

### 13th Annual California Water Policy Conference

The 13th annual California Water Policy Conference, "Juggling Our Water Future," will be held Nov. 19-20, 2003 in Los Angeles. Pat Mulroy, general manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker and will talk about what California and Nevada can learn from each other as both states plan for an uncertain water future with many common challenges. The conference planning committee has announced it is actively searching for award nominees. This year the committee is looking for individuals, public and nonprofit agencies, and private companies that have advanced innovation, breakthrough technologies, and/or new ways of thinking about water in California to the benefit of multiple stakeholders.

Visit [www.cawaterpolicy.org](http://www.cawaterpolicy.org) for more information, or contact Debbi Dodson at 858-272-9627.

### BECC Funds Border Improvements



The Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) recently approved funds for wastewater collection system construction and expansion along the U.S.-Mexico border. A new wastewater collection system, pumping station, and pressure and conveyance line will be constructed in

Gadsden, Arizona, north of the twin border cities of San Luis, Arizona and San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora. The conveyance line will connect to the San Luis Arizona wastewater treatment plant. The project will have an estimated cost of \$5.3 million and will benefit 880 residents.

In addition, BECC has approved nearly \$448,000 for technical assistance to nine U.S. border communities and two Mexican communities. The funding covers a variety of activities, ranging from financial analysis, certification documentation, and planning to environmental assessment updates and public participation. Projects generally involve the expansion of wastewater, sewer, or irrigation systems to improve public health, environmental compliance, and water conservation along the Rio Grande.

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### Dictionary of Drillers' Terms Available



Have you ever been confused by the use of terms such as "monkey board," "cat head," "bull reel," or "dog house" around a drilling rig, when there were no animals in sight? The terminology and slang expressions used in the well-drilling industry provide useful and sometimes colorful descriptions of the various activities, equipment, people, or situations that occur at a drilling site. Definitions of these terms are not typically found in hydrological text books or conventional dictionaries, so a dictionary of drillers' terms has been compiled by Marvin Glotfelty and Sheryl Gordon of Clear Creek Associates in Phoenix, Arizona and Ronald Peterson of Baroid IDP, South Jordan, Utah.

The *Dictionary of Drillers' Terms* is expected to be available from the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) in August 2003. This dictionary provides an update to *Marvin's Dictionary of Driller's Terms*, published in 1992 by the Arizona Water Well Association. The new edition will be more than twice the size of that work, with over 650 defined terms and about 100 photographs. The authors will contribute their royalties (15% of annual dictionary sales revenue) to the Arizona Hydrological Society and the Arizona Water Well Association.

Visit [www.ngwa.org/bookstore.html](http://www.ngwa.org/bookstore.html) to order the dictionary.

### Nominations Sought for New International Water Prize



The Prince Sultan Research Center for Environment, Water & Desert at King Saud University in Saudi Arabia announced the creation of "the largest award for outstanding research and innovation in water fields." The Prince Sultan Bin AbdulAziz International Prize for Water, worth \$133,000 for each of five categories, rewards the



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- Alternative (nontraditional) Water Resources: economical technologies in seawater desalination
- Water Resources Management: effective new techniques of irrigation water conservation
- Protection of Water Resources: protection of groundwater from agricultural pollutants

Nominations for individual and organization awards will be accepted through Oct. 30, 2003. Winners will be announced in May/June 2004.

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