

Philanthropy Southwest

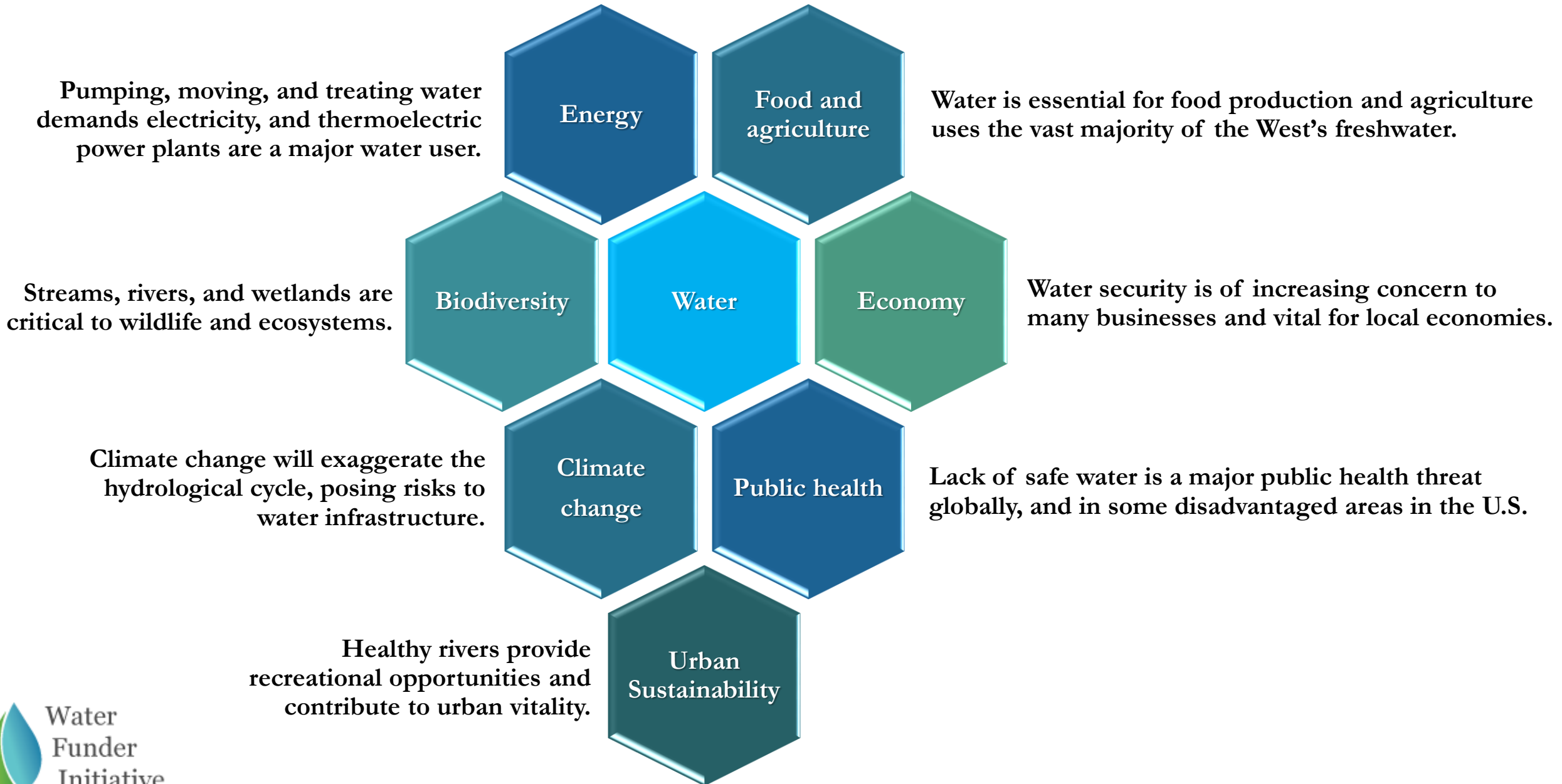


Water
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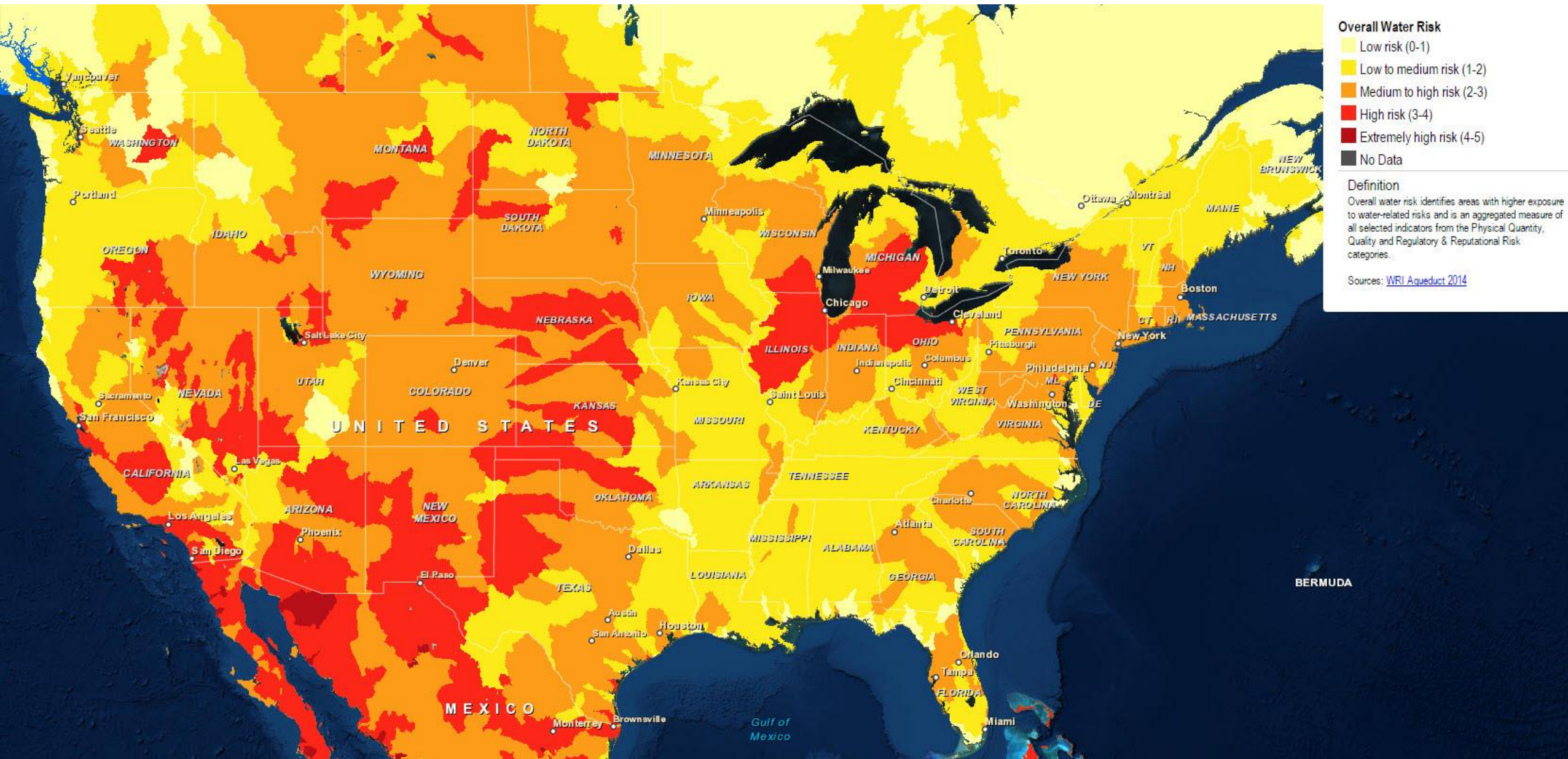
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Water is integral to social, economic, and environmental issues



Many parts of U.S. face high levels of water risk



Water Funder Initiative (WFI)

A collaborative effort to identify—and attract philanthropic funding for—the most promising solutions to U.S. water problems, starting in the American West.

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WFI's three goals

1. Identify priority strategies for water-related philanthropy
2. Engage funders and support coordinated action on priority strategies
3. Increase support for priority strategies over time



Vision: balance & resilience

- Clean water supplies are available for people and nature
- Freshwater ecosystems are no longer declining but are recovering
- Cities, farms, and industry thrive and proactively manage the risks that accompany droughts, floods, and extreme weather



Six priority strategies to achieve goals

Priority strategies and objectives

1. Shape healthy markets

Foster equitable, transparent markets to meet changing needs, reduce risks, and provide environmental benefits.

2. Develop new funding sources

Expand sources/types of funding for sustainable management, focusing on investments that integrate human and environmental uses.

3. Advance integrated governance

Shape new and improved forms of governance to promote sustainable management and better integrate human and environmental uses.

4. Drive decisions with data

Accelerate development of data and information systems to support sustainable management.

5. Strengthen communications to build political will

Build political will and constituencies to support sustainable management reforms by improving the field's communications capacity.

6. Foster innovation

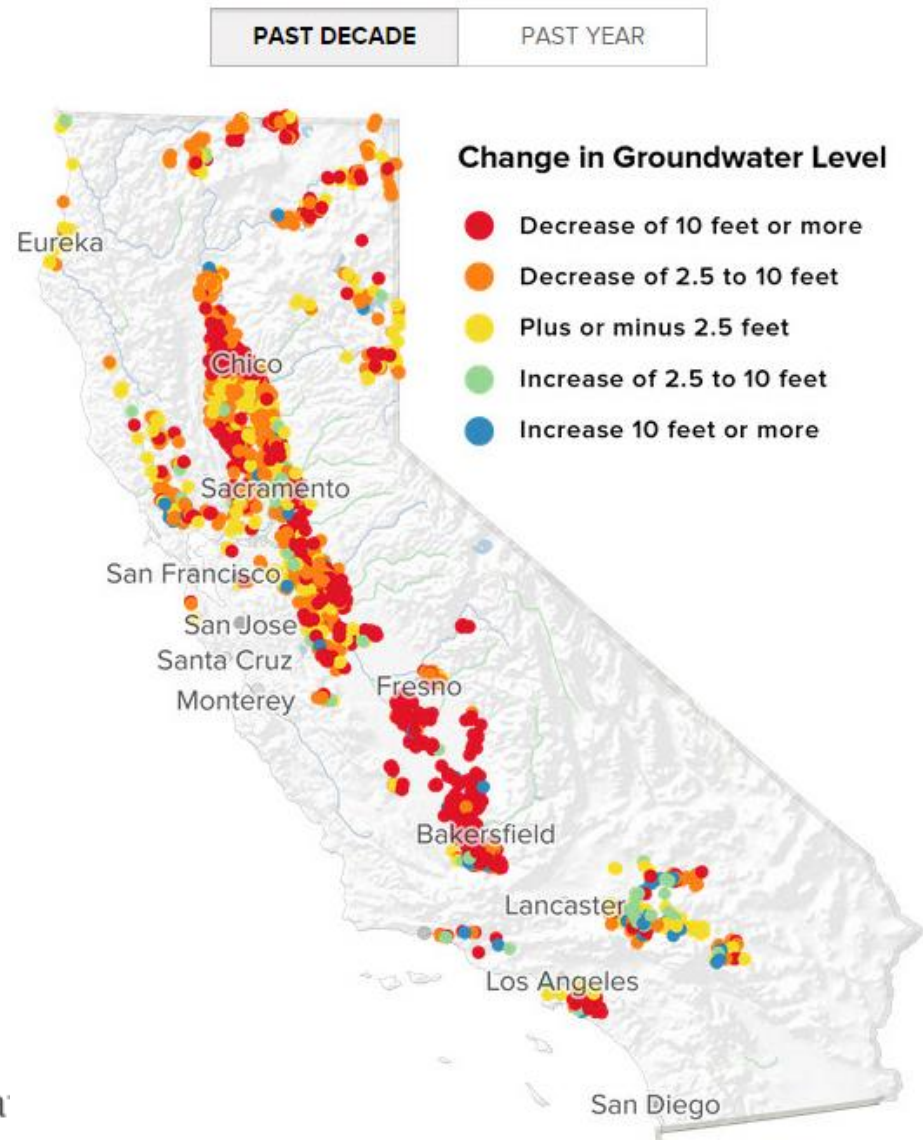
Accelerate development/deployment of innovative technologies and best practices to advance agricultural, urban, and environmental water goals.

Long-term goals

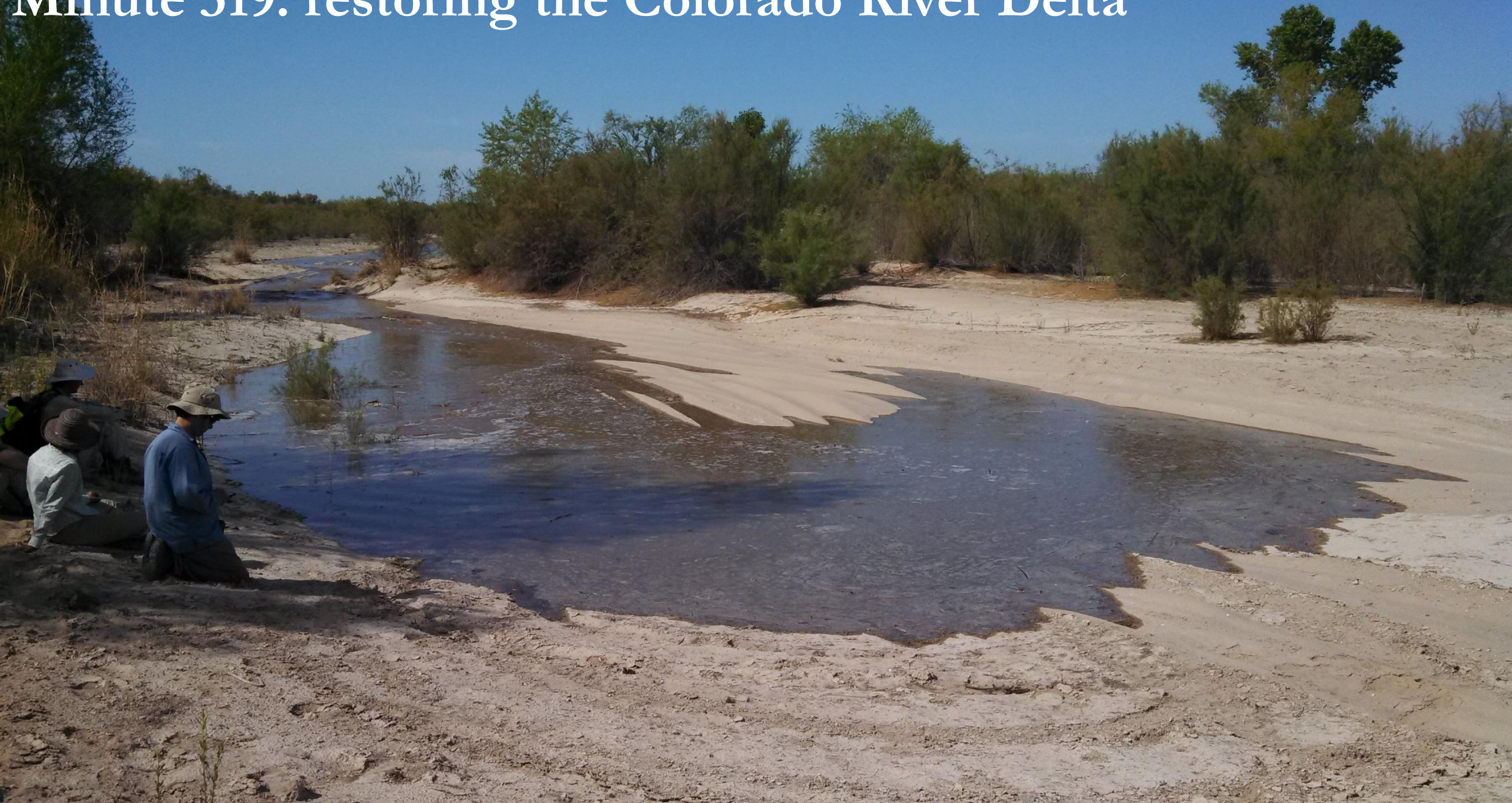
Basins in balance for people and nature

Resilience of water systems strengthened for 21st century climate

California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act



Minute 319: restoring the Colorado River Delta



Texas Living Waters Project



Droughts are a fact of life in Texas. The best way to prepare is to plan ahead and respond strategically.

- [Drought in Texas](#)
- [Drought Contingency Planning](#)
- [State Water Planning and Drought](#)
- [Saving Money and Water During Drought](#)
- [Protecting Rivers During Drought](#)
- [Water Conservation or Drought Response](#)
- [Learning from the Current Drought](#)
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Making efficient use of our existing water supplies is the most economical and environmentally-sound way to provide water for Texas today and tomorrow.

- [Water Conservation Works](#)
- [Top Three Water User Categories in Texas](#)
- [Municipal Water Conservation](#)
- [Role of State Government](#)
- [Reducing Outdoor Water Use](#)
- [Conserving Water to Prepare for Drought](#)
- [Case Study: Water Conservation in San Antonio](#)
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Questions for funders

- **Where does your existing funding intersect with water?**
- **What impacts around water might you want to achieve?**
- **What interest do you have in working with other funders to solve water problems?**

