# What does the future of water-energy efficiency look like?

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# **The Information Bottleneck**

- California' active waterenergy agenda
  - CPUC Guidance
  - AB 32
  - WET-CAT Coordination
- But limited by availability of actionable data





# Saving Energy with Water

Energy Efficiency of Water System



Energy Savings through Water Efficiency



# Case Study: East Bay MUD

- Variability of infrastructure energy intensity:
  - 10-12% monthly variation around the annual mean
  - >12X difference across the distribution network





## **Behavior-Based Hot Water Savings**

- Behavior-based hot water conservation
  - Messaging for water use reduction
  - Estimation of hot water savings
  - Associated energy and GHG savings







# Linking Energy Dynamics to Water Savings

- Need to factor in:
  - Customer types and location
  - Seasonality of water use
  - Indoor or outdoor water use
- Utility-side opportunities:
  - Leak loss
  - Pressure Management
- Customer-side opportunities:
  - Direct technology install
  - Rebate programs
  - Behavior change









### The Spatial Complexity



FOR WATER-ENERGY EFFICIENCY

# **Opportunity – Data and Analytics**



#### ANALYTICS Water Benefits

- Water Use Benchmarking
- Targeted Conservation
- Leak Loss Detection
- Monitoring and Verification

#### **Energy Benefits**

- Energy Savings
- Demand Response
- Peak Shaving/Shifting
- Energy Storage
- Monitoring and Verification



# **Moving Forward**

- Aligning water and energy data
  - Common data platform
  - Security and privacy provisions
  - Suite of analytics
  - Funding (e.g., PGC)
  - Stakeholder engagement
- ... to drive innovation in policy, technology, and business models for water-energy efficiency



--- Data & Information --

