

## WATER RESOURCES CENTER ARCHIVES

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### New Services

#### Interlibrary Loan

For many months we have been investigating ways to expand use of the collection and increase outside revenues without adding staff. On January 16, the Archives began a three month trial project with [Infotrieve](http://infotrieve.com) <<http://infotrieve.com>>, a document delivery company, to become a direct interlibrary loan supplier.

We now take requests for material by telephone, fax, email, ALA forms and OCLC. Library staff review initial requests to assess whether the material can be loaned or copied. The request is then handled by Infotrieve, who either copies the document, or prepares the document for loan, pays copyright (if necessary), prepares an invoice and mails the document. All of the "processing" costs are absorbed by **Infotrieve**.

If the project proves viable, the service will be widely advertised. If you have wondered about borrowing our documents, please call or email Linda Vida-Sunnen for details.

### Announcements

#### California Water History Project

The Water Resources Center Archives is currently participating in an exhibit at the California State Archives. The **California Water History Project** is the first public exhibit to be held in the new State Archives building and is designed to bring attention to the importance of water in the development of California. The exhibit is organized thematically, beginning with the Gold Rush and progressing to the 1980s and includes paintings, diaries, books, pamphlets and historical photographs from the collections of the **California State Library**, the **State Archives**, the **California Historical Society**, and the **Water Resources Center Archives**.

Funds for this exhibit were raised by the **Water Education Foundation**, a California nonprofit organization, dedicated to the development and implementation of education programs leading to a broader understanding of water issues and the resolution of water problems.

While the current exhibit is small, the State Archives is developing a major new history museum on the first two floors of the State Archives building. The exhibits will focus on the people, places, promise and politics of California. The importance of water in the development of the State will be interwoven throughout these exhibits. The Archives Research Room is open for public research, Monday-Friday, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm.

The **California Water History Project Exhibit** is open to the public, Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5pm and material will be on display through May, 1996. For information about this exhibit, contact Linda Vida- Sunnen. For information on special events or access, contact the State Archives, 1020 "O" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, 916-653-7715.

### **Water Reuse Program**

[The following is an excerpt from a letter by Peter M. MacLaggan, President of the **Water Reuse Association of California**.]

During the 1995 Legislative Session, the **Water Reuse Association of California** sponsored SB 179 which encouraged the University of California to create a water reuse program to enhance the implementation of water reuse and recycling for the benefit of all Californians. The bill was enthusiastically endorsed by the Governor and the University of California. Since the bill was signed by the Governor last August, the **Water Reuse Foundation** (the education and research arm of the Water Reuse Association) has been working closely with UC's Water Resources Center to implement the proposed "**Water Reuse Program**".

If adequate funding can be located from both private and public sources, the University of California has agreed to establish the "**Water Reuse Program**", a combined research and outreach program dedicated to water reuse issues. The University's Water Resources Center will : 1) serve as a clearinghouse and repository of information and publications on water reuse for members of the university community, state agencies and the public; 2) coordinate with the university, applied multi-disciplinary research related to water reuse in California; and 3) identify technical experts on water reuse issues.

**Water Reuse** believes this program will provide a critical link between industry's proven ability to advocate the increased use of recycled water and the sophistication, prestige and respect of the academic work produced by the University of California. With a goal of donating \$600,000 to \$700,000 to the Program over the next five years, the Water Reuse Foundation is seeking contributions and pledges from those committed to expanding water reclamation efforts in California.

Please contact **WaterReuse** Deputy Director Karen Roberts at 916-442- 2746 or **UC Water Resources Center** Associate Director and Professor John Letey at 909-787-4327.

### **EPA Video**

A new video, "*Developing Site-Specific Criteria*" discusses the development of numeric criteria for aquatic life and the role they play in the water quality standards and criteria process. The new video is available for loan to organizations. Video productions are part of an effort to inform the public about some of EPA's important programs, their role in environmental clean-up and the role citizens play. To borrow this video, contact the U.S. EPA, Water Resource Center (4101) Room G99-B, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. 202-260-7786.

### **New Reports**

A new **California Water Resources Center** publication, "*Modeling of Precipitation-Based Drought Characteristics Over California*" by H.W. Shen and G.Q. Tabios, III, 1996 (Contribution no. 204), is now available for distribution. Contact [Jeff Woled](mailto:Jeff.Woled@ucdavis.edu) <jwoled@ucdavis.edu> at the Centers for Water and Wildland Resources, 1223 Academic Surge, University of California, Davis, CA 95616-8750 or telephone 916-752-8050.

- Construction of a demonstration "*Algal-Bacterial Selenium Removal System (ABSRS)*", developed by Professor W. J. Oswald and his coworkers at the University of California, Berkeley and supported by a challenge grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and in-kind services from the Panoche Drainage District, is nearing completion at Enrico Farms near Firebaugh, California. The first interim report on the project is available by contacting [Tryg Lundquist](mailto:Tryg.Lundquist@garnet.berkeley.edu) <fbgreen@garnet.berkeley.edu>, 510-231-9516.
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