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River Partners Recognized for Restoration Efforts

John Carlon, president of the nonprofit organization, River Partners, and its senior restoration ecologist Tom Griggs won the 2007 James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award, which brought \$125,000 to the organization. The awards recognize individuals who have demonstrated ingenuity, dedication, and collaboration to address major state challenges. Carlon and Griggs were honored for successfully advancing the use of ecological restoration for conserving wildlife and enhancing flood protection along the major rivers of California.

River Partners, based in Chico, California, has a mission to create wildlife habitat and protect the environment by implementing large-scale restoration along streams and rivers in California's Central Valley.

The organization helps farmers, landowners, and public agencies craft restoration agreements that balance environmental needs with local, economic, and recreational requirements. Carlon, a blueberry farmer, and Griggs, lead the effort with diplomatic skills and scientific expertise. By forging unlikely alliances among stakeholders, River Partners has reforested 6,000 acres in 24 restoration projects along six major rivers.

California agricultural pioneer James Irvine established his namesake foundation in 1937 to promote the "general well-being of the citizens and residents of the state of California." This was the second year the leadership awards were made. Five other recipients statewide received them for projects involving education in low-performing schools, community building, and air quality and global warming issues.

Visit www.riverpartners.org and www.irvine.org.

Strobel Leaves Nevada

Mike Strobel left his position as associate district chief of the Nevada Water Science Center of the USGS in May to move to Portland, Oregon, where he became the director of the National Weather and Climate Center of the Natural Resources Conservation District.

Strobel was a prolific contributor to Nevada hydrology through his USGS activities and his involvement with the Nevada Water Resources Association (NWRA). He led the development of the *Journal of the NWRA*, web-based, peer-reviewed technical publication, and served as chief editor since its inception. He also maintained considerable involvement in NWRA's other activities, particularly its annual meeting. In addition, Strobel authored *Water in Nevada*, a 122-page overview of hydrologic principles within the context of the state.

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Reclamation's Rodgers Retires

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation announced that Kirk C. Rodgers, regional director of the Mid-Pacific Region, retired from his position in August. He joined Reclamation's Pacific Northwest Region in 1973 and moved to the Mid-Pacific Region in 1981.

John Davis, the Mid-Pacific Region's deputy regional director, will serve as acting regional director until a permanent replacement is announced. Rodgers will continue working for the Mid-Pacific Region, focusing on drainage in the San Joaquin Valley, restoration of the San Joaquin River, and issues in the Sacramento/San Francisco Bay-Delta.

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New Leadership at USGS's AZ Water Science Center

In July, John Hoffmann was appointed director of the USGS Arizona Water Science Center.

Hoffmann's USGS career has taken him from a short stint with the Geologic Discipline at the Hawaii Volcano Observatory to several years working in Honolulu for the Pacific Islands Water Science Center, five years in Saipan, and then 12 years with the Arizona Water Science Center in Tucson. In Arizona, he has worked on a number of major projects including the Verde River Rural Watershed Study, the Fort McDowell Hydrogeology Study, and the Rillito River Recharge Study.

Prior to assuming his new position, Hoffmann was the associate director of the Arizona Water Science Center and section chief of the Hydrologic Investigations and Research Program.

In October, Jim Leenhouts, a USGS hydrologist, was named the new associate director of the center.

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