# The Business Case for Reuse Encana's Experience So Far

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# **Presentation Overview**

- Brief Encana overview and why effective water management is key to our strategy
- Encana's water use philosophy and approach
- Conditions which support and enable water reuse
- Challenges to water reuse
- Three case study examples
- Our learnings so far

# **Encana Corporation**



### Hydraulic Fracturing Key to accessing the resource

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## Water Enables Hydraulic Fracturing



# **Sustainability at Encana**

Encana's sustainability definition:

"Creating long-term value by integrating financial, environmental, social and ethical considerations into the successful execution of our business strategy"



# **Encana's Water Strategy**

Our Approach to Water Management

- water is a valuable resource
- committed to responsible use of water in all our operations:
  - water plans for all plays
  - reuse and use non-potable water when possible and practical in hydraulic fracturing operations
  - participate in strategic, collaborative and regional approach to meet our water needs
  - ensure industry best practices are being followed and contribute to their creation
  - carefully select the chemicals used if hydraulic fracturing
  - be transparent about the water volumes and chemicals used



Water is an important environmental issue for our stakeholders. As an industry leader, Encana believes it is important to participate in initiatives to improve the responsible use and management of water.

### **Our Process**

Identify the most appropriate water source for the play

#### Analyses includes:

- community & stakeholder concerns
- environmental considerations
- technical feasibility
- economic viability
- regulatory & permitting construct
- opportunity for industry collaboration
- play maturity



# **Unconventional Expertise**

Resource Play Development Life Cycle



#### Exploration

- High costs and risk
- Acquire key technical data

#### Pilot Wells

- Technical & commercial learnings

#### Appraisal

- Reduce costs
- Well design optimization

#### Commercial Development

- Drive down costs through efficiencies
- Continuous improvement

# **Commercial Development: Optimization**

Identify Capital Reductions, Forecast Future Costs



## **Our Goal**

Identify the "best" source available

- focused on identifying and accessing unutilized water sources to the greatest extent possible
  - we define unutilized water as water not otherwise being used, including:
    - saline
    - deep non-saline
    - flowback & produced
    - industrial effluent
    - sustainable surface withdrawals

# **Conditions Supporting Reuse**

- 1. Play maturity
- 2. Technical feasibility
- 3. Economic viability
- 4. Community & stakeholder input
- 5. Regulatory & permitting construct



# **Policy Drivers for Water Re-use/Recycle**

#### Alberta

- Water Conservation Policy
  - Requires industry to show increased use of alternate sources and preferentially maximize reuse/recycling
- AER Play Based Regulation
  - Water management objective focused on enabling saline and recycled water use

#### British Columbia

- Water Sustainability Act
  - Based on principle of improved water use efficiency and conservation
  - Surface and groundwater use has a cost: "...pricing should incent the use of non-potable water, encourage freshwater conservation, promote innovation..."
- Infrastructure Royalty Credit Program
  - Supports water infrastructure that enables recycling and reuse

# **Challenges to Reuse**

- 1. Economies of scale
- 2. Volume of the available water stream
- 3. Quality of the available water stream
- 4. Availability/practicality of infrastructure
- 5. Availability/practicality of water storage capacity



# **Case Study Examples**

- Piceance Three Phase Gathering & Treatment Facility – Colorado
- Neptune Water Treatment Facility – Wyoming
- 3. Dawson Water Resource Hub – British Columbia



### **Piceance Three Phase Gathering**



## **Piceance Three Phase Gathering**



- Wells
- Three phase metering for allocation

Central Delivery Point (CDP)



- Separation
- Single phase measurement

Condensate

Treatment & Storage

Into water system. Reused for hydraulic fracturing

Compressed then moved to Enterprise system

Into tanks for sales

## **Piceance Three Phase Gathering**



### **Neptune Water Treatment Facility**

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## **Neptune Water Treatment Facility**





### **Neptune Water Treatment Facility**



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# **Key Learnings**

- Approaching water sourcing from a sustainability perspective preferentially positions reuse as the preferred option
- Water sourcing and reuse solutions are complex identifying the "right" solution requires thorough analyses by an interdisciplinary team
- Play maturity is the critical driver to enable reuse opportunities
- Government policy and stakeholder expectations preferentially maximize reuse/recycling
- There is no one size fits all solution to water reuse. Each play is different and there is often variability across the play
- Collaboration and innovation is key

## Thank-You