



VISION/MISSION STATEMENT

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To safely and responsibly collect and treat wastewater, and to recover resources from process waste streams, while protecting human health and improving the environment in a way that benefits the Tri-Cities and all USD stakeholders.

How we continue to accomplish our Vision:

Commitment to safety:

- Continually reviewing our safety program for opportunities to improve
- Focusing on protecting employees and the community in all our activities
- Allocating resources to ensure safe operations (equipment, training, staff)
- Collaboratively promoting a safe work environment

Responsibility:

- Being accountable for our actions and decisions
- Being fiscally prudent
- Maintaining and upgrading infrastructure
- Anticipating and meeting future District and stakeholder needs
- Compliance with laws and regulations (local, state, federal)
- Effective asset management
- Effective use of technology
- Looking for innovative ways to reduce or reuse our waste streams

Collect, treat, and recover/reuse wastewater:

- Providing capacity in the collection system and plant
- Regulating connections
- Increasing efforts for resource recovery (biogas, biosolids, etc.)
- Exploring ways to maximize water reclamation and reuse potential

Human health and environmental stewardship

- Preventing sewer spills and back-ups
- Limiting health risks through treatment of wastewater
- Responding to emergencies
- Enhancing water quality in the San Francisco Bay estuary
- Meeting or exceeding all water and air quality standards
- Promoting pollution prevention and pretreatment through outreach and educational programs
- Maximizing use of green energy sources when feasible
- Working towards energy neutrality



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We benefit our stakeholders by:

Community

- Complying with all local, state, and federal regulations, protecting the environment and controlling odors
- Communicating with the public and bringing awareness about wastewater issues
- Responding to emergencies and providing mutual aid
- Participating in community outreach activities
- Contributing to the wastewater treatment profession by participating in professional associations, partnering with other agencies and organizations, and sharing best practices
- Working cooperatively with cities and other government agencies

Customer

- Providing award-winning, reliable service
- Being fiscally responsible and cost effective, and providing value
- Promptly responding to customers' needs
- Being professional and courteous
- Proactively and creatively meeting customer needs
- Supporting businesses through permitting, education and by providing capacity

Employees

- Providing a safe work environment
- Recognizing employee contributions
- Encouraging cooperation and collaboration
- Demonstrating equality and fairness
- Valuing employee input, and offering opportunities for involvement and creativity
- Providing training and resources
- Providing competitive wages and benefits in a stable work environment
- Communicating and sharing information openly and honestly