

Web resources for Water programming



Articles available online:

“Is Water the New Oil?” <http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2008/11/02-2>

“[CommonDreams.org](http://www.commondreams.org) is an Internet-based progressive news and grassroots activism organization, founded in 1997. We are a nonprofit, progressive, independent and nonpartisan organization.”

“Is Growth Over?” by Cary Lowe, Los Angeles Times, July 20, 2008. Op-Ed piece by land use lawyer and urban planning consultant.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-op-lowe20-2008jul20,0,7431967.story>

“The Drying of the West” National Geographic Magazine, February 2008

<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2008/02/drying-west/kunzig-text.html>

Forbes Magazine Special Report on water, June 19, 2008. <http://tinyurl.com/63qtc6> or

http://www.forbes.com/2008/06/19/global-water-crisis-tech-water08-cx_ee_mn_0619water_land.html

“Facing the Freshwater Crisis,” Scientific American August 2008.

<http://www.sciam.com/article.cfm?id=facing-the-freshwater-crisis>

“Freshwater Crisis: Looming Shortages” map from Scientific American online, July 21, 2008.

Models the effect of population growth plus climate change on the global water supply.

<http://www.sciam.com/article.cfm?id=freshwater-crisis-looming-shortages>

“The Future is Drying Up” by Jon Gertner, New York Times Magazine, October 21, 2007

http://www.nytimes.com/2007/10/21/magazine/21water-t.html?_r=1&scp=5&sq=drought%20west&st=cse

“Can the West Lead Us to a Better Place?” by David M. Kennedy, Stanford Magazine, May/June 2008. Not just about water but about whether the West can be a national leader in the 21st century.

<http://www.stanfordalumni.org/news/magazine/2008/mayjun/features/west.html>

Advocacy:

American Rivers: www.americanrivers.org. “The leading national organization standing up for healthy rivers so our communities can thrive. Through national advocacy, innovative solutions and our growing network of strategic partners, we protect and promote our rivers as valuable assets that are vital to our health, safety and quality of life.”

Association of California Water Agencies: <http://www.acwa.com> and <http://www.calwatercrisis.org>. Statewide coalition of 450 public water agencies.

Clean Water Action: www.cleanwateraction.org. “An organization of 1.2 million members working to empower people to take action to protect America's waters, build healthy communities and to make democracy work for all of us.”

Clean Water Network: www.cleanwaternet.org. “A coalition of more than 1,200 public interest organizations across the country, representing more than 5 million people, working together to strengthen and implement federal clean water and wetlands policy. It is the largest national coalition working to defend and strengthen the federal Clean Water Act.”

National Resources Defense Council: <http://www.nrdc.org/water>. “NRDC is the nation's most effective environmental action group, combining the grassroots power of 1.2 million members and online activists with the courtroom clout and expertise of more than 350 lawyers, scientists and other professionals.”

Government resources:

Institute for Water Resources of the US Army Corps of Engineers: <http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil>. “The U.S. Army Engineer Institute for Water Resources (IWR) was formed to provide forward-looking analysis and research in developing planning methodologies to aid the Civil Works program.”

“California’s Water: AN LAO Primer,” by Catherine B. Freeman, Legislative Analyst's Office, Sacramento, California. October 20, 2008. 77 pgs.

Full text at: http://www.lao.ca.gov/2008/rsrc/water_primer/water_primer_102208.pdf

Education:

Water Education Foundation: www.watereducation.org. Of special interest is the map “Where Does My Water Come From?” Click on your region and get detailed text and graphics about your water supply. See also the WEF blog www.aquaforia.com.

National Environmental Education Foundation: www.neefusa.org. Sponsors of National Environmental Education Week for K-12 students and educators. www.eeweek.org and www.eeweek.org/water_wise.

On Water Blog (UC Berkeley): <http://blogs.lib.berkeley.edu/wrca.php>

“Featuring news, research, and current events on all aspects of water resources. Brought to you by the Water Resources Center Archives and the Center for Water Resources, University of California.”

Public Policy Institute of California: <http://www.ppic.org/main/policyarea.asp?i=15>

“A private nonprofit organization dedicated to informing and improving public policy in California through independent, objective, nonpartisan research.” Major policy areas include water, infrastructure and environment.