



Lessons Learned from Israel

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Background on Mission to Israel

US PARTNERS



40 Attendees

4 Federal agencies

3 State agencies

13
Municipalities/utilities

6 Consultants/
technology providers

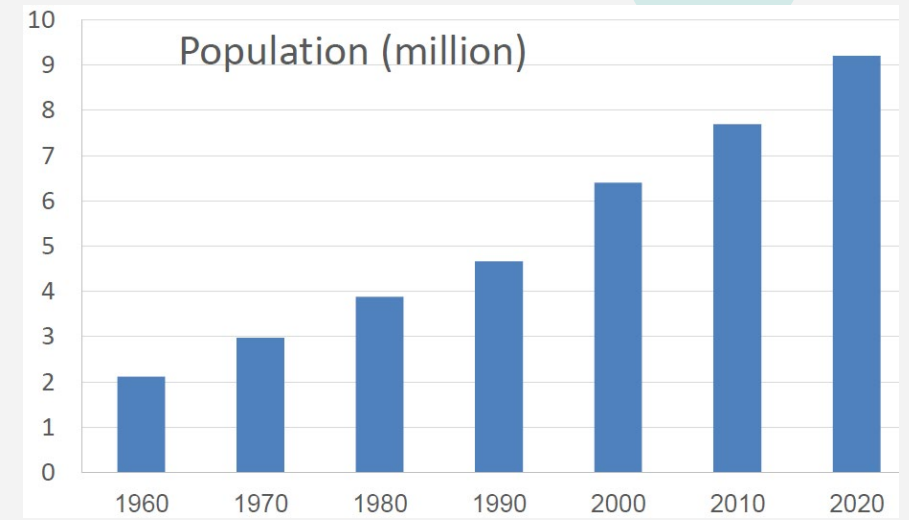
5 Associations

1 University



Israel and Its Approach to Water

Israel and Water Reuse



**Water Demand - ~50%
higher than the natural
supply**



Comparison

- Oklahoma
 - ~ 4M people
 - 69,898 square miles
- Israel
 - ~ 9M people
 - 8550 square miles
- US
 - ~ 334M people
 - ~ 3.4 M square miles



Integrated Water Resources Approach

Water "Production"



Domestic Use



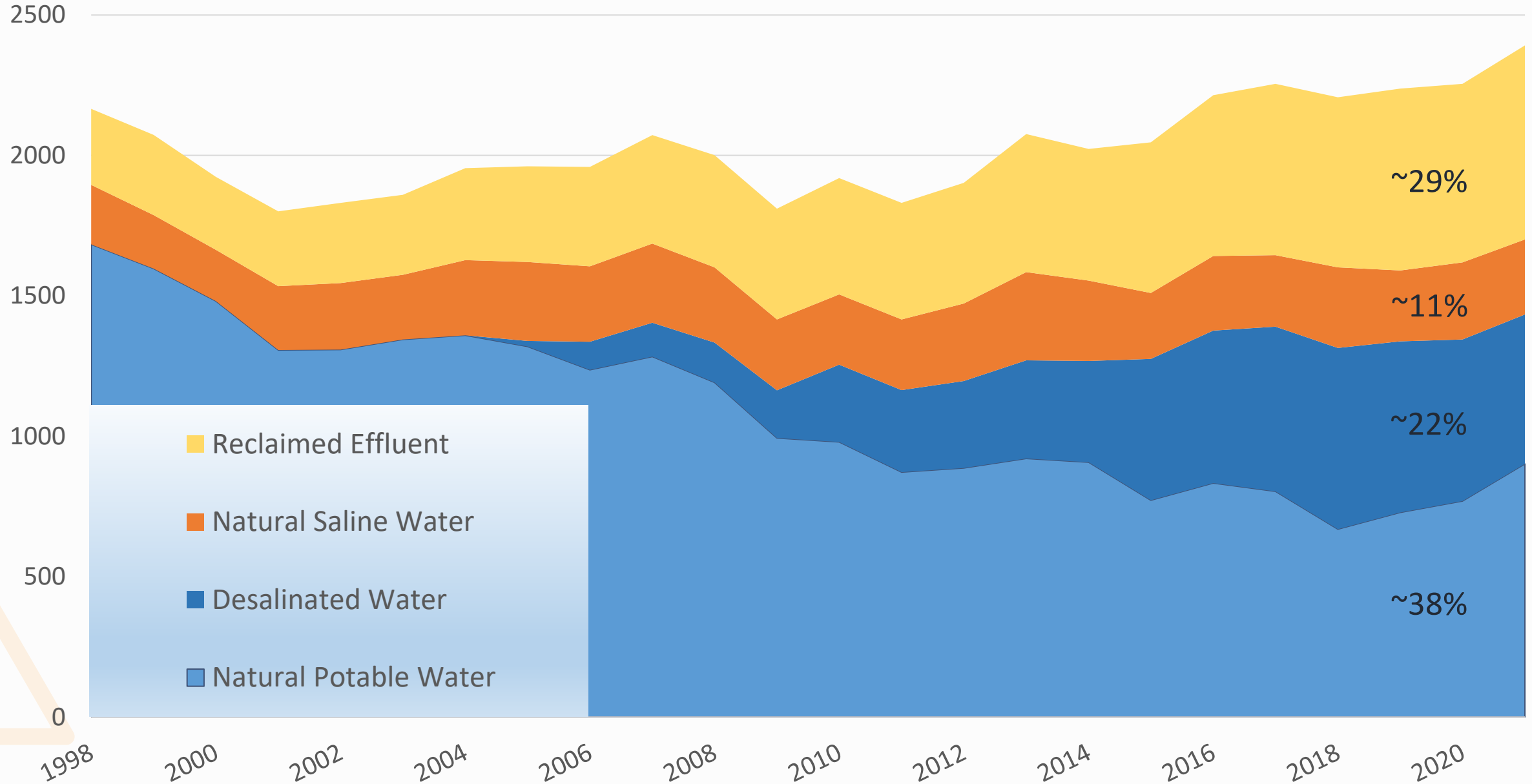
Reclaimed Water Use



Treatment



Israel's Water Supply (MCM)





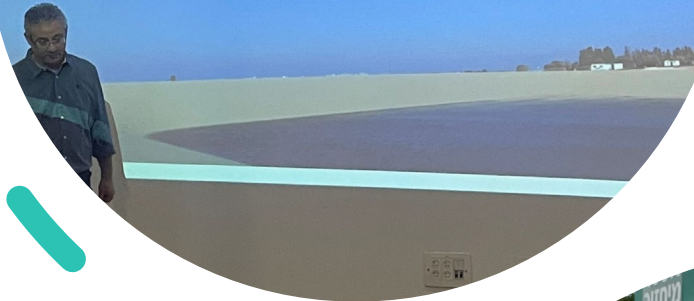
Key Water Policy Law

- **All** water is property of the State (of Israel)

- National Water Corporation – Mekorot

Mekorot.

Where every
Single Drop of
Water Counts





Regulatory Scheme

10-15 years to receive permits

Discharge is a last resort and extremely limited

Ministry of Health can overrule:

- Ministry of Environmental Protection
- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development



Drinking Water



- ~75-80% of drinking water is Mediterranean Sea Water
 - RO reject water can be discharged
 - 5 plants online
 - 1 under construction
 - 3 in planning stage
- Maximum water loss of 5%



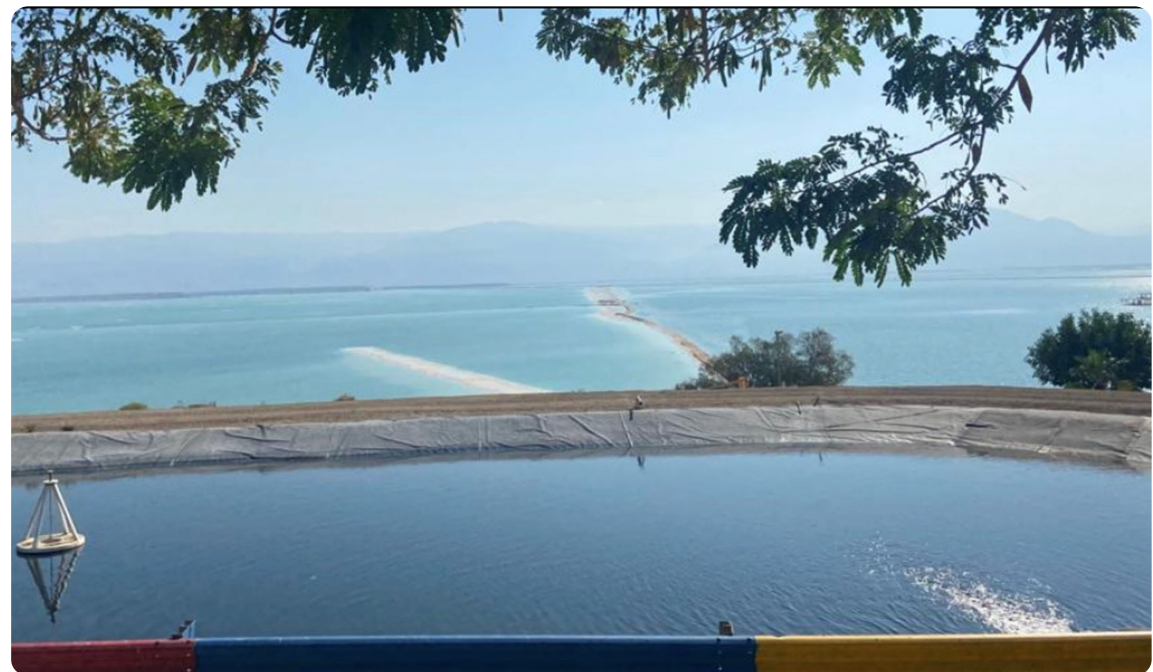
Water Recycling

Fit for Purpose treatment

85% of municipal
wastewater treated
used for agriculture
purposes



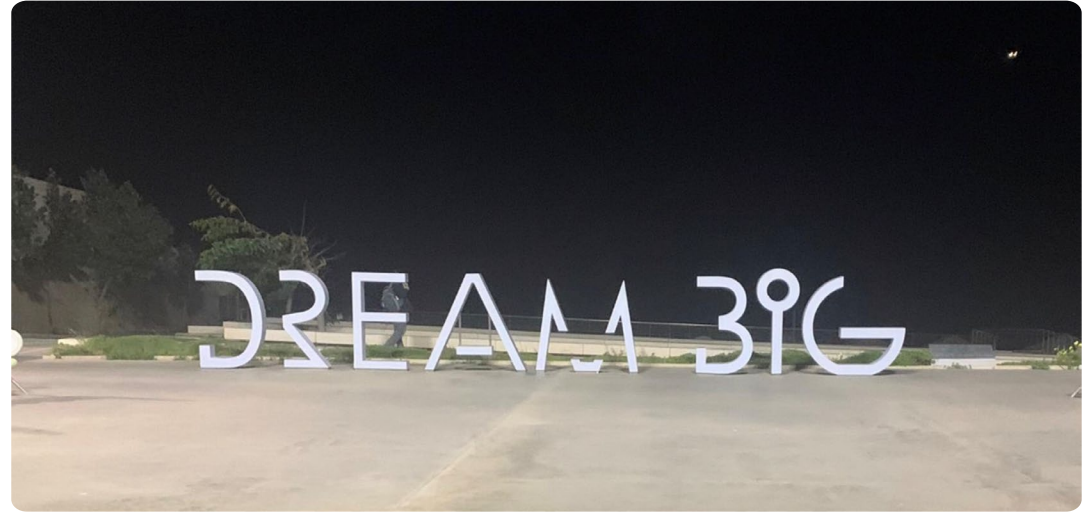
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Technology, Research, and Innovation

Peres Center for Peace and Innovation



Volcani Institute for Research

Maintains “gene bank”

Focus on food safety and security,
climate change, and environment
protection

Research focus

- Marginal soils
- Saline water usage
- Recycled water impact on agriculture

RO Membranes





Emergency Response



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- 100 "grab and go" kits
- 20 minute set up
- 100 liters of water
- 100 1 liter store flat containers
- Misc. supplies



Biggest Take Aways



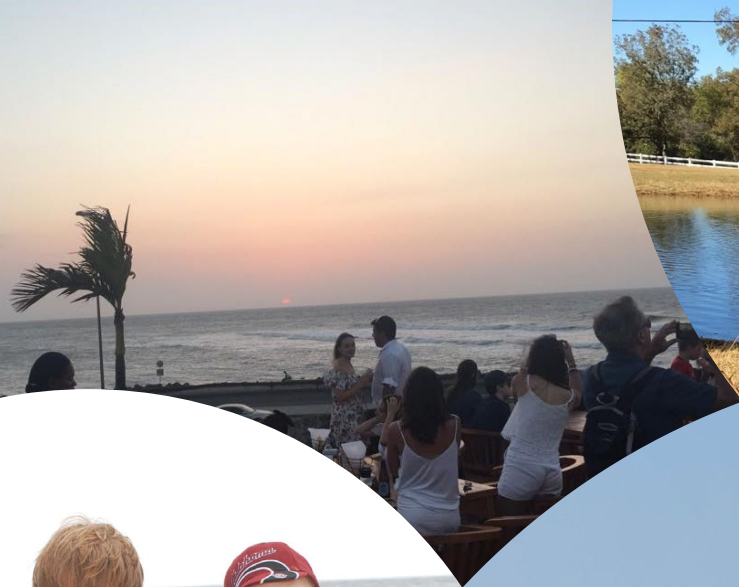
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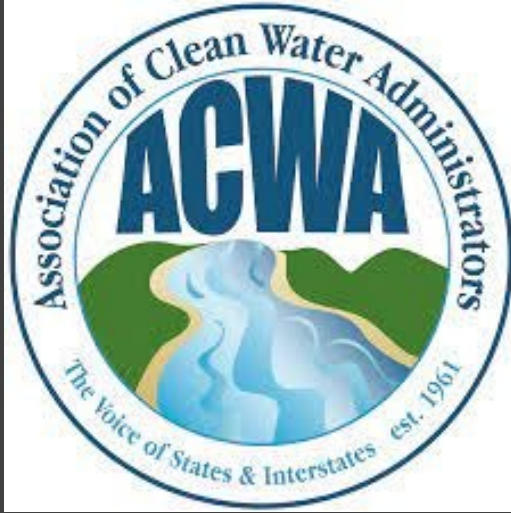
- Policy
- Comprehensive Water Planning
- Attitude
- Research
- Innovation
- Pricing





My Water Story







Thank you

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