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LIQUID GOLD: CALIFORNIA'S WATER
An Exhibit by the Water Resources Center Archives

The Archives celebrated the opening of the exhibit, LIQUID GOLD: CALIFORNIA'S WATER, on February 18th, 1997. The exhibit features unique historical and contemporary photographs, documents, maps and books showcasing several aspects of California's water development. The display is installed in the Bernice Layne Brown Gallery in the Doe Library on the Berkeley campus and runs through March 30, 1997. Doe Library's hours are M-Th 9am-10pm; F-Sa 9am-5pm; Su 1pm-10pm.

The Archives celebrated the opening with a reception which was generously underwritten by the firm of Montgomery Watson. The reception was held in the Morrison Room in Doe Library and approximately 70 people attended.

At the reception, the California Water Resources Center with the Regional Oral History Office also announced the completion of three additional oral histories on the passage of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act. (More information about the oral histories and ordering information is available in the Announcements section). In attendance at the reception were three of the four interviewees: Thomas Graff (Environmental Defense Fund attorney), David Yardas (water resources analyst) and Richard K. Golb (Senator Seymour's staff). Daniel Beard (Staff Director, House Committee on Natural Resources) was unable to attend. There was a short program with Tom Graff, David Yardas and Richard Golb making brief remarks.

If you are unable to see the actual exhibit, a virtual exhibit of selected items from LIQUID GOLD: CALIFORNIA'S WATER is mounted on the web at: <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/WRCA/exhibit.html>. The virtual exhibit contains the informational text from each case and scanned images of selected historical photographs.

We would also like to install portions of the exhibit at other locations in California. The Archives could expand a specific portion of the current exhibit to emphasize aspects

which pertain to a particular location in northern, southern or eastern California. Specific subject areas on dams, rivers, irrigation, coastal engineering, etc. could also be expanded. Please contact [Linda Vida](mailto:lvida@library.berkeley.edu) <lvida@library.berkeley.edu> if you have a site or subject to propose for a temporary exhibit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

They came and they tilled

California's economy, politics, culture, society, environment and technology are inextricably linked to agriculture. Soil, climate and technological ingenuity to bring water to an arid and semi-arid region attracted an overwhelming number of different groups to the state. A grant for \$850,000 from the national Endowment for the Humanities will help the UC Library and eight other land-grant universities identify and preserve the historical literature of agricultural development and rural life. The focus will be on rural life, ecology and viticulture, conservation and sustainable development, biological control, forestry and natural resources, and plant and soil science.

Norma Kobzina, librarian at the Bioscience and Natural Resources Library, will head the project at UCB to coordinate the historical literature on farming in California. This project is part of the National Agricultural Preservation Program developed by the National Agricultural Library and US Agricultural Information Network. Much of the California literature included in the survey is material from the original College of Agriculture (now the College of Natural Resources) established in 1868, the first land-grant college in California. Berkeley scholars who will help in literature evaluation are Professors Garrison Sposito and Emeritus Kenneth Carpenter. Contact [Norma Kobzina](mailto:nkobzina@library.berkeley.edu) <nkobzina@library.berkeley.edu> for more information about this project.

Wetlands Catalog

The catalog for the US Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division (formerly US Fish and Wildlife and National Biological Service), National Wetlands Research Center Library is now available on the internet and is very easy to use. Telnet to wetlands.nwrc.gov, login is 'library'. The scope of the collection is wetlands ecology (primarily coastal), forested wetlands, ecology, spatial analysis, statistical analysis, waterfowl management and aquatic botany. The online catalog includes journals, videos, sound recordings, maps, software, curriculum materials and vertical file materials. Contact [Judy Buys](mailto:buysj@nwrc.gov) <buysj@nwrc.gov> for more information.

Wetlands Inventory of Southern California

There is now a homepage for specific information on wetlands in Southern California. The Southern California Wetlands Inventory Project on the web is designed to provide students, scholars, planners, government agencies and others quick access to recent data on wetlands. The California Coastal Conservancy is completing the inventory in conjunction with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Coastal

Commission, under contract with the State Resources Agency with partial funding from US EPA.

When completed the inventory will contain profiles of 41 wetlands between Point Conception and the Mexican border. Each profile is accompanied by a historic wetland map and a recent wetland habitat map. As each one is completed they will be posted on the web through [CERES, the California Environmental Resources Evaluation System](http://www.ceres.ca.gov) <<http://www.ceres.ca.gov>>. Select the Geographic and Educational Information link, then the Southern California link, then click on the profile that you are interested in. For more information contact Patsy Heasley at 510-286-4088.

Bay Delta Internet Resource Center (BDIRC)

Information will be key to solving any of California's water problems and the San Francisco Bay-Delta will be central to any solution. The Bay-Delta Internet Resource Center (BDIRC) has recently come on line to provide equal access to the growing wealth of data and information available on the World Wide Web. BDIRC is a project of Water-On-Line, a non-profit consensus-based project dedicated to expanding the use of the Internet in California's water community. Water-On-Line received targeted sponsorship from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for this project. The system will include a subject by subject library which will continue to grow. All visitors are welcome at: www.bay-delta.org/

***Cadillac Desert* to air on television**

Cadillac Desert, based on the book by Marc Reisner, will be aired as a four-part documentary on PBS television stations in June and July. Three of the episodes deal with the importance of water to the development of Southern California and the Central Valley with the first segment devoted to Los Angeles and William Mulholland's role in bringing Owens Valley water to the southland. John Wesley Powell's historic trip down the Colorado River will be covered as well as construction of the Colorado Aqueduct. The last hour takes a global look at contemporary water issues.

New Oral Histories

Three new following oral histories have recently been published in the California Water Resources series. In the third volume on the passage of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), Thomas Graff and David Yargas, colleagues on the staff of the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), describe their respective roles in passage of the CVPIA. They bring to life the exciting behind-the-scenes activities and personalities involved in this process. This volume is available for \$55.00 plus \$4.00 shipping.

The fourth volume on passage of the CVPIA by Daniel Beard highlights the significant role of Congressman George Miller in the two-year struggle to reform the CVP. This volume is available for \$48.00 plus \$4.00 shipping.

The fifth and final volume on passage of the CVPIA by Richard Golb, legislative assistant to Senator John Seymour, examines Senator Seymour's attempts to pass his own reform measure backed by agriculture. This volume is available for \$51.00 plus \$4.00 shipping.

All of these can be ordered from the [Regional Oral History Office](http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/ROHO) <<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/ROHO>>, 486 Library, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. Tel. (510) 642-7395. Allow three months for delivery. Checks should be made payable to the Friends of the Bancroft Library.< /p>

The 21st Biennial Ground Water Conference

The 21st Biennial Ground Water Conference will be held September 15-16, 1997 in Sacramento, CA, at the Radisson Hotel. This 21st Biennial Conference will continue to emphasize that groundwater managers must be concerned not only with quantity, but quality. There will also be poster sessions. For further information contact [Jeff Woled](mailto:jwoled@ucdavis.edu) <jwoled@ucdavis.edu>, Centers for Water and Wildland Resources, 1323 Academic Surge, University of California, Davis 95616. Tel. (916) 752-8050.

NEW SERVICES

Environmental Databases on the Web

The Water Resources Center Archives announces UCB access to an Internet-based subscription to databases in the area of Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management!

The Water Resources Center Archives in conjunction with the Public Health Library, the Biosciences & Natural Resources Library, and the Engineering Library have subscribed to Cambridge Scientific Abstracts for 1997.

How to get to the databases? Come to a UCB library and use one of our networked PC's, or use your own webbrowser (*if you have a UCB campus IP address or a UCB Home IP address)* go to: <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/WRCA/csadata.html>.

Click on the button which says **Access Environmental databases**. You can then search all 12 subfiles, or you can click on **Optional search of individual subfiles** to see a list of the subfiles and pick the ones of interest to you. Subfiles include Water Resources Abstracts, Health & Safety Sciences Abstracts, Pollution Abstracts, Risk Abstracts, and Toxicology Abstracts.

In addition to the databases mentioned, the system provides access to Environmental RouteNet. Environmental RouteNet can access web-based resources of all kinds in the environmental arena: regulatory information, environmental impact statements, environmental news, patent and grant information, etc.

For a quick guide on searching the databases, you can check out:

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/ENGI/howespm.html>

GIFTS

The US Bureau of Reclamation has completed 22 additional reports as part of their Historic Narratives Project. These reports have been cataloged and are searchable on the Melvyl catalog by title or by series ("Find se research on historic reclamation projects"). Questions about this series can be directed to [Wm. Joe Simonds](mailto:jsimonds@do.usbr.gov) <jsimonds@do.usbr.gov>, Bureau of Reclamation. A partial list of the recent additions follows:

- Boulder Canyon Project, All American Canal
- Cachuma Project
- Canadian River Project
- Florida Project
- Hungry Horse Project
- Missoula Valley Project
- North Platte Project
- Paonia Project
- Ririe Project
- Sanpete Project
- Santa Maria Project
- Smith River Project
- Teton Basin Project
- Ventura River Project

SPECIAL ISSUE

Following is a list of materials purchased for the Water Resources Center Archives in 1996 by the [Bruvold Memorial Fund](#) <<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/WRCA/memorial.html>>.

Cheremisinoff, Paul N. Handbook of water and wastewater treatment technology. New York: M. Dekker, c1995; 833 p.; ISBN 0824792777.

R 43 N5

Dziegielewski, Benedykt, et al. Evaluating urban water conservation programs : a procedures manual. Denver, Colo.: American Water Works Association, c1993; 1 v.; ISBN 0898676762.

R 70 N3

Standard methods for the examination of water and wastewater. 19th ed. Washington, D.C.: American Public Health Association, American Water Works Association, Water Environment Federation, c1995; 1 v.; ISBN 0875532233.

R 41.4 J9-2 1995

Water in the 21st century : conservation, demand and supply : April 23-26, 1995, Salt Lake City, Utah, ed. Lloyd H. Austin. Herndon, Va.: American Water Resources Association, c1995; 736 p. (Technical publication series (American Water Resources Association); TPS-95-1); ISBN 1882132327.

70 N5-3

Water quality assessments : a guide to the use of biota, sediments, and water in environmental monitoring, ed. Deborah Chapman. 2nd ed. London; New York: E & FN Spon, 1996; 626 p.; ISBN 0419215905; 0419216006 (pbk.).

R 41.3 N2-7 1996

We all live downstream [videorecording]. Corvallis, Or.: Oregon State University Agricultural Communications, c1996; 1 videocassette (28 min., 30 sec.).

Summary: Examines the problems of runoff and nonpoint source pollution in Oregon's Tualatin River and how local residents and government officials are trying to reduce nonpoint source pollution. It also offers tips to help each of us play an active role in cleaning up our nation's drinking water supplies.

G2895 N6 Video

Following is a list of materials purchased for the Water Resources Center Archives in 1996 by the [Williams Memorial Fund](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/WRCA/memorial.html) <<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/WRCA/memorial.html>>.

Agricultural research to protect water quality : proceedings of the conference, February 21-24, 1993, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. Ankeny, Iowa: Soil and Water Conservation Society ; in cooperation with Agricultural Research Service, c1994; 2 v. (755 p.); ISBN 0935734341.

G2087 N3 v.1-2

California agricultural directory. Sacramento: California Farm Bureau Federation, Information Services Division. Vols. for 1978- include Oregon and Washington.

R G4092 W

Crops, people and irrigation : water allocation practices of farmers and engineers, ed. Geert Diemer and Frans P. Huibers. London: Intermediate Technology, 1996; 155 p.; ISBN 1853393045 (pbk).

30.2 N6

Environmental enhancement through agriculture, ed. William Lockeretz. Medford, Mass.: Tufts University, Center for Agriculture, Food and Environment, 1996; 334 p.

77 N6

Farnam, Farhad. Irrigation technology adoption in agriculture. Thesis (Ph.D.)--University of California, Davis, 1994; 122 p.

G431 N4-2

Harvey, Jeffrey Graham. Water labyrinth, policy reform for reallocation of California water : the San Joaquin Valley as a case study of institutional barriers to water use reform. Thesis (Ph.D.)--University of California, Los Angeles, 1994; 133 p.

G436 N4-3

FREE PUBLICATIONS

The following duplicates were received at the Archives and are available free by sending e-mail to [Kathy Dieden](mailto:kdieden@library.berkeley.edu) <kdieden@library.berkeley.edu>, or calling (510) 642-2666.

Free publications are no longer available.