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Water Commission explores drought impacts and responses in two issues of Water Resources IMPACT magazine

The California Water Commission staff will act as guest editor for an open access, double issue of *Water Resources IMPACT* magazine on the topic of preparing the American West for prolonged drought. Articles will delve into how drought impacts people and the environment and how we can respond to droughts, better preparing for the inevitable.

The first issue, published on February 14, 2023, focuses on water scarcity issues confronting California and the ways these issues impact different sectors. The second issue, to be published in March 2023, will focus on drought response, considering the options for adaptation. This two-part series complements the Commission's work on strategies to protect communities and fish and wildlife in the event of a long-term drought.

The authors who contributed to the double issue are a diverse array of Tribal experts, academics, NGO thought-leaders, water managers, and water policy influencers, each of whom brings their own perspective on the topic of drought. Their expertise and perspectives in climate science, water policy, and water management will help inform drought-related decision-making and support policies that better prepare the state to thrive during prolonged drought events.

The first issue includes contributions from:

- Dr. Samantha Stevenson, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Dr. Jay Lund, University of California, Davis
- Ron Goode, North Fork Mono Tribe
- Andy Fecko, Placer County Water Agency
- Dr. Jeff Mount and Dr. Ted Grantham, Public Policy Institute of California
- Dr. Nat Seavy and Karyn Stockdale, National Audubon Society
- Kjia Rivers, Community Water Center
- Cannon Michael, Bowles Farming
- Michelle Reimer, Turlock Irrigation District
- Dr. Faith Kearns, California Institute for Water Resources

The January/February edition of *Water Resources IMPACT* magazine can be accessed, free of charge, on the [American Water Resources Association website](#).

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The nine-member California Water Commission uses its public forum to explore water management issues from multiple perspectives and to formulate recommendations to advise the director of the California Department of Water Resources, and as appropriate, the California Natural Resources Agency, the Governor and Legislature on ways to improve water planning and management in response to California's changing hydrology. For more information regarding the California Water Commission visit cwc.ca.gov.