

Water Reuse

Chula Vista takes water management and resiliency to the next level to combat the effects of chronic drought.

A 2015 Partners for Places investment tackles the California drought. Keep reading to learn about water reuse strategies.



Figure 1: Chula Vista Website

Water Reuse in Long-Term Drought in Chula Vista CA:

This project, funded by Partners for Places and the San Diego Foundation, was designed to help move the community to the next level of water management and resiliency through water reuse opportunities in the face of persistent and long-term drought. The resulting partnership (“Advancing Chula Vista’s Resiliency through Water Reuse Opportunities”) began with the goal of creating a formal Water Stewardship Plan. This plan guides the City’s expansion of water reuse strategies and conservation efforts, and is built on public recommendations and input. By establishing a baseline and facilitating extensive stakeholder input, the plan identifies the best short and long term strategies for water conservation in the City of Chula Vista.

The work resulted in a City Council-approved [Water Stewardship Plan](#), which identifies short-term and long-term opportunities for storm water, waste water, and gray water reuse. The plan is a result of many inter-departmental meetings and conference calls with regional partners, as well as three public workshops with city staff, water agencies, and the general public. It consists of five actions:

- Action #1: Raise the Profile of Water Use & Reuse Performance
- Action #2: Promote & Expand Water Capture & Reuse
- Action #3: Improve Water Efficiency & Reuse Capacity in the Built Environment
- Action #4: Encourage Water Efficient Landscape Decisions
- Action #5: Promote Green Infrastructure

Creating this plan brought Chula Vista’s Climate Change Working Group together with other parties focused on water reuse and conservation to discover best strategies to include in the plan. After final review by the broader community, City Council adoption helped fulfill one of the City’s Climate Action Plan strategies to improve Chula Vista’s resiliency to climate and drought impacts.

For more information on Chula Vista’s water conservation work, visit this [Water Conservation and Reuse](#) page.