



**Opening Address of Rafael Mujeriego**  
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Good morning, good afternoon to all of you.

Welcome to the ASERSA Webinar #14.

Thank you for joining us in this new Webinar, the fourth of the ASERSA Open Webinar Series 2022.

Our main objective is to share and disseminate the most diverse initiatives that are taking place to promote water reclamation and reuse as an essential component of the integrated management of water resources.



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The interest and support offered by numerous friends, colleagues, and professionals from the water reclamation and reuse sector have been equally valuable.

They have been willing to share their knowledge and experience with us on how to plan, implement and operate water reuse projects under the most diverse environmental, social, and economic conditions.

Today's Webinar includes the contribution of a distinguished guest speaker, Shivaji Deshmukh, general manager of Inland Empire Utilities District, a public water utility serving 900.000 persons in Southern California.

One of the most relevant activities of Inland Empire Utilities District at this moment is to satisfy the urgent need for implementing indirect potable water reuse as a way to compensate for their drastic water supplies reduction (from 30 % to 5 %) from Northern California, due to the severe drought that (one more time) is affecting both the northern and the southern parts of the State.



Our warmest welcome to today's guest, Shivaji Deshmukh, who had already participated in our webinar of September 2020 when the current drought was starting.

We are excited to learn about the activities conducted and currently proposed by the Inland Empire Utilities District to overcome the repeated, severe and multi-year droughts they are experiencing.