Definitions

- **Graywater** – the portion of wastewater that, before being treated or combined with other wastewater, is collected from fixtures within residential, commercial, or industrial buildings or institutional facilities for the purpose of being put to beneficial uses. Sources of graywater are limited to discharges from bathroom and laundry room sinks, bathtubs, showers, and laundry machines. Graywater does not include the wastewater from toilets, urinals, kitchen sinks, dishwashers, or non-laundry utility sinks. (CDPHE Regulation No. 86, 5 CCR 1002-86 §86.8(14))

- **Nonpotable Water** – is defined by Colorado Springs Utilities, as water that is not treated to approved drinking water standards and is not suitable, nor intended for human consumption (to include drinking, bathing, showering, cooking, dishwashing, or maintaining oral hygiene), but is produced and delivered to Users for irrigation, commercial and industrial uses. (City Code § 1.4.1103) This term is not defined by EPA, CDPHE or OSHA.
  - Common synonyms: treated wastewater, reclaimed water, raw or untreated groundwater, raw or untreated surface water, recycled water or wastewater.

- **Potable Reuse** – is an emerging term that encompasses either direct or indirect potable reuse treatment strategies. This term is only used in conjunction with treating and reusing wastewater for potable purposes.

- **Potable Water** – water that is intended for distribution and consumption without further treatment, except as necessary to maintain water quality in the distribution system (e.g. booster disinfection, addition of corrosion control chemicals). (2018 CSU Water LESS § 1.12). This term is not defined by EPA or CDPHE.
  - Common synonyms: drinking water, finished water.

- **Raw Water** – surface water and ground water in its natural state, prior to any treatment.
  - Common synonyms: surface water, ground water, untreated surface water, untreated ground water.

- **Reclaimed Water** - domestic wastewater that has received secondary treatment by a domestic wastewater treatment works and such additional treatment as to enable the wastewater to meet the standards for approved uses. (CDPHE Regulation No. 84, 5 CCR 1002-84 §84.5(20)) (City Code § 1.4.1103)
  - Common synonyms: reclaimed wastewater, recycled water or wastewater, reused water or wastewater

- **Recycled Water** – reclaimed water used for a specific purpose. (WateReuse Association)
  - Common synonyms recycled wastewater, reused water, reused wastewater.

- **Wastewater** – the liquid and water-carried industrial or domestic wastes and pollutants from dwellings, commercial buildings, industrial facilities, including hauled waste and any groundwater, surface water and storm water that may be present, whether treated or untreated. (City Code § 12.5.201). This term is not defined by EPA or CDPHE.

- **Water Reuse** – the act of treating waste waters and using for a beneficial purpose.