

Flagstaff Water Services Recognized as a National Leader in Water Reuse Management

Flagstaff Water Services received state and national recognition for leading the way in water reuse management! Our Director, Brad Hill, was recognized by AZ WateReuse Association for his efforts as a steward of water resources in Arizona with the President's Award on July 29, 2019. Brad has not only led our City in the effective management of our water supplies, but his commitment to water recycling initiatives has set the City on a path toward long-term sustainability. That is no small feat for a dry, high-country mountain town. AZ WateReuse is part of a larger, national



association dedicated to advancing laws, regulations and funding to support public acceptance of water recycling, promoting a *Save Every Drop* ethic.



At the national level, Flagstaff Water Services has been recognized as a **Water Resource Utility of the Future Today** for water reuse strategies implemented in our community, and the organizational culture that supports it; ranking operations, staff participation and training, agency partnerships, technological advancements and involvement with the community, as well as our ability to provide a blueprint for other municipal utilities to follow.



The **Utility of the Future Recognition Program** acknowledges utilities across the country for outstanding and efficient water supply management. Comprised of a group of National Water Associations and Foundations, the program highlights utility companies that develop proactive relationships with stakeholders, establish resilient and livable communities, and advance social, economic and environmental sustainability.

Recycled water plays an important role in the Flagstaff community, offsetting our potable water use demand by 20% each year. Since 1975, the City of Flagstaff Water uses Class A+ reclaimed water for irrigating City landscapes, parks, schools and golf courses. Northern Arizona University (NAU) uses our reclaimed water for landscaping and for flushing toilets. Arizona Snowbowl Resort uses our reclaimed water for snowmaking. Reclaimed water tops off levels in Frances Short Pond, while the remaining water is discharged along the Rio de Flag drainage system to support riparian habitat and recharging our underlying aquifers. Flagstaff Water Services is committed to exploring strategies to recycle water in creative and efficient ways to support a sustainable community.