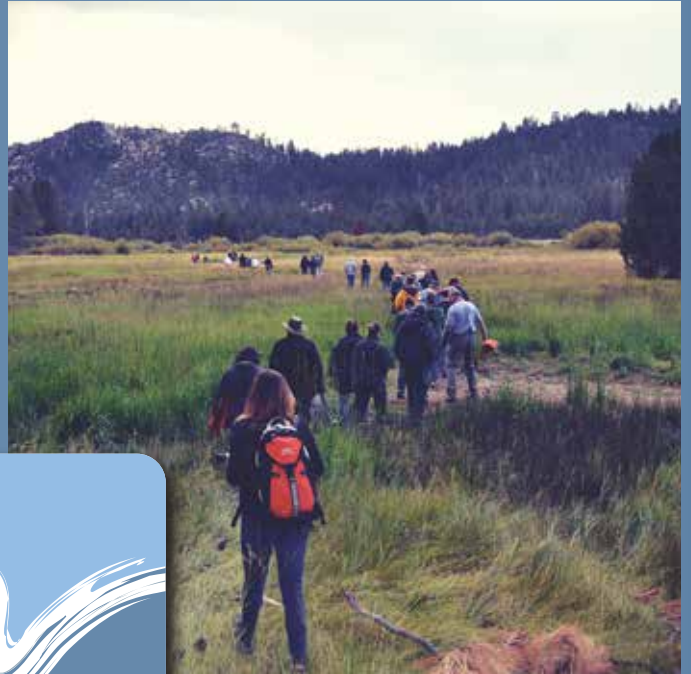


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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporters and Friends of the Foundation,



*Jennifer Bowles
Executive Director*

After five years of drought ended with a winter of deep snow in the mountains and torrential rain, the Foundation focused its attention in 2017 on the winter's impacts, the drought's aftereffects and the future of water sustainability in California.

The Foundation also marked an important milestone – its 40th anniversary — with a gala in October in the state's capital with the theme #40YearsStrong. We used that hashtag during the year on social media posts to highlight some of our most noteworthy moments over four decades. We recalled starting out in 1977 as the Western Water Education Foundation and that we raffled off a side of beef donated by a rancher to help fund our first California water map.



Department of Water Resources Director Grant Davis (left) and former DWR Director Mark Cowin flank Jenn at the Foundation's 40th anniversary celebration.

I often describe the Foundation as the Switzerland of the California water world. Indeed, we are neutral when it comes to one of the state's most important and thorniest issues. And we feature all sides of the water debate in our articles, during our tours and at our conferences.

At our 40th anniversary celebration, we also held a special reception for graduates of one of our most popular programs – our Water Leaders program, which was marking its own 20-year anniversary. Last year, we graduated another group of water leaders, this time 21 lawyers, engineers, farmers, environmentalists and others who dedicated a year to learning about the issues.

Our 33-member voluntary Board of Directors come from the water, business, agricultural, municipal, environmental, education and public interest communities. In 2017, a new president was elected – Robert Johnson, who served as the Bureau of Reclamation commissioner. And Mike Chrisman, former California natural resources secretary, became a board member, completing the circle begun when his father, Ira “Jack” Chrisman, was our founding president 40 years ago.



Jenn is joined by Foundation President Robert Johnson, a former Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner, and Brenda Burman, the current Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner.

Another highlight of 2017 took place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where we hold our invitation-only biennial Colorado River Symposium. There, government representatives from the United States and Mexico put their final signatures to paper, placing the latest agreement between the two countries – known as Minute 323 – into full force and effect at our event. It was a moving moment to see international cooperation on a shared natural resource.

We added to our library of beautiful water maps an updated version of our Colorado River Basin map. We also published two additions – one on climate change, the other on the Colorado River Delta – to our popular set of Layperson's Guides on key water issues and updated our groundwater guide to include important developments with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

And we added a new headwaters tour to our lineup in 2017 to highlight the important role they play in water supply and quality throughout the state. We went up to Lake Tahoe and back from the Sacramento area.

I'm always amazed when flipping through our annual reports to see how much was accomplished with a small team of 10 people doing all this work across California and the Southwest. But we could never do it without our supporters. Thank you for keeping us #40YearsStrong!

PUBLICATIONS

Western Water Magazine

The Foundation's quarterly *Western Water* magazine highlighted issues of importance to California and the West. In addition to the comprehensive cover article, each issue included a profile of a graduate from the Foundation's popular Water Leaders program as well as a short feature piece called "Sense of Place," highlighting places key to California water.

The primary articles, authored by staff writer Gary Pitzer, explored in-depth the key topics being discussed by legislators, water purveyors, environmentalists, the media and the public. The four issues were: "Preservation and Restoration: Salmon in Northern California" (Winter 2017); "Enhancing California's Water Supply: The Drive for New Storage," (Spring 2017); "Now Comes the Hard Part: Building Sustainable Groundwater Management in California" (Summer 2017); and "The Colorado River: Living with Risk, Avoiding Curtailment" (Fall 2017).

Western Water on Tap blog

The Foundation's blog, *Western Water on Tap*, provided news and interesting water-related information in between the publication of the quarterly issues of *Western Water* magazine. Writers Gary Pitzer and Susan Lauer took turns developing regular entries. A few examples that did particularly well among online readers were: "The Drought May Be Over, But California Still Wants Residents to Act Like It's On Forever" (Gary Pitzer, Nov. 27); "State Taking Steps to Manage Subsidence-Related Impacts to California Aqueduct" (Gary Pitzer, Nov. 16); "Teaching About Water on the Other Side of the World" (Jennifer Bowles, Jan. 19).

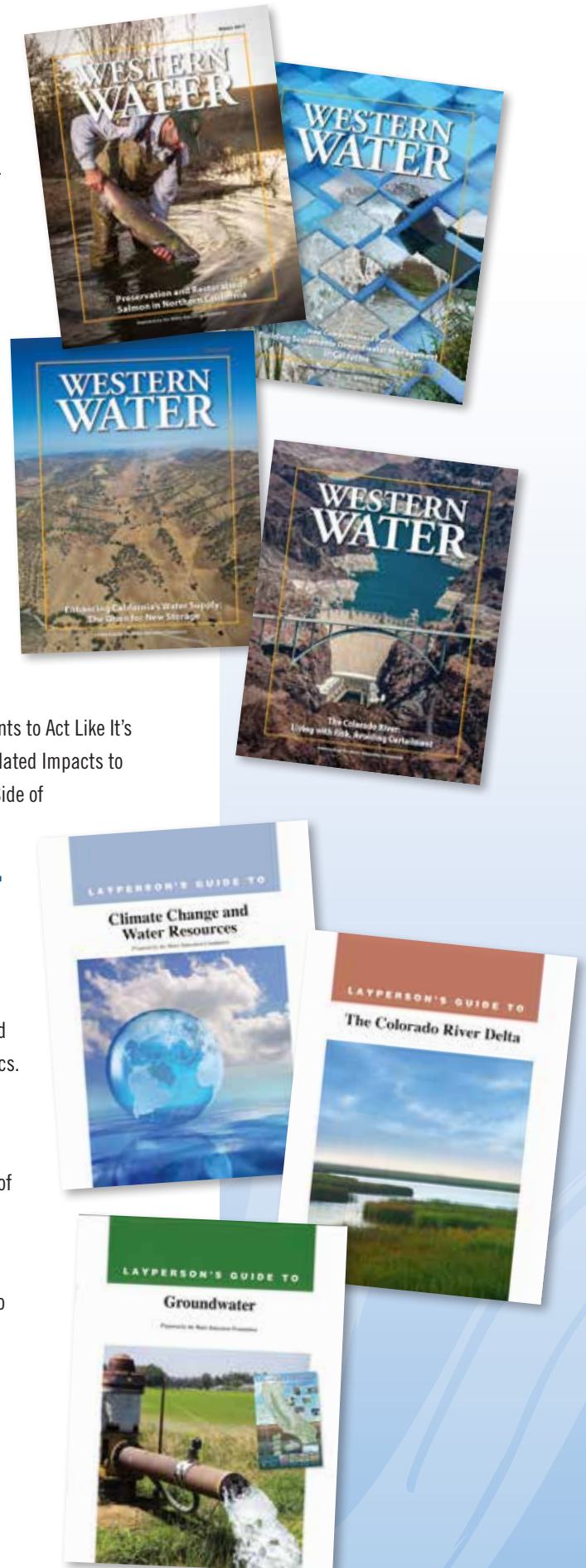
Layperson's Guides to the Colorado River Delta, Climate Change and Groundwater

Three Layperson's Guides were completed in 2017: a new Colorado River Delta guide, a new Climate Change guide, and an update to the groundwater guide. The Foundation has published 16 guides, which are in-depth, easy-to-understand "mini-textbooks" that provide background and perspective on specific water topics.

Susan Lauer researched, conducted interviews and wrote a 24-page publication detailing the Colorado River Delta, the region where the Colorado River flows into the Gulf of California in Mexico. The work chronicles the history and significance of the delta and wetlands, as well as the political struggles and recent agreements between the United States and Mexico.

Gary Pitzer researched, conducted interviews and wrote a timely 20-page guide to climate change, providing essential background on the topic and examining how it could impact water resources in California and the Colorado River Basin.

Gary also revised the 28-page Layperson's Guide to Groundwater, last updated in 2011. The guide explains what groundwater is and the history of its use in California. New to the guide is a discussion of the state's 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).



WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

Executive Briefing

The 34th annual Executive Briefing, “Wave of Change: Breaking the Status Quo,” was held March 23 in Sacramento. About 150 people attended to hear policymakers and leading stakeholders discuss topics, including how to thrive during climate change, water supply realities, funding sources, the new water data law, implementing SGMA and an update on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Speakers included Sen. Robert Hertzberg, D-Van Nuys, chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water; Frances Spivy-Weber, State Water Resources Control Board vice chair; Jake Wenger, a farmer and vice president of Modesto Irrigation District Board of Directors; Gary Bobker, Rivers and Delta Program director at The Bay Institute; David Pettijohn, water resources director for Los Angeles Department of Water and Power; Thomas Buschatzke, Arizona Department of Water Resources director; Chris Harris, Colorado River Board of California deputy director; and Jayne Harkins, executive director, Colorado River Commission of Nevada.

Water 101 Workshop

Water 101: The Basics and Beyond workshop was held on Feb. 2-3 in West Sacramento. This workshop offered the opportunity to learn about California water basics, hot topics and featured an optional second half-day on water district board member governance and media communications.

Topics included the history of and the management structure for water in California, water rights, how the Legislature handles water issues, climate change and current issues in water.

Building Capacity for Regional Sustainability in California: A Water Summit

This half-day workshop, held in Sacramento April 12, brought together regional water and land use leaders from across California to discuss challenges and opportunities for groundwater management and sustainable funding. The event was co-sponsored by the California Department of Water Resources and the Water Education Foundation.

Santa Ana River Watershed Conference

“21st Century Water Strategy: Working Together to Make a Finite Resource Infinite,” a one-day conference coordinated by the Foundation, was held May 25 in Ontario. The conference examined pressing issues key to the watershed that spans Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Participants heard about the importance of the Santa Ana River Watershed and how, through powerful partnerships, the region can find resilient solutions to improve the quality and reliability of the local water supply. Topics included mapping water use and making the watershed resilient, getting ready for Proposition 1 funding and serving underserved and disadvantaged communities.

Subsidence Briefing

“Land Subsidence in the San Joaquin Valley,” a one-day briefing, was held Aug. 16 at Fresno State. The briefing, done in partnership with Fresno State and the California Department of Water Resources, examined impacts from groundwater overdraft on land subsidence, subsidence impacts on critical water infrastructure, and the local response from Central California Irrigation District. The briefing also included an update on the state’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Delta Landscapes Workshop

“Delta Landscapes Guide” workshop was held July 25 in West Sacramento. The workshop, done in collaboration with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and several other partners, offered participants a chance to review and provide feedback on a Delta Landscapes Guide, intended to help with restoration of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem.



A panel on “Tapping New Sources: Water for the 21st Century” at our March 23 Executive Briefing.



Executive Briefing panelists provide an update on the proposed Delta Water Quality Plan.



The Foundation presented Frances Spivy-Weber, the retired State Water Resources Control Board vice chair, with a lifetime achievement award. She is flanked by Foundation Deputy Executive Director Sue McClurg and Foundation Executive Director Jenn Bowles.



A member of the audience poses a question during our Water 101 Workshop.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Project WET

The Water Education Foundation is the designated host institution for the California Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) program in an agreement dating back to 1995. The Foundation has been aided in offering Project WET by grants from the Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region and the U.S. Geological Survey, California Water Science Center with added support from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and local water district and education programs. This support has been vital to help our program offset budget cuts and priority shifts in some partnering water agencies, even as the interest in Project WET soars to a new high among educators in 2017 as a resource to engage students in the Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards.

California Project WET had a very successful 2017 thanks to the efforts of our network of volunteer workshop facilitators around the state. Our annual goals to offer a minimum of 50 Project WET workshops per year and train an average of 1,000 educators were exceeded with 65 workshops conducted in 2017. The 1,396 educators who participated in workshops reported they will use Project WET activities with more than 275,000 students during the 2017-2018 school year. The California Project WET program was represented at a dozen education conferences in 2017, including the California Science Teachers Association conference.

Project WET helps students understand the science and societal impacts of conserving and protecting water resources. Brian Brown, the California Project WET coordinator, conducts workshops throughout California to train teachers and workshop facilitators. He also creates the quarterly California Project WET Gazette newsletter, which is featured in a digital format on the Water Education Foundation website.

Advanced Water Education Workshops

Brian worked in collaboration with the California Department of Water Resources researchers to provide several special-focus workshops for teachers on flood plain ecology in the Central Valley and climate change in California. California Project WET workshop facilitators also collaborated with several county offices of education, including Butte, Fresno, Kern, Merced, Riverside, San Joaquin, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Tuolumne, Ventura and Yolo to offer Project WET workshops aimed directly at the use of Project WET activities to integrate the study of water resources, data from the U.S. Geological Survey and the Next Generation Science Standards. Other special-focus collaborations included forest and watershed management-focused workshops with the Society of American Foresters and training new AmeriCorps members, who will be working throughout the Sierra Nevada through 2018 for organizations partnered with the Sierra Nevada Alliance.

Related Activities

Brian continues as a member of the California Environmental Education Interagency Network, DWR Water Education Committee, a judge for the “Caring For Our Watersheds” contest through the Center for Land-Based Learning, Forestry Institute for Teachers Steering Committee and California Project Learning Tree Advisory Committee. He also is serving as the chair of the Project WET USA Council, at-large representative for all Project WET USA Coordinators and on a number of Project WET coordinator-driven committees to support and strengthen Project WET nationwide.



A Project WET teacher training workshop.



Hunter Merritt with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Anne Stephens with California State University, Chico, and Project WET coordinator Brian Brown, at the Sacramento Valley Floodplain Ecology Institute in Chico in July.



Project WET coordinator Brian Brown helping with the California Department of Water Resources booth at the State Scientist Day at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

TOURS

In 2017 the Foundation Conducted Six Public Tours.

The Central Valley Tour, March 8-10, traveled the length of the San Joaquin Valley to learn about water supplies, agriculture and habitat.

The Lower Colorado River Tour, April 5-7, traveled from Lake Mead to the Salton Sea and the Coachella Valley, and included a private tour of Hoover Dam.

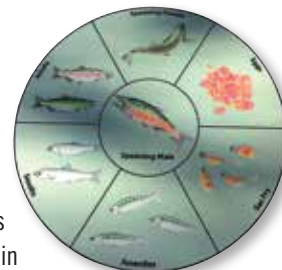
The Bay-Delta Tour, June 14-16, traveled through the Delta to San Francisco as participants learned about water project infrastructure, Delta conveyance, farming and how water moves to the San Francisco Bay.

The Headwaters Tour, Sept. 13 - 14, traveled through the Sierra foothills and around the Lake Tahoe area to examine forest management, climate change and impacts on watershed health.

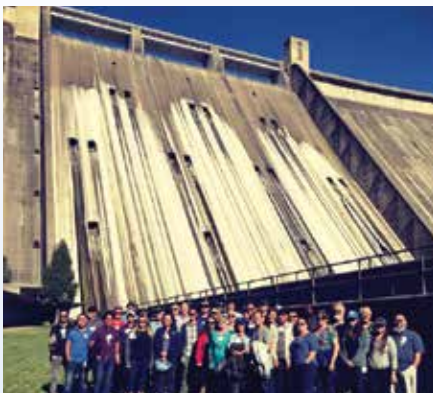
The Northern California Tour, Oct. 11-13, helped participants learn about farming, fishery restoration and California's major water projects.

The San Joaquin River Restoration Tour, Nov. 1-2, took participants to Friant Dam, restored salmon habitat and Mendota Pool.

Water Education Foundation tours are praised for being balanced, thorough and fun. Participants learn about local, state and federal issues from experts on all sides. Time for socializing and networking is included in the action-packed itineraries.



San Joaquin Valley farmer Joe Del Bosque, a member of the California Water Commission, talks with Central Valley Tour participants.



Northern California Tour guests pose in front of Shasta Dam.



Headwaters Tour participants get a briefing on the Lower Truckee River.



At Big Break Regional Shoreline, a stop on our Bay-Delta Tour, participants explore a map of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

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Other Tours

On June 1, the Foundation also conducted a one-day private tour for the staff of the Almond Board of California. The tour focused on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and programs that may affect agricultural activity for their members.

FOUNDATION'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY



The Water Education Foundation marked its 40th year with a gala celebration Oct. 26, 2017, at the Sterling Hotel in downtown Sacramento. The event included a special reunion reception for graduates of the Foundation's Water Leaders program, which was founded in 1997. Former Executive Director Rita

Schmidt Sudman looked back at highlights from the Foundation's past, and current Executive Director Jennifer Bowles outlined what's ahead for the Foundation. Other speakers included Grant Davis, director of the California Department of Water Resources; Mark Cowin, the department's former director; and Scott Morris, Foundation vice president and a graduate of the Water Leaders program, who talked about the impact of the program 20 years later.



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Foundation Vice President Scott Morris, an early Water Leader, raises a toast to the program — and the Water Leaders graduates.



Foundation board member Christopher Park, Executive Director Jennifer Bowles and News & Publications Director Doug Beeman celebrate the Foundation's milestone.



Former Department of Water Resources Director Mark Cowin offers observations as DWR Director Grant Davis looks on.



Foundation board member Jennifer Persike, who emceed the anniversary celebration, with Development Director Beth Stern and Water Leader graduate Nashelley Kaplan-Dailey.



Rita Schmidt Sudman, the Foundation's former executive director, is flanked by Cindy Nickles, who compiles the Foundation's daily Aquaformia water news listing, and Judy Maben, who retired after leading the Foundation's tours and educational programs.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Water Leaders

Twenty young professionals graduated from the Foundation's 21st Annual William R. Gianelli Water Leaders Class. The 2017 class' presentation was "The Future of California Water Storage." The program is led by Executive Director Jennifer Bowles.

The graduates: Richard Aragon, director of finance/treasurer, Rancho California Water District; Arturo Barajas Jr., legislative aide, California State Assemblyman Dr. Joaquin Arambula, D-Fresno (31st District); Ali Barsamian, associate, WaterSmart Software; Lyndsey Bloxom, communications & education services representative, Water Replenishment District of Southern California; Megan Brooks, environmental scientist, Delta Stewardship Council; Ian Buck, senior water resources engineer, MWH Global; Heidi Chou, associate civil engineer, East Bay Municipal Utility District; Michael Cook, regional director, River Partners; Marcia Ferreira, associate resource specialist, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Ana Lucia Garcia Briones, project manager, Environmental Defense Fund; Andree Johnson, senior water resources specialist, Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency; Anusha Kashyap, water resources engineer, CDM Smith; Angela Llaban, senior environmental scientist, California Department of Parks and Recreation; Sara Maatta, water operations analyst, Alameda County Water District; Sami Nall, water resources engineer, California Department of Water Resources; Gina Nicholls, associate attorney, Nossaman LLP; Donald Portz, lead fisheries biologist, Bureau of Reclamation; Patrick Scott, environmental scientist, California Department of Water Resources; Oliver Symonds, public information specialist, Contra Costa Water District; Bobby Vera, associate engineer, West Yost Associates.

The Water Leaders Class is a one-year program that educates up-and-coming community leaders and water professionals about water issues and prepares them to take an active, cooperative approach to decision-making about water resource issues.



Angela Llaban, Don Portz and Art Barajas have a little fun while on the San Joaquin River Restoration Tour.



Oliver Symonds, Richard Aragon and Marcia Ferreira enjoy a break during a stop at the Larrabee Duck Club while on the Northern California Tour.



Andree Johnson, Sara Maatta and Ali Barsamian took in the sights while on the Headwaters Tour.



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Outreach

In January, Foundation Executive Director Jennifer Bowles spoke in Santa Barbara at California H2O Women Conference, believed to be the first-ever water conference just for women.



She also was appointed by the University of California to be a member of the strategic planning committee for the California Institute for Water Resources.

Groundwater Map Update

The Foundation extensively redesigned its 24×36-inch Groundwater Map to better illustrate the value and use of groundwater in California, the main types of aquifers, aquifer boundaries and the connection between groundwater and surface water.

Social Media

The Foundation used its Twitter account @WaterEdFdn to post upcoming events and tours, top water stories from its weekday news aggregate, Aquaforia, and breaking news from press releases and newspaper articles. In addition, news items, tour and event information and photos were routinely posted to the Foundation's Facebook page. And the Foundation grew its presence on LinkedIn and promoted its Water Leaders and Water 101 programs. The Foundation also used the hashtag themes #40YearsStrong and #TBT (Throwback Thursday) to highlight key moments and publications over its 40-year history of providing news, education and information on water resources in California and the West and to promote its 40th Anniversary party in October.

Watereducation.org Website

During 2017, the Foundation's website – watereducation.org — continued to draw more visitors than ever before. The website features for-sale products and publications, Aquaforia news aggregate and Aquapedia online water encyclopedia. In total, the website tallied 826,754 page views, a 10 percent increase over 2016.

The most popular web pages for 2017 were:

1. Aquaforia Main 53,023 (6.41%)
2. Where Does My Water Come From? 41,000 (4.96%)
3. Homepage 35,005 (4.23%)

Staff Changes

Two staff members left the Foundation this year and two have joined. Deputy Executive Director Sue McClurg, who coordinated conferences and briefings and served as editor of *Western Water*, the River Report newsletter and the Layperson's Guide series, retired in November after 26 years of service. Susan Lauer, who handled a variety of writing and program duties, left in the fall. Kasey Chong was hired in March as executive assistant, and Douglas E. Beeman, an award-winning editor and writer from The Fresno Bee, joined the Foundation in November as news & publications director. In addition, Development Director Beth Stern celebrated her 10th anniversary with the Foundation.



Participants discuss options at a Delta Landscapes Workshop held July 25 in West Sacramento.



Former Foundation Executive Director Rita Schmidt Sudman (center) and current Executive Director Jennifer Bowles present retiring Deputy Executive Director Sue McClurg with a framed picture of her book cover.



New staffers Douglas E. Beeman (left) and Kasey Chong.

COLORADO RIVER PROJECT



Minute 323 is signed by representatives of the United States and Mexico, putting into full force and effect an agreement charting binational water use over the next 20 years.



Attendees at the 2017 Colorado River Symposium pose for a group photograph in Santa Fe, N.M.

In 2017, the Foundation's Colorado River Project marked its 20th year. Primary financial support is provided through a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation's Upper and Lower Colorado Regions.

Serving on the Advisory Committee in 2017 were: Michael Cohen, the Pacific Institute; John Entsminger, Southern Nevada Water Authority; Chris Harris, Colorado River Board of California; Robert Johnson, Water Strategies LLC; Jeff Kightlinger, MWD of Southern California; James Lochhead, Denver Water; Don Ostler, Upper Colorado River Commission; Jennifer Pitt, National Audubon Society; Stanley M. Pollack, Navajo Nation Department of Justice; Maureen Stapleton, San Diego County Water Authority; Gary Weatherford, California Public Utilities Commission.

Colorado River Symposium Proceedings

In September, the Foundation held its 11th biennial Colorado River Symposium, "Taking Action on the Colorado River: Are We Up to the Challenge?" The Symposium also featured the signing by the United States and Mexico of Minute 323 to put into full force and effect an agreement charting binational water use for the next 20 years. Minute 323 broadens the way management of the river encompasses the needs of both countries with an eye toward keeping Lake Mead from falling to unacceptably low levels.

The invitation-only Sept. 27-29 event featured a lineup of top speakers, including former Interior Secretary Sen. Ken Salazar, former Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Estevan López, former Interior Deputy Secretary Michael Connor, former Assistant Interior Secretary for Water and Science Bennett W. Raley, along with Edward Drusina, Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States Section, and Roberto Salmón, Mexican Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission, CILA MEX-EUA.

The opening panel featured Connor and Raley talking about the politics and policy behind the scenes, followed by a panel asking "Are We Up to the Challenges?" and then the signing of Minute 323.

Day Two featured a keynote address from Salazar on water management success along the Colorado River along with panels on improving precipitation forecasts, views from the Upper Colorado River Basin, drought contingency planning in the Lower Basin, and the Salton Sea.

Day Three wrapped up with panels on top environmental concerns, a discussion by Trump Administration officials and a big-picture look at challenges along the river that serves farms, cities and 35 to 40 million people. The Symposium was recorded and the written proceedings will be published in 2018.

Colorado River Basin Map Update

The Foundation also extensively redesigned its Colorado River Basin Map, converting it from a near-square map to a 24x36-inch poster with more vibrant colors, more information about the river and more up-to-date information about its uses and the challenges it faces.

River Report

In the Summer 2017 issue, "Keeping System Conservation Going on the Colorado River," Gary Pitzer delved into the successes and challenges of the Colorado River Pilot System Conservation Program. The program was launched in 2014 as a collective effort by the federal government and major urban water suppliers to pay for water-saving measures strictly designed to create "system water" for the benefit of everyone.

The Winter 2017-18 issue explored how rising temperatures from climate change are affecting how much water is flowing down the Colorado River and how water managers are preparing for a future of increasing scarcity. Gary examined the various impacts and the challenges water managers face in seeking ways to cooperate, collaborate and adapt.



FUNDING SOURCES

A variety of grants from governmental agencies, private foundations and other organizations funded the Foundation's special programs, publications and projects in 2017. The Foundation's Development Director Beth Stern manages the grants. The Foundation's general activities, in turn, were supported by another primary source – contributions.

This diversity of funding helps the Foundation fulfill its mission of providing balance in all written materials, school programs, tours, briefings, videos and documentaries. Reviewers and advisory groups help ensure technical accuracy, but the Foundation retains editorial control over all programs and publications – no matter what the funding source.

In 2017, grant funds provided 19.8 percent of the Foundation's revenues, funding Project WET, special workshops and conferences and publications.

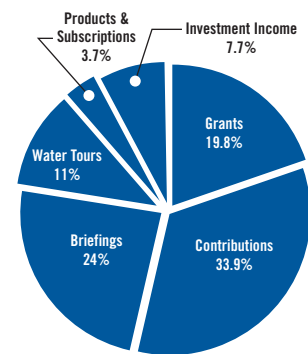
Major contributions represented 34 percent of 2017 revenues and helped maintain core programs such as *Western Water* magazine and the Water Leaders program.

In 2017, the Foundation continued its "Giving Back" program for our major contributors in which complimentary maps, publications and attendance at Foundation events were awarded to contributors based on their pledge amount. This is our way of thanking our contributors – which include cities, farmers, law firms, engineering firms, water districts, businesses and other organizations, and private individuals – for their support (See page 13 for the list of major contributors).

Additional Foundation income is derived from attendance at briefings and water tours (35 percent) and the sale of our educational materials (4 percent). In return for all this support, the Foundation continues to serve as the source of impartial information on water issues in California and the Southwest. We thank all the organizations and individuals for the many ways in which they support our work and help us fulfill our mission.

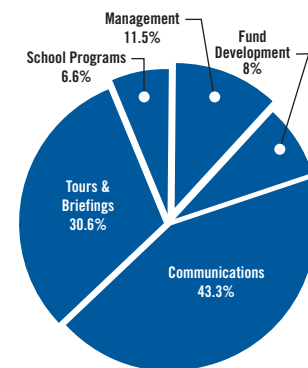
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U.S. Geological Survey	\$25,000
Bureau of Reclamation	\$49,980
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy	\$30,000
Water Tours	
California Department of Water Resources	\$10,000
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy/Bureau of Reclamation	\$36,555
Floodplains Institute Workshop Coordination	
California Department of Water Resources	\$12,000
2017 Briefings – Executive Briefing, Test-Run a User's Guide to Delta Restoration Workshop	
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Lower Colorado River Tour participants gather for a group photo with an imposing Hoover Dam looming in the background.



Northern California Tour participants learn about floodplains and erosion control at Tehama County River Park.

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Visitors take in the Army Corps of Engineers' Bay-Delta Model during a stop on our Bay-Delta Tour.



Coachella Valley Water District's Bob Keenan talks about the importance of Colorado River water to the Coachella Valley.

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Members of the 2017 Water Leaders class pose for a group shot on the Lower Colorado River Tour.

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Project WET coordinator Brian Brown (right) coaches teachers through an exercise.



A fish lab staff member demonstrates how the University of California, Davis, is trying to help Delta smelt reproduction.



Panelists at our Executive Briefing look ahead to providing water in the 21st century.

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The 2017 Water Leaders class gathers for an orientation meeting.

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The staff of the Water Education Foundation: Brian Brown, Sue McClurg, Patty Wong, Dan Scott; in back, Beth Stern, Susan Lauer, Jenn Bowles, Vanessa Morganstern, Gary Pitzer.



The Foundation board discusses priorities at a board retreat.



Tour Director Dan Scott and Executive Director Jennifer Bowles drew a name for a free tour during the Executive Briefing.



Gary Pitzer and Beth Stern enjoy a casual moment at the Executive Briefing reception.



Andy Fecko, Placer County Water Agency's director of resource development, makes a point during our Headwaters Tour.



Matt Brown, program manager with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, briefed Northern California Tour participants on restoration efforts at Clear Creek near Redding.



Bryce Lundberg, vice president of agriculture at Lundberg Family Farms, talks to Northern California Tour participants about the family-owned rice company.



Participants on the Lower Colorado River Tour take in Copper Basin, a Metropolitan Water District facility, during a boat tour of the reservoir.



San Joaquin Valley farmer Cannon Michael, a Foundation board member, talks to our San Joaquin River Restoration Tour group.



Lower Colorado River Tour participants listen during a stop at Metropolitan Water District's Whitsett Intake Pumping Plant.

Meghan Kelly, senior project engineer/district manager with the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District, explained the Burke Creek Restoration Project to our Headwaters Tour participants.





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