

CALIFORNIA GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT, 2ND EDITION, 2005
Comments & Reviews

As a water educator, I appreciate what these seven authors and the Groundwater Resources Association of California have accomplished in furthering groundwater education in this remarkable book on managing an important resource. The authors' personal long-term dedication and enthusiasm about groundwater has helped me understand how vital this resource is to all Californians. In this state we depend on groundwater more than most people realize. As the state grows, relying on groundwater for many agricultural and urban needs, this book will become increasingly important. I hope this practical book will be used by policy makers to develop statewide groundwater management policies that can be successfully implemented at the local level.

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California Groundwater Management is an excellent resource that will find wide acceptance, not only in California but elsewhere as well. The layout is user-friendly with judicious use of sidebars. I particularly like the graphics and the use of blue and black print. The combination of the scientific, engineering, and management aspects of groundwater in such a compact text is a tour de force. Although it is oriented to California's legal and institutional framework, California Groundwater Management will nonetheless be a valuable resource to all those in the field of groundwater hydrology. I intend to recommend it to my students and colleagues. I can even forgive the authors for spelling "ground water" as one word!

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The second edition of California Groundwater Management published by the Groundwater Resources Association of California provides an indispensable guidebook for organizations and agencies desiring to provide a sustainable water supply from groundwater resources. This edition, twice the size of the 1997 edition, is far more comprehensive and replete with useful illustrations. The seven authors, all recognized leaders in the hydrogeology or water resources law, have clearly focused on the key elements – political, legal, institutional, technical, and economic - involved in management of groundwater resources. Except for institutional and legislative actions unique to California, most of the book is generally applicable elsewhere and therefore deserves wide national attention by all personnel concerned with this increasingly important water source.

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