

# TEN PRIORITY ACTIONS FOR CONGRESS AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- Support a Congressional Clean Water Technology & Innovation Caucus that can bring a focus to Utility of the Future (UOTF) priority issues.
- Refocus existing federal grant programs to support UOTF initiatives.
- Create a program for early stage technology and innovation investment for the water sector similar to programs that exist in the energy sector.
- Develop, clarify, and expand tax credit and incentive programs that will encourage clean water agencies and their private sector partners to engage in UOTF-related activities, especially in energy conservation and production, water reuse, resource recovery, and green infrastructure.
- Support statutory changes to the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act that bolster the important role recycled water can play in public health and safety.
- Support an Executive Order on water reuse/recycling that coordinates federal reuse policies and programs, and stimulates innovation.
- Develop an intergovernmental partnership to address water sector adaptation and resiliency needs in the face of changing weather patterns.
- Create and support market-based approaches to efficiently and more equitably address watershed-scale water quality challenges.
- Ensure that the implementation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Integrated Planning & Permitting Framework fully accounts for UOTF-type activities.
- Consider and explore a new 21st Century Watershed Act that can drive the water sector toward the emerging UOTF model.

