

## Water Education Foundation Tours for 2004

Tours offered  
by the  
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based Water Education Foundation provide participants with a firsthand look at water facilities, rivers, and regions critical in the debate about the future of water resources in California and the West. Issues of water supply, water quality, environmental restoration, flood management, water marketing, groundwater, and water conservation are addressed by a wide range of speakers.

The tours are praised by participants for being balanced, thorough, and fun. Participants learn about local, state, and federal issues from experts representing a variety of viewpoints. Time for socializing and networking is included in the schedule.

Five tours will be offered in 2004. All are for three days and two nights, and cost \$575 for a one-person, single occupancy room or \$950 for a two-person, double occupancy room. Group discounts are available. The fee includes transportation and lodging on the tour, meals, and background materials. Attorneys can earn continuing legal education credits for an additional fee.

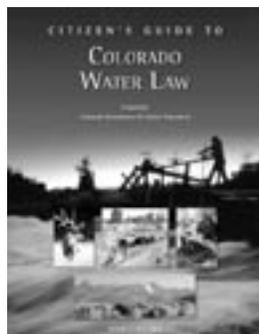
2004 Tour Dates:

- Lower Colorado River Tour, March 24-26
- Central Valley Tour, May 12-14
- Bay-Delta Tour, June 16-18
- Northern California Tour, September 15-17
- Southern California Tour, October 6-8

Visit [www.watereducation.org/tours.asp](http://www.watereducation.org/tours.asp).

## Colorado Water Law Guide Now Available

The Colorado Foundation for Water Education has announced the release of *The Citizen's Guide to Colorado Water Law*. This 38-page, color booklet explores the basics of Colorado water law, how it developed, and how it is applied today.



Readers learn about surface and groundwater allocation and regulation, interstate compacts, and how a "call" for water works. The guide is designed to be easy-to-read, yet comprehensive enough to serve as a valuable reference tool. Booklets may be ordered online at [www.cfwe.org](http://www.cfwe.org). Copies are \$7 each, or \$5 each for orders of 10 or more. The Colorado Foundation for Water Education is an independent nonprofit organization, dedicated to providing impartial nonadvocacy water information and education for the citizens of Colorado.

Visit [www.cfwe.org/](http://www.cfwe.org/).

## California Groundwater Groups Hold Joint Meeting

From Oct. 28-29, 2003, the Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRAC) and the University of California Center for Water Resources held their 24th Biennial Groundwater Conference and 12th Annual GRAC Meeting in Ontario, California. The theme of the meeting was the role of groundwater in integrated water management. In spite of several speaker changes related to the massive Southern California fires, about 225 people attended the conference. Plenary speakers included Robert Glennon, professor of law at the University of Arizona, and Carl Hauge, chief hydrogeologist at the California Department of Water Resources.

Individual sessions covered integrated water management, aspects of a good groundwater plan, desalination, wastewater management, groundwater quantification tools, contaminant fate and transport, public interactions, calculation of a groundwater budget, and transboundary issues. In addition, Deborah Bass from the Jet Propulsion Lab at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration presented her agency's upcoming efforts to

search for water and life on Mars via the two Mars Exploration Rovers that were launched in June and July 2003 and are expected to land on Mars in January 2004.

Two awards were announced during the meeting. Rita Schmidt Sudman, executive director of the Water Education Foundation, received the GRAC Lifetime Achievement Award for her years of work in educating people of all ages about water issues. In addition, Paul Dorey, a founding member of GRAC and longtime GRAC director, was given an honorary award for his years of service to GRAC and the water community. Dorey recently retired from both GRAC involvement and the Vista Irrigation District, where he was the director of water resources.

For more information, visit [www.grac.org](http://www.grac.org) or [www.waterresources.ucr.edu/](http://www.waterresources.ucr.edu/).

## California Groundwater Management Handbook Released by GRAC



The second edition of *California Groundwater Management*, a reference book and guidance manual published by the Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRAC), was released in December 2003. Handbook chapters include a systematic guide to preparing groundwater management plans and local wellhead protection programs, as well as reference material on California hydrogeology and groundwater quality. The handbook also provides an extensive discussion of the political, institutional, legal, and technical issues that are part of the groundwater management process.

The handbook is intended to be used as both a reference for public officials who need a fundamental understanding of groundwater issues as they consider policies for the comprehensive management of water resources, and as a general guide for the hands-on development of groundwater management plans.

The handbook costs \$35 per copy for GRAC members and \$45 for nonmembers. For more information or to order it online, visit [www.grac.org](http://www.grac.org).