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# DPR Virtual Research Workshop

#### June 12, 2020

10:00AM - 12:30PM PT

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## Agenda

- 10:00am Welcome, Introductions
- 10:10am SWB Updates, status of reg dev.
- 10:25pm Review of DPR-1; Demo tool
- 10:50am DPR-2; Prelim. Results + Covid-19
- 11:15am DPR-3 Status
- 11:30am DPR-4 Project results
- 12:00pm Closed Discussion/Questions
- 12:30pm Adjourn

Adam, Jim, Julie Tricia Lee, Jing Chao Brian Pecson & team Brian Pecson & team Krista Wigginton Jean Debroux, Shane Trussell All

## Welcome and Introductions

#### SWB:

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- Mark Bartson
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- Jing Chao
- Bob Hultquist
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- Faraz Asad
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- Krista Wigginton, U of Michigan
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- Shane Trussell, Trussell Tech

### Grant 1: Research Oversight and Communication



# Response to COVID-19

#### **RESPONDING TO COVID-19**

The pathogen monitoring project is aimed at collecting untreated wastewater from five utilities in California where it is being analyzed for key waterborne pathogens (protozoa and certain viruses). A number of pre-tests were conducted in order to modify current industry protocols for protozoa and molecular virus to be more sensitive and specific in an untreated wastewater matrix. The full monitoring campaign was initiated in November 2019 and the team has been archiving samples since then. Three national labs are analyzing the samples following the quality assurance plan (QAPP).



Since the early 2020 SARS-CoV-2 outbreak, the team has been confirming methods for measuring (molecular) archived samples and untreated wastewater samples for quantitative analysis of SARS-CoV-2 (molecular). In late April, the analysis of archived samples, as well as untreated wastewater samples was started. The pathogen monitoring program will collect and analyze untreated wastewater samples through January 2021. The goal is to have approximately 120 analyses for each of the waterborne pathogens and indicator organisms. The results will be published by The Water Research Foundation (WRF) after a peer-review process and posted to the WRF and SWB websites. The team will prepare a technical publication specific to the SARS-CoV-2 effort.

WRF/SWB Flyer available <u>https://www.waterrf.org/sites/default/files/file/2020-</u>05/Direct-Potable-Reuse-CA-SWB.pdf

#### **DPR-2 QAPP Available**

Project #4989

#### Measure Pathogens in Wastewater

#### Quality Assurance Project Plan: Analytical Microbiology Services

PROJECT PAPER 05/14/2020

05/14/2020

https://www.waterrf.org/research/projects/measure-pathogens-wastewater

#### **Open RFQ due June 19th**

#### **RFQ for SARS-CoV-2 Study**

WRF released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify a research team to lead a project evaluating existing methods and testing reliability for the genetic signal for SARS-CoV-2 in untreated wastewater. June 12, 2020 – DPR Virtual Research Workshop

### State Water Board DWQ Research Funding

Tricia Lee, State Water Resources Control Board

# WRF-SWB DPR Virtual Research Workshop

Tricia Lee

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## Funding Program

The Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP) provides technical and financial assistance to agencies and other stakeholders in support of water recycling projects and research.





## **Funding Sources**







**Proposition 68 (2018)** \$72 Million for recycled water projects currently being processed

**Proposition 1 (2014)** \$105 million for recycled water projects currently being processed.

**Proposition 13 (2000)** Financial assistance for loans and grants for recycled water projects

## Current WRFP Portfolio



### 1978 - March 2020: \$3.2 Billion Total



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## Research Funding Objective



To identify and fill high priority knowledge gaps in recycled water research, including potable and nonpotable applications, to promote California's sustainable production and use of recycled water and inform management priorities for recycled water.

## Current Research Funded

Topic: Follow-up research needs Grantee: TBD

Topic: RO concentrate management Grantee: Valley Water Completed



**Topic**: Developing Bioanalytical Toolbox **Grantee**: SCCWRP Est. completion 2024



**Topic:** Support Understanding of Potable Reuse Projects **Grantee:** Water Research Foundation Est. completion 2021



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**Topic**: Advance Potable and Non-Potable Reuse in California **Grantee**: Water Research Foundation Est. completion 2024

## Current Research Funded





3-phased Grant Agreement

Potable and Non-Potable Est. Completion: April 2024

## **Practical Applications**

Promote California's sustainable production and use of recycled water

Inform management priorities for recycled water.

Fill high priority knowledge gaps for recycled water







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## State Water Board DDW Update on Regulation Development

Jing Chao, State Water Resources Control Board

## STATUS OF REGULATION DEVELOPMENT

### Division of Drinking Water



### REGULATION DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

- 2016 Report to Legislature
- 2017 DPR Research & Source Control
- 2018 Framework for Regulating DPR
- 2019 Second Edition Framework for Regulation DPR
- 2020-2021 DPR Research & Source Control Findings
- 2021-2022 Expert Panel
- 2023 Regular Rulemaking Process
  under APA

## EXPERT REVIEW PANEL

#### AB 574

- The state board shall establish and administer an expert review panel.
- Before adopting uniform water recycling criteria for raw water augmentation, the state board shall submit the proposed criteria to the expert review panel.
- The expert review panel shall review the proposed criteria and shall adopt a finding as to whether, in its expert opinion, the proposed criteria would adequately protect public health.
- The state board shall not adopt uniform water recycling criteria for raw water augmentation unless and until the expert review panel adopts a finding that the proposed criteria would adequately protect public health.

## TIMELINE



### DPR RESEARCH

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DPR-2 PATHOGEN MONITORING

DPR-3 FEASIBILITY OF PATHOGEN MONITORING DURING OUTBREAK

DPR-4 ADDRESSING CHEMICAL PEAKS

DPR-5 NON-TARGET ANALYSIS WHITE PAPER

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### DPR-1 Tools to Evaluate Quantitative Microbial Risk and Plant Performance/Reliability

Brian Pecson and team, Trussell Technologies



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## PRIORITY DPR RESEARCH PROJECTS





## PATTP AND QMRA OVERVIEW

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## TWG AND RESEARCH TEAM

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DPR-1: Implementation of Probabilistic Treatment Train Performance and QMRA
## DPR Pathogen Risk and Treatment



## Steps in QMRA

### 1. Exposure Assessment



## Steps in QMRA



## Steps in QMRA





## There are a lot of decisions....



# **CONSISTENT FRAMEWORK FOR PATTP/QMRA**

Water Research Foundation Project #4951 DPR-1: QMRA Implementation

Specifications for PATTP and QMRA Tools September 9. 2019

#### Specifications for PATTP & QMRA Tools

Develop scope of work including specifications and requirements for QMRA and PATTP tool(s) development and implementation for the Research Team to implement as part of Phase 2."

#### Introduction

This document is meant to provide specifications for the Research Team in developing the PATTP & QMRA Tools. The document will describe the desired functionality, flexibility, and outputs of the tool(s). To provide detailed specifications to the Research Team, the specifications are broken down by steps of the PATTP & QMRA process.

#### Influent Raw Wastewater Pathogen Concentrations

2.1 Pathogens to include in QMRA and PATTP evaluations The tool should include the ability to evaluate the following pathogens:

- Enterovirus<sup>1</sup>
- Giardia
- Cryptosporidium
- Adenovirus
- Norovirus

#### 2.2 Raw Wastewater Pathogen Concentration Data to Use

The tool should include the capability to utilize any user-provided dataset of raw wastewater pathogen concentrations for the selected organisms (Section 2.1). As a default, the tool should use the raw wastewater dataset developed by DPR-2, which is a combination of literature data and data from an upcoming pathogen monitoring campaign. Because the upcoming data may not be immediately available to the Research Team, the TWG recommends using data from the studies shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Raw Wastewater Pathogen Data Sources based on recommendations from DPR-2 Technical Working Group

Pathogen	Data to Use	
Enterovirus	(Rose et al. 2004)	
Giardia	(Rose et al. 2004)	
Cryptosporidium	(Rose et al. 2004)	
Adenovirus	(Gray et al. 2009), (Sedmak et al. 2005), (Simmons, Kuo, and Xagoraraki 2011), (Simmons and Xagoraraki 2011)	
Norovirus	(Simmons, Kuo, and Xagoraraki 2011), (Simmons and Xagoraraki 2011)	

For consistency with the Surface Water Treatment Rule and existing California potable reuse regulations, enterovirus concentrations should be coupled with the dose-response function for rotavirus. All other pathogens should be evaluated using pathogen-specific data for both the raw wastewater concentrations and dose-response functions.

July 2019

Water Research Foundation Project #4951 DPR-1: QMRA Implementation

PATTP & OMRA Research Team Scope of Work September 9, 2019

#### PATTP & QMRA Research Team Scope of Work

#### Task 1 – Develop QMRA and PATTP Tool(s)

#### Task 1 Scope of Work

- · Develop, verify, and validate the QMRA and PATTP tool(s) for use consistent with the specifications and requirements derived under Phase 1 and attached here as Attachment A
- Develop tool(s) through coding in computer language (e.g., R) and build user interfaces
- Develop documentation, user guides, and training material for the use of the QMRA and PATTP tool(s).

#### Task 1 Deliverables

- Tools will be available for TWG validation in April 2020
- Draft User Guides and Training Materials will be provided to the TWG in April 2020
- · Final User Guides and Training Materials will be available for the Educational Workshop with the State Board in June 2020

#### Task 2 – Develop Quality Assurance Project Plan

#### Task 2 Scope of Work:

- Develop a Quality Assurance Project Plan to ensure the tool(s):
- Provide results that can be replicated/verified
- Are updated with new data appropriately
- Function as anticipated (no bugs/loop holes)
- Have undergone appropriate QA/QC prior to release

#### Task 2 Deliverables:

- The Research Team will provide the TWG with a Draft Quality Assurance Project Plan to outline the steps/actions to ensure tool functionality in January 2020.
- The Final Quality Assurance Project Plan will be submitted to DDW and the TWG
- in April 2020.

#### Task 3 – Engage with the TWG

- Task 3 Scope of Work:
  - · Provide an update to the TWG quarterly via conference calls.
  - · Interact with TWG chair more frequently as needed.
  - · Provide brief tutorial of tool(s) functionality and allow TWG to use and validate tool functions and results prior to workshop with State Water Board (SWB)

#### Task 3 Deliverables:

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 At a minimum, conference calls with the TWG will be held in October 2019, and January 2020 to provide an update to the TWG.

## August 2019

Water Research Foundation Project #4951 DPR-1: QMRA Implementation

Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) February 13, 2020

### Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for DPRisk

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## February 2020





# **O** QMRA/PATTP TOOL

# DPRISK LIVE DEMO

#### DPRisk version 0.2 (alpha) 05.28.2020 Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment Introduction for Direct Potable Reuse Scenarios Background This tool is intended to faciliate quantitative microbial risk assessment (QMRA) and probabilistic assessment of treatment train performance (PATTP) for various direct potable reuse (DPR) scenarios. How to use the tool There are many possible analyses that you can conducte with this tool, including: · Estimating annual risks of infection for select microbial pathogens of concern for DPR. Model Specification · Comparing risks for different pathogens, and for different pathogen concentrations. · Evaluating differences in risk for different treatment trains. **Raw Wastewater Pathogen Concentrations** Assessing variations in risk associated with different exposure or dose-response assumptions. · Assessing risk with different assumptions for treatment failure. Treatment Train The accompanying Guidance Document provides useful context for this tool, including: **Treatment Failure** • The background motivation for the creation of the tool. The historical context for QMRA for DPR. The project process that resulted in this tool. Exposure • Detailed descriptions of each step of the tool, including references for default assumptions. · Details on the computations implemented by the tool. Dose-Response • Example case studies to help you get started with using the tool. Results This tool was developed in the R statistical language. The intent was for this to be a freely and publicly available tool. Moveover, the R code is open source and available for others to further develop as needed. **Risk Output** Failure Analysis Ouput Comparison of Risk Curves Settings Configure



## PATTP: BENCHMARK PERFORMANCE DATA SET



 Data for the PATTP drawn from work done at the North City Demonstration Facility

## Continuous data collected for a year – probability distributions

### Table 4

Fitted distribution parameters for unit process modeling.

Process	Virus	Cryptosporidium	Giardia
Ozone	No distribution; LRV is either 6 or 0	Inverse Gaussian μ: 3.38; λ: 29.4ª	No distribution; LRV is either 6 or 0
$RO - TOC^{b}$ $RO - EC^{b}$	Inverse Gaussian; μ: 2.14; λ: 671.6 Inverse Gaussian; μ: 1.32; λ: 449.3		
MF UV/AOP	No LRV credit No distribution; LRV is either 6 or 0	Inverse Gaussian; μ: 4.68; λ: 12,286	

<sup>a</sup> Distribution was truncated such that maximum allowed credit is 6 logs.

<sup>b</sup> Bimodal distribution due to EC being used as monitoring backup; 15% of distribution is EC, 85% is TOC.

Pecson et. al, 2017





# **USING THE TOOL**

## TOOLS CAN BE USED TOGETHER TO EVALUATE DIFFERENT DPR CRITERIA



Tool can compare performance curves for different treatment trains against each other and against baseline curves



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If we shift the treatment requirements....

...what is the impact on public health?

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## DPR-2 Measuring Pathogens in Wastewater with Addition of Monitoring SARS-CoV-2

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# DPR-2: PATHOGEN MONITORING

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## **DPR Pathogen Risk and Treatment**





# IMPORTANCE OF PATHOGEN MONITORING

## BACKGROUND

- Raw WW pathogen concentrations a key input for evaluations of DPR
- Industry does not have sufficient high-quality pathogen data

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- New SOPs to address the limitations of previous monitoring efforts
- Provide industry with the largest dataset of raw pathogen concentrations
- Data from DPR-2 will feed into evaluation in DPR-1



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# DPR-2 TECHNICAL WORK GROUP

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## WASTEWATER AGENCIES IN FULL-SCALE CAMPAIGN





## **DPR-2 COMMERCIAL LABORATORIES**



*Cel analytical, inc.* water, wastewater, and soil laboratory services

Lead Lab



BIOLOGICAL CONSULTING SERVICES OF NORTH FLORIDA, INC.

Method Development Lab







## INDUSTRY NEEDS HIGH QUALITY PATHOGEN DATA

Drinking water methods pose challenges for wastewater matrices



Non-detect values are common and difficult to use



## INDUSTRY NEEDS <u>HIGH QUALITY</u> PATHOGEN DATA

- Previous studies have not reported recoveries
- Leads to <u>underestimation</u> of pathogen concentrations



Giardia counted: 2 Colorseed counted: 1 Colorseed added: 10 Recovery percentage: 10%

<u>Actual</u>Giardia in sample: 2 x 10 = 20

QA/QC is important for high-quality data



## DPR-2 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES SET NEW BAR FOR WASTEWATER MONITORING

QAPP Analytical Microbiology Supporting Version 4.0. WRF Contract No: 4952 Date: 05.06.20

#### **Quality Assurance Project Plan**

Analytical Microbiology Services

Water Research Foundation Contract #4952

Prepared for:

The Water Research Foundation





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ugust; October Version 1.0, Rev.01 November Version 2.0, Rev.02 Version 2.0, Rev.03 Version 3.0 Version 4.0



- Developed through lit review and methods pre-testing study (Tasks 1 & 2)
- Further refined through methods optimization study using multiple wastewaters (Task 3)
- Findings compared across three laboratories (Task 3)



# IMPROVED SENSITIVITY AND ACCURACY





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# DPR-2 SOPs ARE SENSITIVE AND REPRODUCIBLE

Organism	Fraction of Detects	Mean Recovery	
Crypto (cyst/L)	40/41	31%	
Giardia (oocyst/L)	41/41	44%	
Enterovirus culture (MPN/L)	41/41	70% MS2 <i>,</i> 75% PhiX174	
Adenovirus culture (MPN/L)	41/41		
Enterovirus molecular (GC/L)	41/41		
Adenovirus molecular (GC/L)	41/41		
Norovirus GIA molecular (GC/L)	38/41	24% MS2 <i>,</i> 55% PhiX174	
Norovirus GIB molecular (GC/L)	40/41		
Norovirus GII molecular (GC/L)	41/41		

Preliminary results from 12/2019 to 4/2020:

- High rate of detection for all organisms
- Effective for wastewater from 5 different facilities
- Reproducible across 3 different labs
- Matrix spike samples providing ability to correct for recovery





# SARS-CoV-2







- State Water Board mobilizes to expand surveillance for SARS CoV-2
- Campaign has archived DNA/RNA extracts since November 2019
- Previous SOPs not optimized for SARS-CoV-2





- Methods: optimize concentration and extraction methods
- QA/QC: apply same rigor to COVID as other DPR-2 pathogens
- Finalized SOPs in May 2020 and expanded scope for initial phase







# WHY IS THIS RESEARCH IMPORTANT?

Much remains unknown about epidemiology of SARS-CoV-2

## A Coronavirus Death in Early February Was 'Probably the Tip of an Iceberg'

The startling discovery that the virus was responsible for a Feb. 6 death in California raises questions about where else it might have been spreading undetected. **Che New York Times** April 22, 2020

 Samples may provide insight into the timing and spread of SARS-CoV-2 in the community



# WHY IS THIS RESEARCH IMPORTANT FOR POTABLE REUSE?

- Initial data show SARS-CoV-2 <u>unlikely to drive treatment</u> requirements
- Allows State Water Board to stay vigilant on new microbial threats
- Contributes to understanding of the impact of outbreaks on pathogen control (DPR-3)
- Useful in developing public health criteria for various waterrelated applications including potable reuse


# WILL SARS-CoV-2 RESET OUR REQUIREMENTS?



Naddeo and Liu recently published in urban water cycle and how can the the following editorial: "2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2): what is its fate The editorial raises important questions

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water research community respond?"1 about the impact of SARS-CoV-2 on our tists, engineers, public health experts, and water systems, and rightfully encourages the water community to ensure that our tablish best practices for environmental treatment systems are providing protection against this new threat. The dialogue sional organizations, such as the Water also highlights a broader question, Environment Federation (WEF), quickly namely, have we developed water systems published documents providing general that are sufficiently robust to handle not just SARS-CoV-2, but emerging and un- cific guidance for the wastewater industry, known pathogens both today and in the much of which was also applicable to future? As researchers and engineers who drinking water and water reuse.5 have focused on the detection and fate of viruses through natural and engineered

moval and disinfection), we would like to the aim of addressing questions specific provide perspective on what is known, to the water industry and also broader what is being learned through current re- questions relevant to public health. By search, and how it will help to answer the coupling these data with clinical reessential question: do our existing water search findings, we can reduce some of systems adequately protect public health? the uncertainty around SARS-CoV-2, bet-To begin, the water industry should be ter understand the magnitude of the commended for the speed with which it potential threat, and also evaluate the identified SARS-CoV-2's potential importance and mobilized resources to better tems. Collaborations and funding for understand it. For example, the March these campaigns have materialized rap-2020 recommendation by Drs. Naddeo idly, with widespread support from uniand Liu for targeted SARS-CoV-2 monitor- versities, local agencies and utilities, ing campaigns has already materialized- and state and national research proeven as early as February and March in grams. These recent efforts support the the Netherlands, France, Australia, the wealth of information that the industry United States, and other countries-and has already accumulated on similar vithe effort has helped address critical ruses from past outbreaks (e.g., SARS,

search studies, the Water Research Foundation (WRF) also convened a virtual research summit comprised of ~50 scienother water industry professionals to essurveillance of SARS-CoV-2. Other profesinformation about SARS-CoV-2 and spe-

Numerous groups throughout the world continue to track concentrations treatment processes (e.g., physical re- of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in wastewater with effectiveness of existing treatment sysknowledge gaps.2-4 Beyond individual re- MERS, and Ebola).6,7 We are able to

- SARS-CoV-2 unlikely to drive new, stricter requirements for the treatment of potable water supplies
- Evaluated the three main topics of risk assessment:
  - Present at lower concentrations in source waters
  - More sensitive to treatment
  - Less infective than viruses upon which existing drinking water and potable reuse regulations are based
- "Our current requirement for robust, multiplebarrier treatment systems evolved to reliably control a diversity of waterborne pathogens identified in the past. This same approach appears to be a solid foundation for the control of emerging and future pathogens as well."



This journal is @ The Royal Society of Chemistry 2020

Environ. Sci.: Water Res. Technol.

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## DPR-3 Collecting Pathogens in Wastewater During Outbreaks

Krista Wigginton, Univ. of Michigan

# DPR3: Feasibility of collecting pathogens in wastewater during outbreaks

Krista Wigginton, University of Michigan

Collaborators: Ali Boehm (Stanford) Nasa Sinnot-Armstrong (Stanford) Kathryn Langenfeld (UM) Nicole Rockey (UM)

#### **Sollecting Pathogens in Wastewater During Outbreaks**

#### Scope:

This topic will investigate the feasibility of collecting pathogen concentration data for untreated wastewater associated with community outbreaks of disease. Information collected as part of a focused literature review on specific pathogens and public health surveillance as part of this project and data collected as part of the pathogen monitoring campaign will also be used to help frame and address the following questions:

- Can we verify that the data and assumptions on the level of waterborne pathogens in untreated wastewater used to develop DPR criteria is protective of public health?
- Can we use wastewater monitoring to detect an outbreak? Can we use epidemic quantities to predict the wastewater quantities?
- Can we combine all of this data to identify gaps? Using excretion rates, can we calculate how many people in a community have the disease(s)?

**COVID Update:** In addition to key waterborne pathogens, researchers have added coronavirus to the list of organisms of concern.

#### **Milestone 1: Collection of literature**

- Collect literature on municipal and hospital wastewaters where human norovirus, adenovirus, and Cryptosporidium were quantified
- Collect literature on fecal concentrations of norovirus, adenovirus, and Cryptosporidium
  Builds off of work from DPR 2
- Consult literature, epidemiologists, and governmental databases about the seasonality and scale of enteric pathogen outbreaks in California.
- Collect that links public health surveillance information linked to the organisms of concern and concentrations found in raw wastewater.

# Milestone 2: Summarize relevant information in summary tables

- Review collected literature and create summary tables of sewage location, dates of collection, collection method, concentration approaches, concentration factors, if and how virus recoveries were assessed, primer/probe sequences, qPCR QA/QC details provided, ultimate pathogen concentrations reported, and outbreak metrics.
- Integrate collected disease surveillance data from different sources into tables and figures
- Studies will be removed that do not meet minimum QA/QC parameters (e.g., no virus recovery test included)

# Milestone 3: Develop feasibility report based on literature review and initial results from DPR-2

- Based on combined results from Milestone 2, assess the remaining research needs for outbreak detection in CA.
- With combined disease surveillance along with fecal and wastewater concentrations, test forward and backwards model to predict concentrations in wastewater
- Prepare feasibility report summarizing results of feasibility study. Include a prioritized list of remaining research questions as well as candidate research team members necessary to carry out the most pressing research identified (if any identified).

# Milestone 3: Develop feasibility report based on literature review and initial results from DPR-2 (Cont.)

- Review results of feasibility report with SWB and WRF staff prior to proceeding with scope of work for collecting additional pathogen/organism data.
- Prepare a proposed scope of work for the collection of raw wastewater adjacent to a local hospital (or other location based on results of literature review) associated with the DPR-2 investigation including a discussion on potential partnerships, communications approach, and surveillance. (if the need is a high priority).
- Collect reportable infectious disease data (waterborne) from the identified hospital/community.

**Milestone 4: Peer Review of Draft Feasibility Report** 

**Milestone 5: Finalize Feasibility Report** 

# Milestone 1 underway

#### 1. Wastewater Concentrations

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Occurrence of norovirus in raw sewage - A systematic literature review and meta-analysis

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#### 2. Past WW Epidemiology Studies



Detection of Pathogenic Viruses in Sewage Provided Early Warnings of Hepatitis A Virus and Norovirus Outbreaks

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#### 3. Fecal Loads

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#### Fecal Viral Load Viral RNA was purified from fecal specimens and tran-scribed to cDNA as described (4). All specimens had a Gastroenteritis

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4. Disease Prevalence



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Global Prevalence of Asymptomatic Norovirus Infection: A Meta-analysis

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#### Surveillance Data: National Outbreak Reporting System

Question: When and where do we expect the highest concentrations to enter treatment plants



#### California Norovirus

Illnesses per Month



#### Surveillance Data: California Department of Public Health



#### Milestone 3 underway (informing milestones 1 and 2)

Question: Can we use prevalence data to predict wastewater concentrations?

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#### Model linking norovirus concentrations in WW to prevalence



**Disease Prevalence** 

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## DPR-4 Defining Potential Chemical Peaks and Management Options

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# DPR-4:Treatment for Averaging Potential Chemical Peaks

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### Research Topics Relate to Public Health Protection



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### DPR-4: Treatment for Averaging Potential Chemical Peaks

- Full advanced treatment (MF/RO/UV-AOP) is a highly effective treatment train employed today for groundwater recharge
- Water quality excursions have been observed



## What is a chemical peak?

- Diurnal and process-related TOC baseline variations
- Outliers



# Defining a chemical peak

- Peak height must exceed baseline threshold
  - Due to outliers, non-normal distribution
  - All data used
  - Baseline Threshold = Q3 + 1.5 \* IQR, where IQR = Q3- Q1
- Peak width Due to non-plug flow processes and recycle flows in WWTP, an instantaneous illicit discharge results in a peak width of hours to days
  - On-line data every 15 minutes



#### Example excursions from baseline 0.25 2 0.20 RO Permeate TOC (mg/L) 0.10 5 0.05 0.00 10/1/2018 10/4/2018 10/7/2018 10/10/2018 10/13/2018 10/16/2018 10/19/2018 10/22/2018

### What chemicals can pass through FAT?

#### Summary of RO rejection of organic compounds and chemical families

Chamical Family	Sub group	Good (>90%)	Intermediate	Poor(< 50%)
VOCs	Solvents and Industrial Compounds	Ethers	Halobenzenes; 1,1,2-TCE	Nitriles; Haloalkenes
	Haloalkanes	CCl <sub>4</sub> ; Ethanes with 3-4 Cl atoms; Most C <sub>4+</sub> haloalkanes	Some $C_1$ - $C_3$ haloalkanes	C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> haloalkanes with 1-2 halogen atoms
	Alkylbenzenes	C <sub>10+</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>9</sub>	
	Pesticides/ Herbicides	1,2,3-TCP		MITC
LMW Oxygenated Compounds	Alcohols	Branched C <sub>4+</sub> alcohols	Isopropyl alcohol; Most unbranched alcohols	Methanol; Ethanol;
	Aldehydes, Ketones	Methyl isobutyl ketone (MIBK)	Acetone; Most Ketones	Formaldehyde; Most Aldehydes
PPCPs	Flame Retardants	Chlorophosphates; PFAS		
	Pharmaceuticals	Steroids; β-blockers; NSAIDs; X-ray Contrast Media		
DBPs	Nitrosamines	C <sub>4+</sub> nitrosamines; NMOR	NDMA; NDEA	
	Halogenated DBPs	HAAs	HANs	THMs

References: Howe 2019, Zeng 2016, Rodriguez 2011, Snyder 2007, Kiso 2011, Tackaert 2019, Fujioka 2012; Doederer 2014

#### Predicted removal of organic compounds via AOP

Family	Greater than 1,4-dioxane	Less than 1,4-dioxane
	Haloalkenes	$C_1$ - $C_3$ Haloalkanes
	Halobenzenes	$C_1 - C_3$ Alcohols
	Alkylbenzenes	$C_1 - C_3$ Aldehydes
VOCs	C <sub>4</sub> + Alcohols	C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> Ketones
	C <sub>4</sub> + Aldehydes	Acetonitrile
	C <sub>6</sub> + Ketones	MITC
	Acrylonitrile	
PPCPs	Most pharmaceuticals	Flame Retardants
DBPs	Nitrosamines <sup>1</sup>	THMs

Notes: 1. High removal in UV/AOP systems

References: Drewes 2008, Howe 2019, Ahmed 2017, Drewes 2006, Buxton 1988, Swancutt 2010

#### Organic compounds poorly removed by FAT

Family	Compounds poorly removed by FAT	
	LMW haloalkanes	
NOC	LMW alcohols, aldehydes, ketones	
VOLS	Acetonitrile	
	MITC	
DBPs	THMs	











# Potential Treatment/Blending Technologies

Ozone/BAC Pre-treatment







Additional RO/AOP Treatment



Activated Carbon



## **Case Studies**

- Compare elements of source control measures, experiences, monitoring and detection of chemical peaks
  - Orange County Water District Ground Water Replenishment System
  - Singapore Public Utilities Board
  - City of San Diego North City Pure Water Demonstration Facility
- Compare strategies for averaging Chemical Peaks







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# TOC and Acetone grab sample results during 2013 GWRS Acetone event



**EPA** Sample 524.2 **Theoretical TOC** EPA 415.3 **Baseline Acetone Contribution** TOC<sup>2</sup> to Elevated TOC<sup>3</sup> Location from Acetone<sup>1</sup> Sample Date Acetone TOC 1,940 **RO** Feed 1.2 mg/L9.39 mg/L ~ 8.0 mg/L ~ 86% 2/18/2013  $\mu g/L$ 6:00AM RO 1,410 ~ 0.025 0.9 mg/L1.18 mg/L~ 78% Permeate  $\mu g/L$ mg/L

1 – acetone carbon contribution is approximately 62%

2 - from online TOC data preceding the acetone event

3 – Baseline TOC subtracted from EPA 415.3 TOC used to calculate % acetone that contributed to elevated TOC

(e.g., for RO feed  $\rightarrow$  1.2 mg/L / (9.39 mg/L – 8.0 mg/L) = 86%

#### OCWD TOC monitoring October 24, 2018 acetone event



#### Singapore PUB



# Singapore PUB

List of Prohibited Organic Compounds (PUB)						
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	Furan	Octane				
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	Heptane	Polybrominated diphenyl ether				
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	Hexane	Styrene				
Benzene	Isobutanol	Tetra-chloromethane				
Decane	Isopropyl ether	Tetra-chloroethylene				
Diethyl ether	Methyl ethyl ketone	THF (Tetrahydrofuran)				
Dimethyl sulphide	Methyl isobutyl ketone	Toluene				
Dimethyl sulphoxide	Methyl tert-butyl-ether	Trichloroethylene				
DMF (N,N-Dimethylformamide)	Methylene chloride	Turpentine				
Ethylbenzene	Nonane	Xylene (o,m,p)				

#### Singapore PUB VOC Monitoring in the Sewershed



### San Diego Pure Water Demonstration Facility Chemical Challenge Testing

- Spike of Acetone, NDMA, Formaldehyde, and 1,4-dioxane into Feed Water
- Evaluate O<sub>3</sub> & BAC as additional barrier
- Test removal of O<sub>3</sub>-BAC-MF-RO-UV/AOP vs. MF-RO-UV/AOP







## **Discharge Volume**



## Impact of Sewershed Size



## Chemical Discharge Duration (previous)


## Chemical Discharge Duration (revised)



## **Treatment Robustness for Averaging Chemical Peaks**



## Engineered Buffer with Residence up to 24 Hours



## Engineered Buffer with Residence up to 60 Days



### How will online TOC analyzers be used?

- Advanced oxidation reactions are used to mineralize organic carbon in the sample (UV/persulfate and O<sub>3</sub>/hydroxide)
- Expert panel expressed concern that highly volatile organics might not be captured with online TOC







## **Experimental Portion of the Project**

- Task 1 Target VOC Screening and Hold Study
- Task 2 Participant Survey and Selection
- Task 3 Conducting Two Rounds of Round Robin Sampling
- Task 4 Summarizing Findings into a Report

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## Task 1 - Screening of Target VOCs

#### **Compounds Considered and Tested:**

- Carbon tetrachloride
- Vinyl Chloride
- Toluene
- Carbon Disulfide
- 1,2-dichloropropane
- Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane)
- Acetone
- Methyl isobutyl ketone



## Task 1 - Screening of Target VOCs

- 7-day Hold Study at 4°C and Room Temperature
- Evaluated Compound Recovery from Day 0, Day 1, and Day 7
- Considered solubility limitations and miscibility with water for target spike concentrations
- 2 Rounds of Hold Study and analytical method results comparison with 2 different analytical labs



## Selected VOCs Volatility and Reactivity Properties



## **Study Participants**

## Round 1 Samples (RO permeate): June 2, 2020

Round 1 Participants	Model	Instrument Type		
		Bench Top	Online	Measured Parameters
OCWD	M9 portable		٧	TOC/TC/TIC
City of San Diego	M5310C		٧	TOC/TC/TIC (w/ and w/o ICR)
	Shimadzu TOC-L (Low Level)	v		TOC (w/ ICR)
Suez	M9 portable		V	TOC (w/ICR)
	M5310C	٧		TOC/TC/TIC (w/ and w/o ICR)
Shimadzu	Shimadzu TOC-L	٧		TOC/TC/TIC (w/ and w/o ICR)
Valley Water	M5310C		V	TOC/TC/TIC
Hach	Biotector 3500		V	TOC/TC/TIC
SNWA	Shimadzu TOC-L	V		TOC (w/ and w/o ICR)

## Round 2 Samples (RO feed): mid July, 2020

- All participants from Round 1
- East County JPA





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# Discussion / Question and Answer