



# Introducing the PI System for water

# Balancing ROI and risk for efficient, proactive operations

Water infrastructure challenges

**Aging  
infrastructure**

**Changing  
workforce**

**Resilience  
& security**

**Increasing  
costs**

# It's time to find a new way to work



# Where do water infrastructure companies find value?

## Energy efficiency

- Track total energy costs and usage
- Reduce pumping costs
- Forecast water demand
- Manage time of use rates
- Leveraging smart water meter data
- Collaborate with power utility

## Process optimization

- Keep the utility resilient
- Reduce opex/capex
- Detect and find leaks
- Prevent pipe bursts
- Reduce infiltration
- Reduce chemical costs

## Asset health

- Prevent pump failures
- Reduce equipment downtime
- Condition based maintenance of assets
- Manage aging infrastructure
- Maintain asset performance
- Optimize pump schedules

## Quality & Safety

- Prevent/track sewer overflows
- Effluent discharge compliance
- Ensure drinking water quality
- Detect algae blooms and other anomalies
- Prevent boil water advisories
- Ensure worker safety
- Secure water sources

## Regulatory reporting

- Water quality testing
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) reporting
- Operational KPIs
- Monthly compliance reports



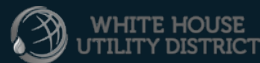
# Business outcomes enabled by the PI System



## Energy efficiency



## Process productivity



## Asset health



## Quality, safety, & reporting



# 150+

utilities serving over 250 million customers in  
25 countries rely on the PI System

## Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

Journey to an intelligent water system for  
4 million customers ↗

## Colorado Springs Utilities

O&M savings: 30% in vehicle use,  
58% in overtime ↗

## Maynilad Water Services

Reduced leaks and cost of leak repairs (>90%), customer  
complaints and improved energy efficiency by 10% ↗

## Taswater

Improved detection methods: 13 hours  
ahead of previous methods ↗



# Customer Results

# Colorado Springs Utilities uses visualization to improve water quality

## Water quality

### Challenge

- Multiple data silos
- Barriers to data access
- Low chlorine residual and high water age
- High CAPEX

### Solution

- A centralized data platform
- Environment of data accessibility
- Ability to visualize, analyze and 'rewind' real-time data

### Benefits

- More efficient operations
- Optimization of water conveyance
- O&M savings: 30% in vehicle use, 58% in overtime



# “The best thing is having a single platform for data access.”

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**Jeannette Ortiz**

Systems and Database Lead

# SWCC manages world's largest desalination firm with PI System

Operational efficiency

## Challenge

- Data scattered across different formats and plants
- Need to build a “future-proof” system to support evolution of the water landscape

## Solution

- A central Water Management System via PI System
- Integration with ESRI GIS, hydraulic model, IT/OT and other systems

## Benefits

- Faster decision making
- Increased operational efficiency
- Enhanced performance analysis

“In the new dispatch center, we are able to do operational planning and match demand and supply.”

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**Abdullah Bin Nasser AlZowaid**

Deputy Governor for Operation and Maintenance

# Operational awareness - Dashboard with geospatial analysis

Hampton Roads Sanitation District

## Challenge

- SQL database of regulatory compliance data growing too large
- Need to keep large amounts of “raw” data
- Many data silos

## Solution

- PI System as a robust data infrastructure
- Integration with ArcGIS to track KPIs, trends, and pressures in the system

## Benefits

- Rapid system deployment
- Expansion in scope for “future-proofing” OT data
- Improved operational efficiency



“We had a challenge, we needed to plan for future expansion, and PI really was our answer.”

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**Kim Peterson**

Data Analysis Manager

# Asset Health – Managing IoT

Maynilad Water Services

## Challenge

- Widely distributed assets in the field
- Many different kinds of sensors and meters
- 60% leakage

## Solution

- PI System for data capture, analysis, reports, long-term storage
- Integration with ESRI GIS and other applications

## Benefits

- Reduced leaks and cost of leak repairs (>90%)
- 35% fewer customer complaints
- Improved energy efficiency by 10%

“Different systems can share the same IoT data.  
You’re accessing a single source of truth.”

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**Francisco Castillo**

Senior VP and CIO, Maynilad

# Polish water utility reduces water consumption and downtime

MPWiK OT-IT convergence

## Challenge

- Disparate data sources
- Need for predictive analytics
- Detect leaks and water use

## Solution

- PI System as a central hub for real-time metering and weather
- Azure Machine Learning for predictive analytics

## Benefits

- Saved 500,000 liters of water in 6 months
- Decreased fault detection time and downtime
- Predictive analysis



“PI System has enabled convergence for IT and OT systems, for real-time data access, for analysis, for visualization.”

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**Michał Ślósarz**  
IT Manager

# Spill prevention

United Utilities

## Challenge

- Untreated sewage spills threaten waterways
- Overflows cause problems with regulatory compliance

## Solution

- Online CSO forecasting based on PI System
- Evolutionary Artificial Neural Networks in Matlab developed with University of Exeter

## Benefits

- 97% accurate predictions of possible CSO event up to 6 hours ahead
- Prediction of incidents enables proactive management

# “Why do we want to identify potential spills? It means we can get ahead of incidents.”

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**Kevin Woodward**  
Technical Manager

# Actionable intelligence

## Riverside Public Utilities

### Challenge

- Opaque systems, people-dependent processes
- >8 hours/week spent compiling data and reports

### Solution

- Implementation of PI System >10 enterprise systems and applications
- Automated processes and streamlined reporting

### Benefits

- Cultural shift toward a data-driven, transparent utility
- ROI of >\$3 million in 3-5 years from process automation alone



“Now instead of driving the entire line and trying to find a grid sensor blinking, they can see it on a map on their iPhone or iPad.”

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CJ Smith

Project Manager, Operational Technology

# Smart sewer analytics

TasWater

## Challenge

- Sensitive shellfish growing area
- Limited data, variable operating conditions
- Needed advance warning of sewage spills

## Solution

- PI System with real-time insights by Nukon
- Seeq Analytics for machine learning
- Real-time pump analytics and condition

## Benefits

- Improved detection methods: 13 hours ahead of previous methods
- Future expansion to other failure modes and regions

“We’re hopeful this program can be used  
wherever our assets are in high-risk areas.”

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**Alexander Jovicic**

Department Manager of Service Operation

# Integration of business process information

SABESP

## Challenge

- Integrate diverse systems and build an environment where the user has quick and reliable access to all information in a friendly interface

## Solution

- Use the PI Asset Framework's native tools integrated with the PI System's client tools
- Training of key users for knowledge replication and learning culture

## Benefits

- Customer satisfaction increased 20%
- Awarded as the 2<sup>nd</sup> most reliable public company in São Paulo, 2018 – IBOPE
- Decreased energy usage by 9%



“We now have easy and continuous access to field information, enabling proactivity and preventive action.”

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**Silvana C.S.S. Franco**  
Manager of Supply Control

# Digital transformation in water accounting

California Water Service

## Challenge

- Keep track of cost, price, quality, and location of each gallon to maximize water in CA
- Monthly production reports were plagued by outdated water data, analyzed in manually manipulated spreadsheet reports
- Monthly effort involved many people, cost too much in time and money

## Solution

- Re-organized production information architecture into a digital data hierarchy managed by PI AF and PI analytics
- Data hierarchy based on both business information needs and engineering needs
- Each water district has its own standard AF structure that's easy to maintain

## Benefits

- Production reporting cut in half
- Improvements in the quantity and quality of data
- 30 separate reports automatically compiled into one report within minutes
- SOX compliance, much easier accounting

“What was before a two-week process is now about a day and a half, and there’s a consensus and auditability about the data that really matters to producing the report.”

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**Greg Dumas**

Chief Technology Officer, DST Controls

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