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A few thoughts about a good team:

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Back in 1999, we assembled our new company on one guiding principle: that the value of our services would equal the sum of our staff.

Over the years, our success in growing our small company has been a reflection of this principle—such that the scope and range of what we provide is the result of the integrity of our collective professional capabilities.

So it is with complete confidence that we are promoting **Mike Alter**, **Don Hanson**, and **Tom Suriano** to positions as principal hydrogeologists at Clear Creek Associates, responsible for technical, contractual, and business matters.

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Joining founding partners (from left) Doug Bartlett and Marvin Glotfelty as Principals of Clear Creek Associates in Phoenix are:

***Thomas R. Suriano, R.G.*, joined Clear Creek in 2006, bringing twenty-two years of experience managing environmental and water resources projects.**

***Donald P. Hanson, R.G.*, joined Clear Creek in 2000 and has twenty-two years of experience managing environmental and water resources projects.**

And in Tucson:

***Michael L. Alter, R.G.*, joined Clear Creek Associates at its inception in 1999 as head of the Tucson office and brings thirteen years of experience consulting on environmental and water resources projects.**

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Does your region have extra water now that you want to save for later, when there might be a drought? You could keep it in a reservoir if you have access to one, but you'll lose some of the water to evaporation. Or you could let it seep into the ground or inject it down a well to an aquifer, and plan to pump it back out when you need it. Your biggest problem may be figuring out what to call this process: in preparing this issue, we discovered strong and diverse opinions on terminology, especially among experts. Not all will agree with our decision (see page 16 sidebar), but we believe "aquifer storage and recovery" most clearly describes what we're talking about.

Did you pay someone for your Southwest Hydrology *subscription, or receive it as a "gift"? Say it ain't so! We recently learned that some unscrupulous entities are offering* Southwest Hydrology *subscriptions for around $10/year and pocketing the money.* Southwest Hydrology *is FREE! We are taking steps to stop this activity; if you paid, please let us know.*

Thanks to all of you who responded to our online survey, which was sent to the roughly 4,300 subscribers for which we have valid email addresses. We received some excellent suggestions, many of which we hope to implement in future issues, and learned a lot about our readers. We will provide more on the results in the next issue. Bottom line: most respondents are quite satisfied with Southwest Hydrology *and are also happy in their jobs. And more than half usually or always read this letter—not just my mother!*

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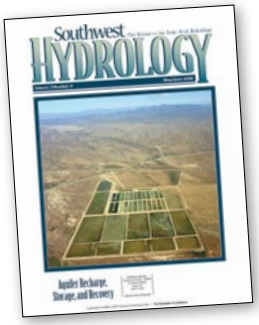

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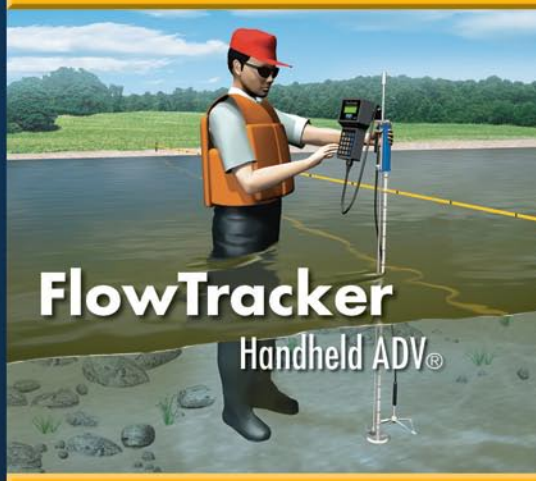

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In this issue we define the deliberate recharge and temporary storage of "excess" (unneeded) water in an aquifer, with the intent of recovering that water for future use, as aquifer storage and recovery (ASR). The technique is increasingly being used as a water management tool. The implementation of ASR projects varies widely in the type of water used, method of recharge, aquifer type, and engineering of the project, as described in these feature articles. Furthermore, water quality changes resulting from mixing two different waters must be considered, as well as regulatory and policy constraints. And do you really get that water back? Read all about it…

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