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WEF Launches The Runoff Rundown

The first issue of the California-based Water Education Foundation's new newsletter on nonpoint source pollution, *The Runoff Rundown*, debuted in April. The free, semiannual publication will highlight examples of successful efforts to reduce or eliminate nonpoint source water pollution by state, regional, and local entities, as well as collaborations formed among users to address this problem.

The premier issue looked at how California agriculture has responded to new requirements to monitor its discharges more closely, highlighting the successes of coalition groups in the Central Valley and farmers in the Central Coast region.

The Runoff Rundown is funded by a grant from the California State Water Resources Control Board and the U.S. EPA under the Federal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (Clean Water Act Section 319).

The publication is available via email and in printed format. Call 916-444-6240 or email gtotten@watereducation.org.

ACWA Unveils Action Plan for Meeting Future Water Needs

At its 2005 Spring Conference and Exposition, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) unveiled an action plan for California's water future. The document, "No Time to Waste: A Blueprint for California Water," lays out a diverse mix of actions and investments to help California meet its water supply needs in the coming decades. Developed by a task force representing local public water agencies throughout the state, the document is intended to serve as a roadmap for state and federal leaders to follow to ensure California continues to have the water supply system it needs, according to ACWA's news release.

Some key recommendations include improving the existing water conveyance system in the Sacramento-San Joaquin

River Delta and supporting and funding local efforts to expand recycled water use, water use efficiency, and desalination of seawater and brackish groundwater.

The Blueprint is available at www.acwa.com/issues/blueprint.

NGWA Announces 2006 Darcy Lecturer

The National Ground Water Association named Eileen Poeter as the 2006 Darcy Lecture Series speaker. Poeter is a professor of geological engineering at the Colorado School of Mines and director of the International Ground Water Modeling Center. She also manages the Software Review department of *Southwest Hydrology*.

Poeter's lecture, "All Models Are Wrong: How Do We Know Which Are Useful?" details how the groundwater profession today is searching for appropriate approaches to developing conceptual models, evaluating which are useful, and describing the uncertainty associated with their predictions.

Requests for the Darcy Lecturer for the 2006 calendar year must be submitted online at www.ngwa.org/forms/darcylectureform.html by Oct. 15, 2005. Direct questions to Michelle Islam at mislam@ngwa.org.

AWWA Welcomes Richardson as New President

At the annual conference and exposition of the American Water Works Association

(AWWA) in June, Andy W. Richardson was welcomed as the association's new president. Richardson is a principal and director of the Phoenix and Las Vegas offices of the consulting firm Greeley and Hansen. He began his term by calling on the water community to act as responsible stewards of our critical water infrastructure.

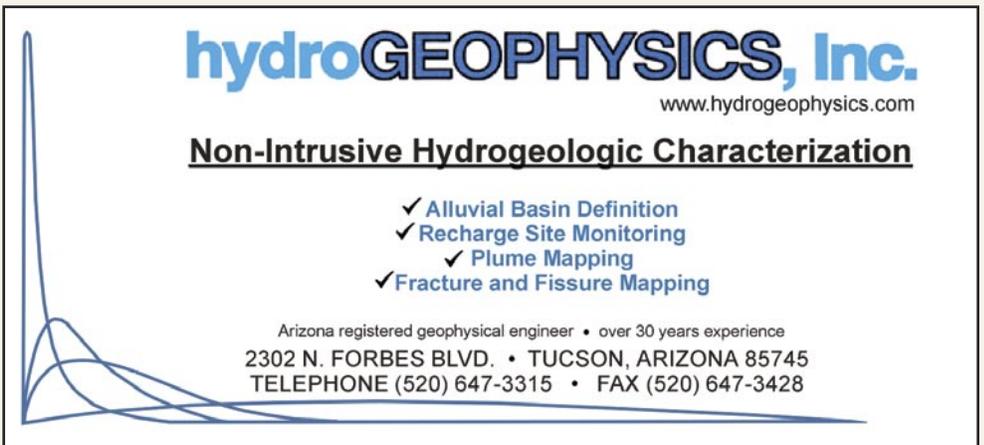
Richardson succeeds Kathryn L. McCain, and follows in the footsteps of his father, William H. Richardson, who was AWWA president from 1984-85.

Visit www.awwa.org.

AHS Symposium Sept. 21-24

The Arizona Hydrological Society's 18th Annual Symposium will be held in Flagstaff Sept. 21-24, 2005. This year's meeting will feature a "Conservation & Innovation" forum with panelists from the metropolitan areas of Tucson, Phoenix, southern California, and southern Nevada, as well as from smaller Arizona communities, the Hopi Tribe, and the Navajo Nation. Concurrent technical sessions will address topics ranging from policy issues to watershed, groundwater, and water quality studies. In addition, a variety of workshops are being offered, covering such topics as well design, drought planning, and xeriscape. Field trips to the upper Verde Valley and Fossil Creek Dam will also be held.

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