization

- Treatment & Process **Optimization**
- Nature-based **Solutions**
- Diversifying Water **Systems**

Efficient Resource Use & Recovery

- Energy Efficiency, Intensification & **Resource Recovery**
- Climate Change **Mitigation**
- Nutrient Removal & Recovery
- Solids Management

Resilient Infrastructure

- Asset Management
- **Distribution System Integrity & Water** Quality
- Collection Systems **Integrity & Water Quality Impacts**

Utility Operations & Management

- Water **Resources Planning**
- Workforce Management
- **Financial** Management



PROJECT 5189: QUANTIFYING THE IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE/MACHINE LEARNING-BASED APPROACHES TO UTILITY PERFORMANCE

Do you have an AI/ML initiative at your organization? Share your experience here!





Welcome to SWAN

Reinventing our water future.

The Smart Water Networks Forum (SWAN) is the leading, global smart water hub.

Founded in 2010, SWAN is uniquely focused on increasing the awareness and acceleration of smart, data-driven solutions in drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater networks worldwide.

By aligning industry thought leaders and fostering inclusive collaboration, we have become the driving force in proactively influencing the smart water sector.

Questions: Reach out to maddy@swan-forum.com



SWAN Members Global leaders in advancing smart water worldwide.

SWAN is home to diverse industry leaders across key audiences. Through regional and global collaboration, SWAN Members are proactively influencing the water sector and creating a smarter, more resilient water future.

We provide a platform for progress and collaborative space for global curious minds to share information, knowledge, and solutions.



Collaborative SWAN Alliances/Work Groups



Est. in 2015, this Alliance is home to diverse utility & industry thought leaders shaping smart water across the Americas.



Initiated in 2017, this Alliance brings together utility and industry smart water thought leaders across APAC.



Launched in 2019, the EA consists of progressive, regional industry leaders advancing the smart water sector.



A recent initiative, this Alliance is driven by regional leaders working on smart water projects in this emerging region.



Formed 2019, this is a global Work Group of ecosystem thought leaders mapping digital twin strategy and implementation.



Born 2019, this affiliate connects young prof. with smart water opportunities, from mentoring to upskilling.



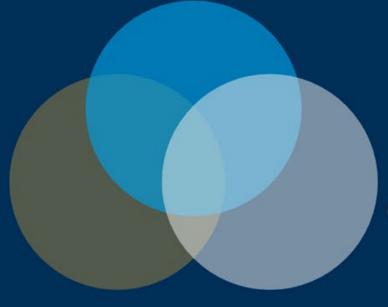
SWAN Americas Alliance Structure

Education

(People, Processes & Technologies)

Engagement

(Many Members, One Flock)



Execution

(Guidance, Research & Tools)



SWAN AMERICAS

Research Project

Enhancing Utility Operations through IT/OT Collaboration





Share your IT/OT Case Studies (Open to SWAN Members)





5 SWAN AMERICAS WORKSHOP

-PHOENIX, ARIZONA

"Smart Oasis:Doing More with Less"

January 16 - 17, 2025 Sheraton Phoenix Downtown

Today's Presenters



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National Digital Innovation Leader
Woodward and Curran



Flavio Silva
Electrical and Water Resilience Engineer
Corsan



BUILDING A FUTURE-READY UTILITY, ONE STEP AT A TIME

Jeanna Long, PhD



Digital Transformation in Utilities

Building a future-ready utility, one step at a time



Focus on Your People and Processes

Streamline data processes for immediate impact, efficiency gains, and early wins



Build a Solid Data Foundation

Collect high quality data and centralize for informed decision making and regulatory compliance



Leverage Advanced Technologies

Explore AI/ML
possibilities to support
predictive decision
support, workforce
enhancement,
optimization, etc.



Partnering for digital transformations nationwide





















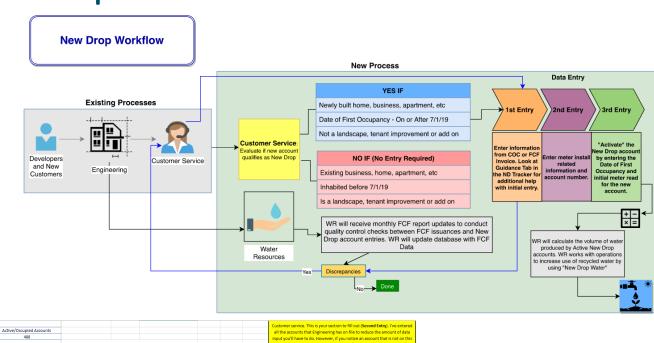




Case Study 1: Modernizing Cross-Departmental Access to Data

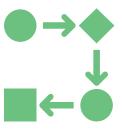
- Enhance the process for internal access to data
- Automate demand calculations
- Meet regulatory reporting requirements
- Adapt to future program changes





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Internal challenges faced: Improving access to high-quality data



Work-from-home posed significant challenges to sharing data across departments

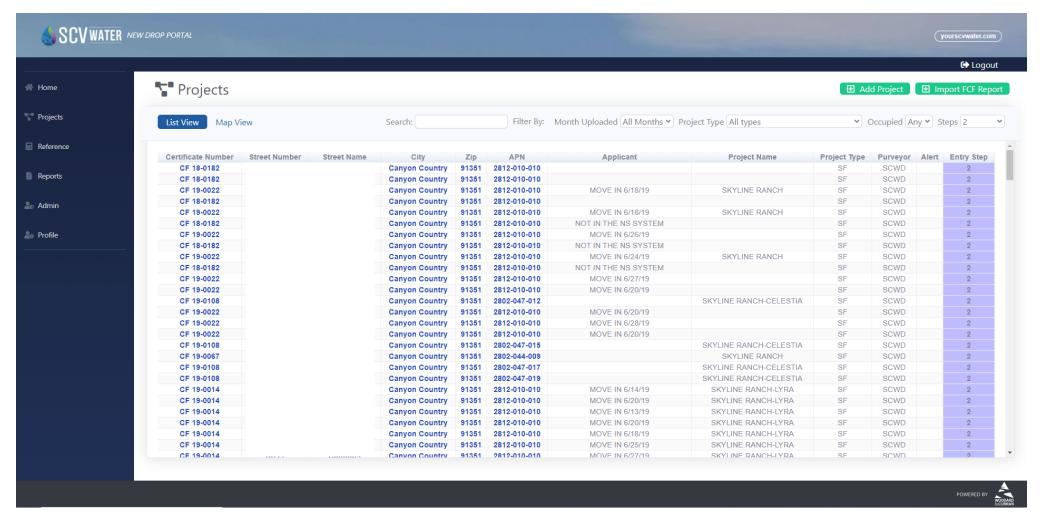


Data files passed between departments relied on manual copy/paste into their tracking workbook

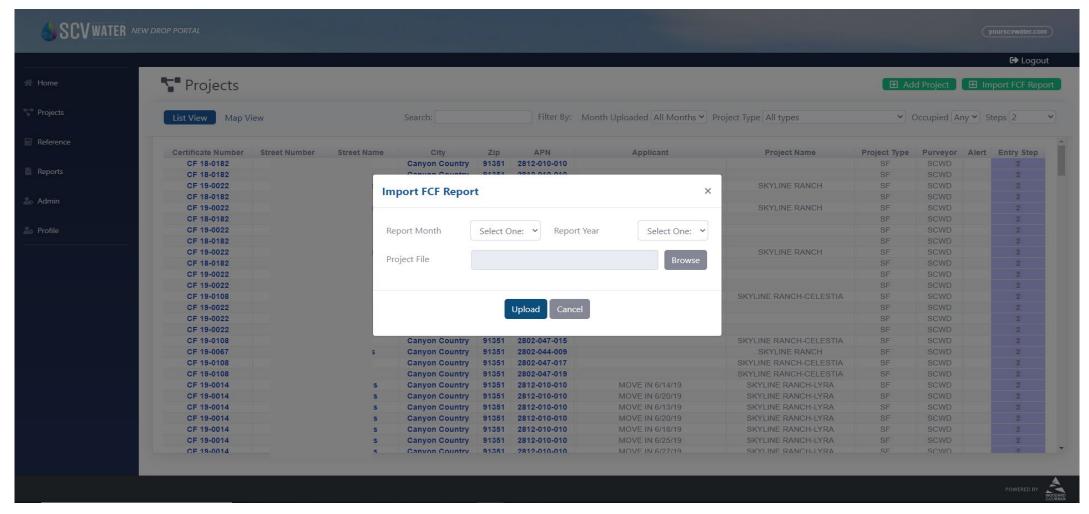


Program is subject to strict and timely regulatory reporting

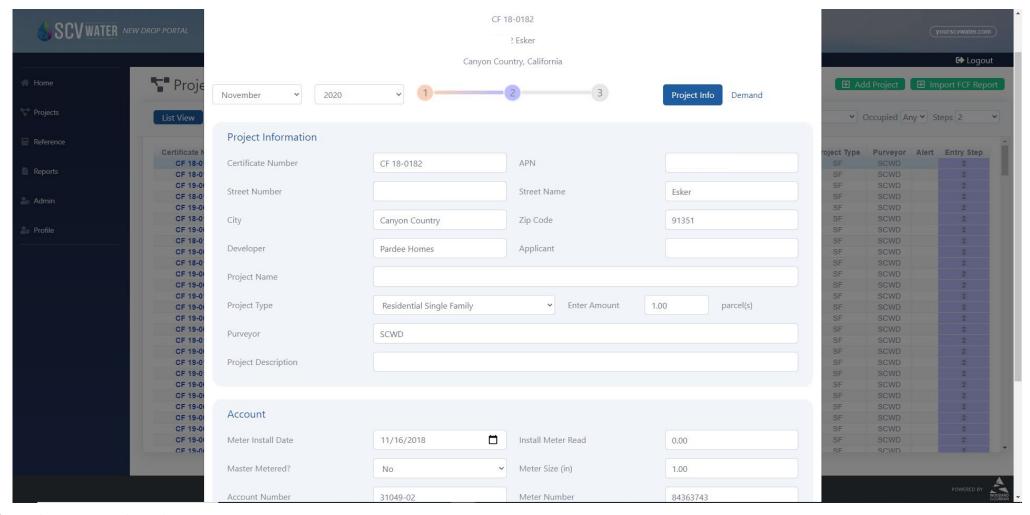
Replacing spreadsheets with a web-based platform



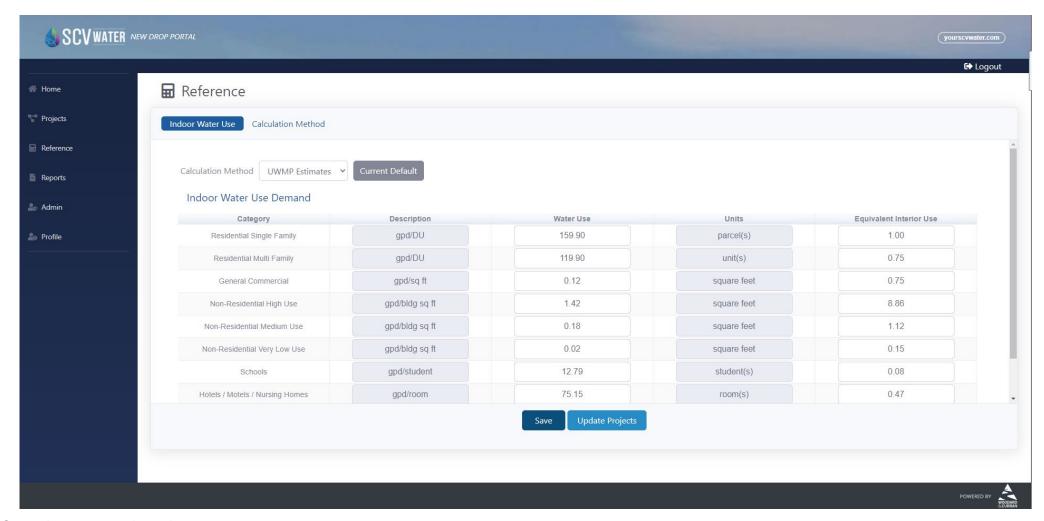
Streamlining the import and quality control of data



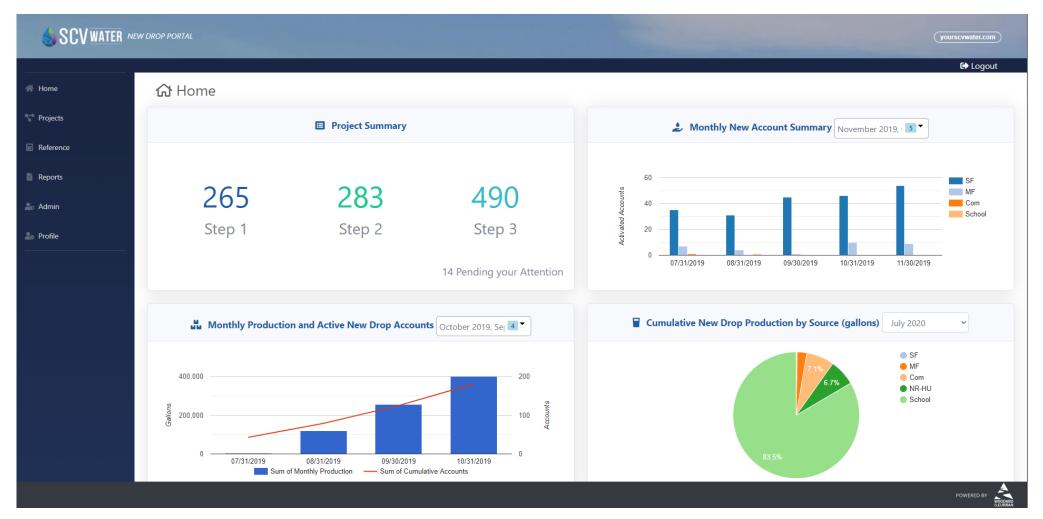
Tracking the lifecycle of the project



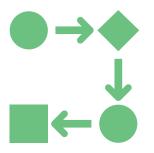
Automating demand calculations



Monitoring and reporting on program status



Outcomes and benefits realized



All departments could access the data in a user-friendly manner



Data quality improved through automation



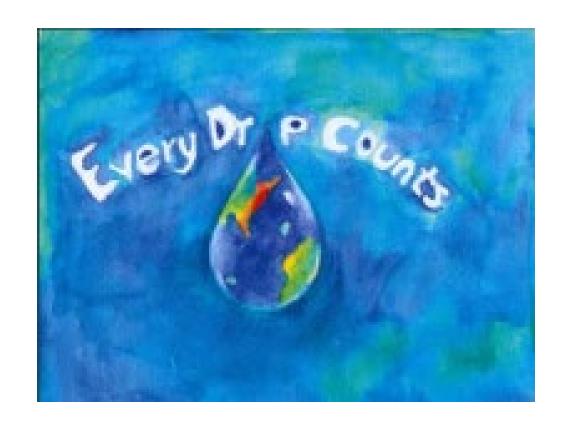
Streamlined report development

Case Study 1: Lessons learned and key takeaways

- Match the technology to the process: User-centric design was key to accessibility and efficiency
- Remote-work readiness is important: You never know when something can happen! Traditional approaches can cause bottlenecks.
- Automate whenever possible: Automation reduces human error and saves time
- Support future program enhancements: Consider and plan for possible changes (don't code yourself into a box). Implement a modular and flexible design whenever possible.

Case Study 2: Forward-Thinking Approach to Water Conservation Program Management

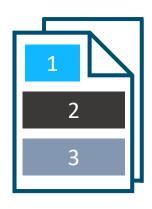
- Digitalize processes for more efficient operations and better resource allocation
- Improve customer experience and accessibility to increase engagement
- Enhance regulatory compliance
- Create foundation for future use of data





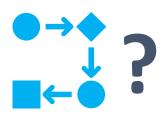
Have you ever tried applying for a rebate program?













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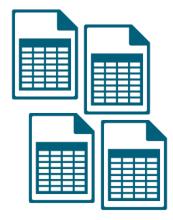
Internal challenges faced: Streamlining administrative workflows



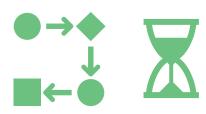
Applications come in on paper or PDF



Customer communication tracked through email or phone



Separate programs tracked in different spreadsheets



Administrative workflow was hard to track and had room for efficiency improvements

External challenges faced: Navigating regulatory requirements

Regulatory Drivers to be ever more efficient

In California:







System Water Losses



Outdoor Use



Residential





CII landscapes With DIMs



Urban Water Use Objective

& Performance Measures for:











CII Indoor Use

CII landscapes without DIMs

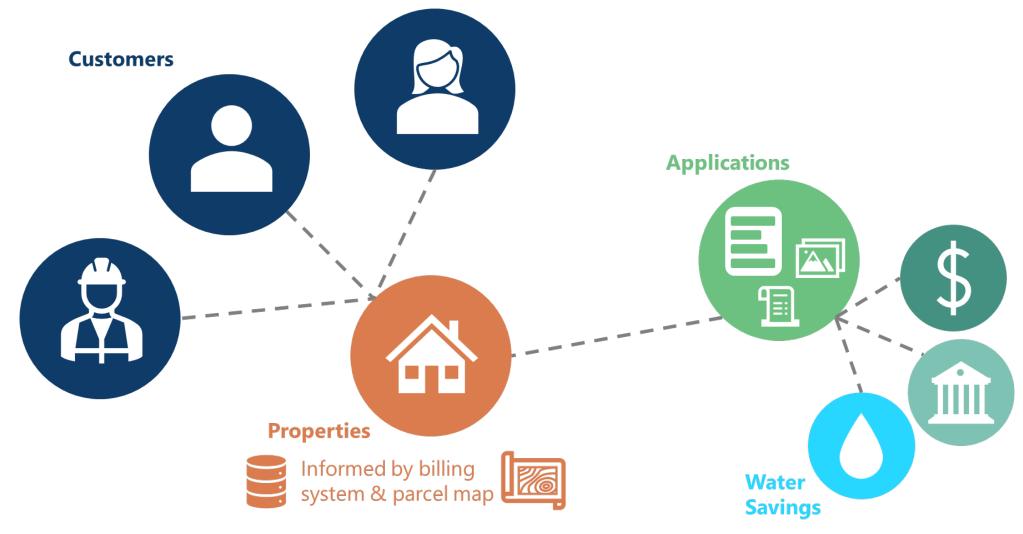
Periodic Drought



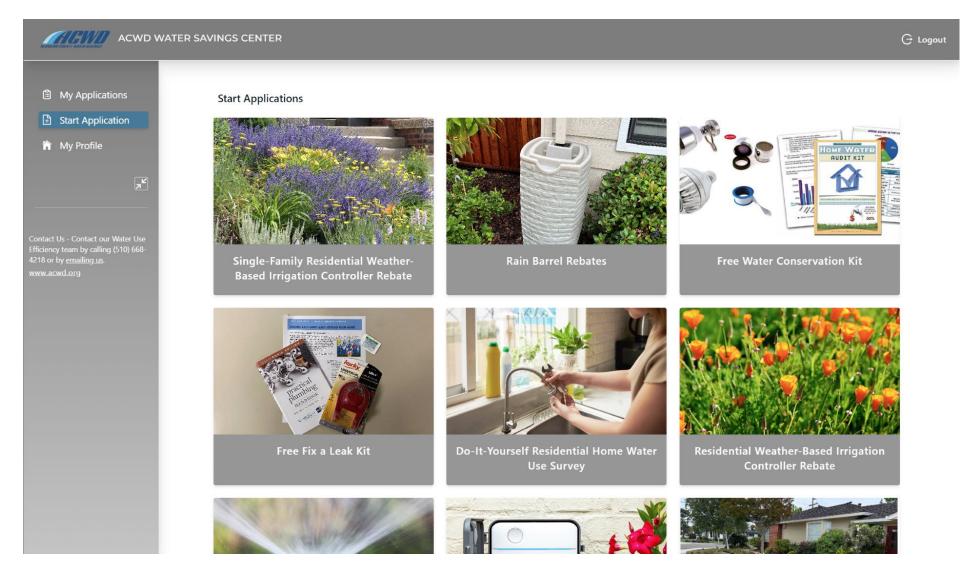
Water Shortage Contingency Plan

& Water Shortage Response Actions

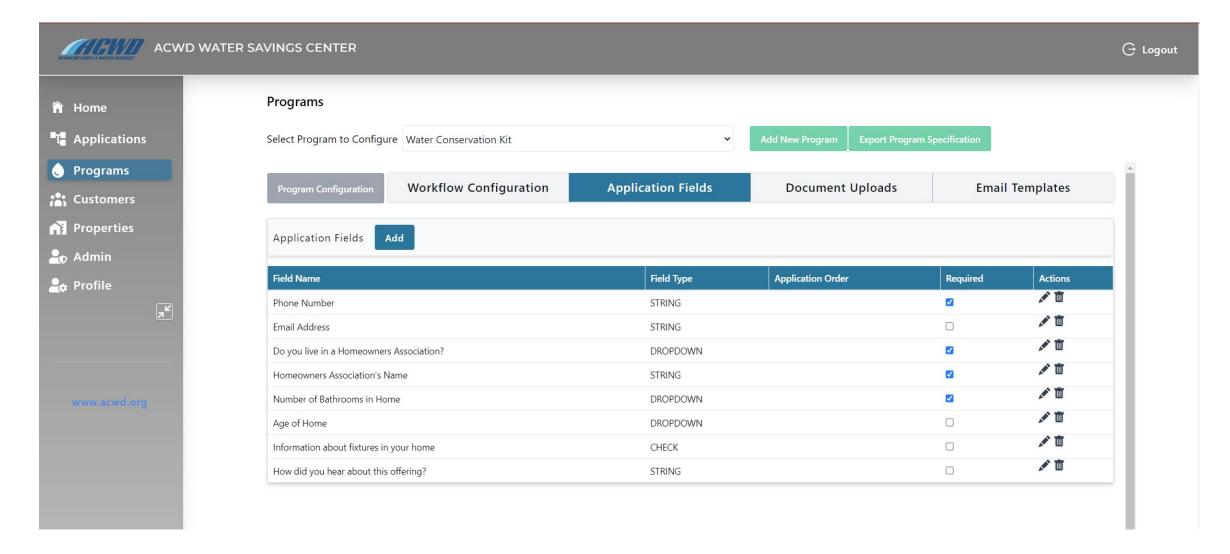
Data structure: Design dictated by user requirements



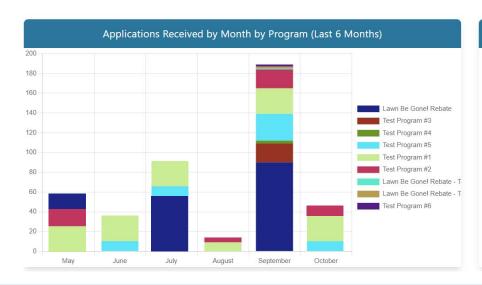
Enhancing the customer experience



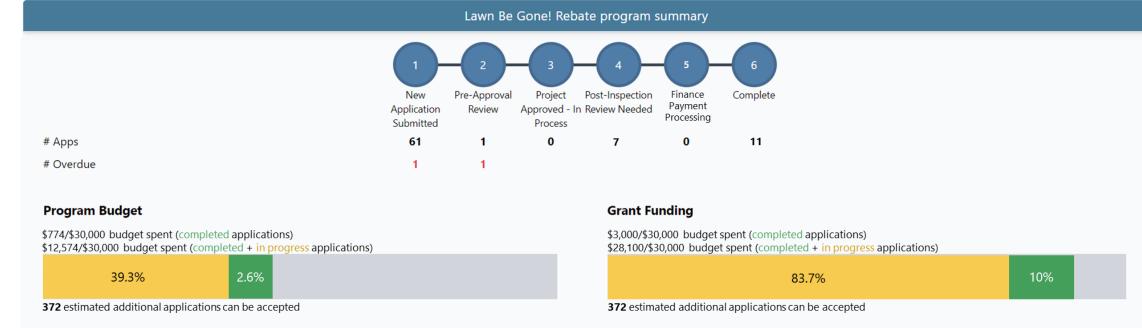
Dynamically managing programs, applications, and workflows



Monitoring program status and workloads through dashboards







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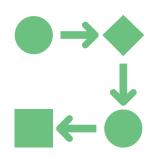
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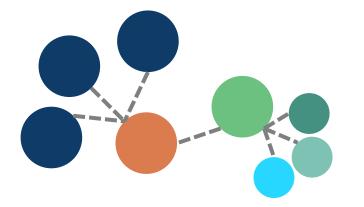
Centralizes and simplifies the experience for customer & all tracking and reporting for staff



Fully managed by the agency without consultant input as program expands



Workflow is flexible to handle various administrative approval processes



Robust, flexible data structure supports more than just conservation rebate application intake

Case Study 2: Lessons learned and key takeaways

- Centralize data: Centralized data structure is essential for reporting across programs
- It's about the people: Designed for the customer and staff
- Technology needs to be aligned with the process: Standardize as much as possible without sacrificing ease-of-use
- Create a foundation for the future:
 - Track the water savings impacts of individual applications through time to project future savings for new and nonparticipating customers
 - Inform future program investments and track ROI
 - Make better decisions will this program accomplish what we want?

Digital transformation can start anywhere in your utility

- Remember it's a journey...
 - Focus on your people and processes to find efficiency gains now
 - Build your solid data foundation
 - Then leverage advanced technologies



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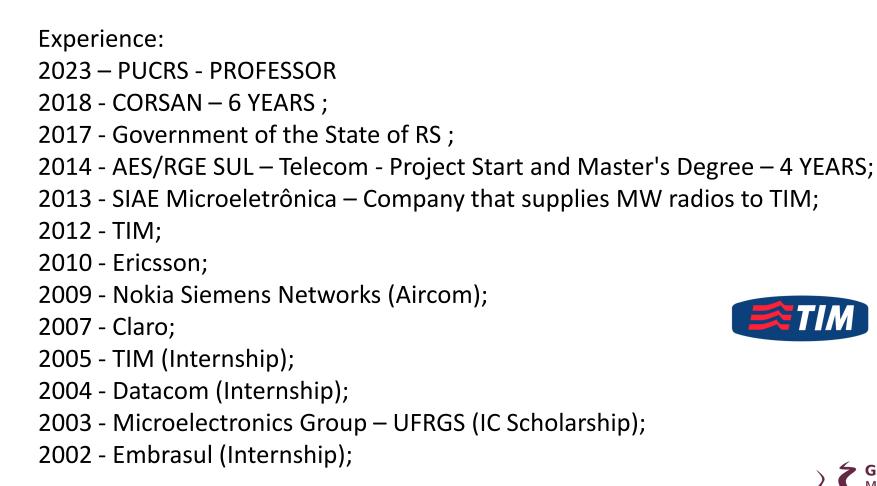
SMART GRID AND SMART WATER NEXUS, DIGITAL TWIN PROJECTS IN UTILITIES.

October/2024 – Flavio Eduardo Soares e Silva

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Who am 1?













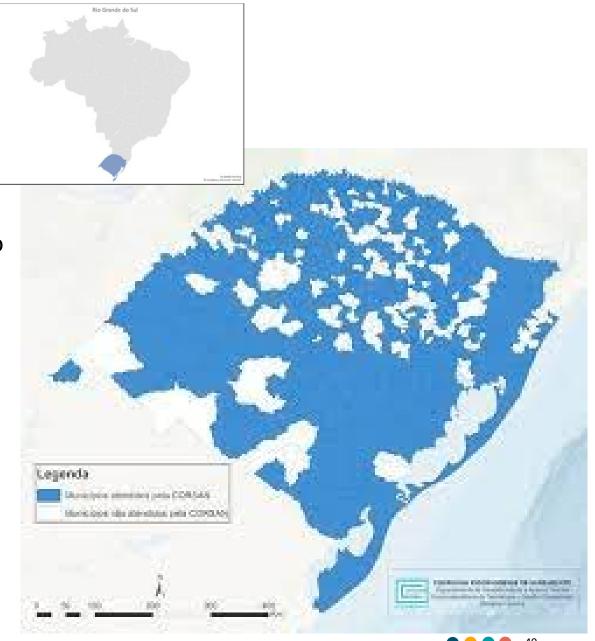




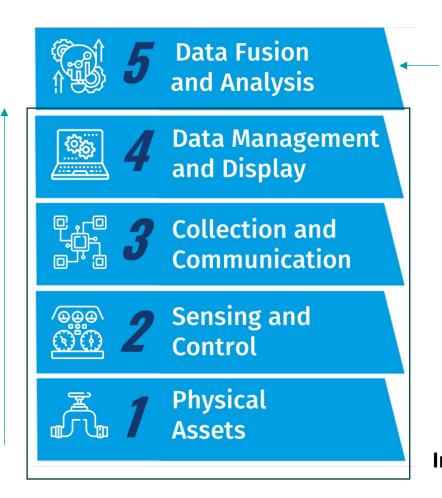


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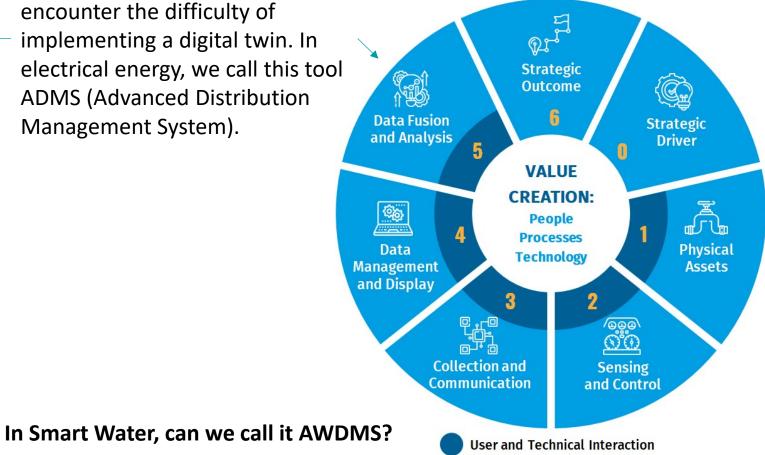
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Digital Twin Concept – For any Utility



In Data Fusion and Analysis, we encounter the difficulty of implementing a digital twin. In electrical energy, we call this tool **ADMS (Advanced Distribution** Management System).



Smart Grid – Digital Twin in Energy Utility

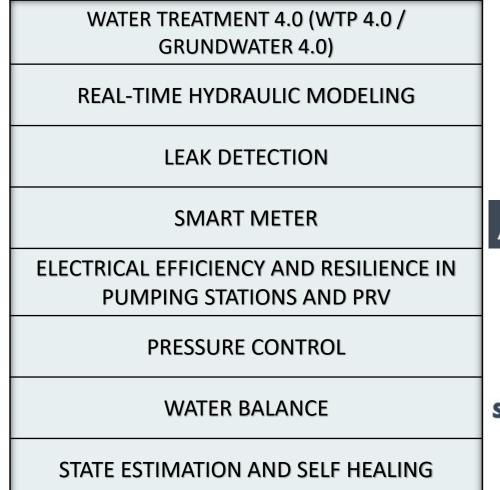


ALGORITHMS OF A SMART GRID

SELF HEALING POWER FLOW NETWORK/GRID RECONFIGURATION BOUNDARY MEASUREMENT CONTROL COORDINATION AND SELECTION OF PROTECTION DEVICES **VOLTAGE CONTROL - (VOLT-VAR) ENERGY BALANCE** STATE ESTIMATION

Smart Grid and Smart Water Nexus

SELF HEALING
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Innovation and Digital Twin Projects (Augen, Ayga and Splora) - STARTUPS





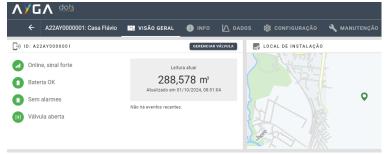


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Ultrasonic water meter with dry register and shutoff valve ball





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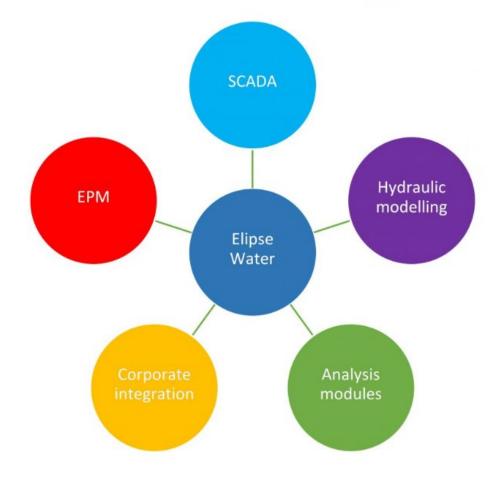
Água Conectada is an integrated solution with Internet of Things technology — "IoT" in SAAS – Software as a Service formatted for different modules in the intelligent management of the water cycle.

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Elipse Water (Advanced Management System)



Elipse Water is an evolution of Elipse E3 SCADA system to better serve the management needs of sanitation systems. This is the perfect platform for optimizing and bringing more efficiency to the systems, the people, and the processes related to water and wastewater systems.



https://www.elipse.com.br/en/produto/elipse-water/



Electrical Resilience, Green Hydrogen and Next Steps

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Centralized H2 Generation (1) Electrolysis Reações de Reforma do vapor (2) Microbiological Process (3)Steam Reforming



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