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From the Publisher

Sustainable water, unlimited growth, and quality of life: can we have it all? This issue not only tackles that thorny topic, it also presents a preview of Southwest Hydrology*'s first symposium, sponsored jointly with the Arizona Hydrological Society, in Tucson Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2007. Interestingly, the response to our call for abstracts produced several that faced the question head on, but with some saying, "yes, of course we can," and others, "absolutely not!" What do you think? The articles here explore aspects of trying to "have it all" related to accommodating growth, preserving ecosystems, management options, and the strong link between energy and water supplies—they may change your mind or reinforce your initial response. And if you like what you read here, you won't want to miss the symposium, where we're bringing together preeminent scientists, planners, and policy makers to confront the difficult issues that lie before us.*

*The symposium will also offer optional workshops and field trips. Four concurrent technical sessions and a robust poster session will present wide diversity of work. We're covering science, policy, and technology, and it's all happening in a beautiful resort setting where the room rates are low! Check out our website for more details (*www.watersymposium.org*). Registration is now open and the room block is filling up, along with exhibit spaces and sponsorships. What are you waiting for?*

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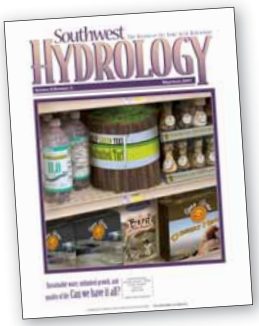
Betsy Woodhouse, Publisher



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