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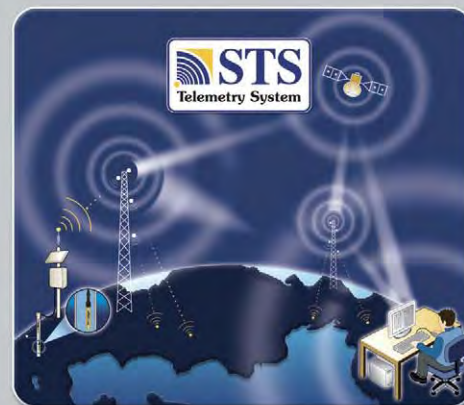
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From the Publisher



After more than eight years developing and producing Southwest Hydrology, this issue, the 47th, is my last; I'm moving to the University of Arizona's Institute of the Environment. Some water issues have changed a lot since the early days; we used the term "climate variability" rather than "climate change," and everyone was abuzz about whether the Colorado River Basin states would end up in court over shortage issues. Now, climate "change" is well-accepted and we've moved on to trying to deal with it. The basin states reached agreement. On the other hand, the Sac-San Joaquin Bay-Delta was an ecological and political mess in 2001 and it still is, but at least California is finally going to monitor (and report on) its groundwater basins. In producing Southwest Hydrology, I've learned so much about the science, issues, politics, and people related to water in the Southwest; I hope you have too. I am deeply grateful to all who have supported the magazine over the years—advertisers, sponsors, contributors, readers, advisory board, and staff; it's been a tremendous experience working with you all.

Betsy Woodhouse, Publisher

Dear Southwest Hydrology Readers,

Publication of Southwest Hydrology is being suspended following this issue in part because of the nationwide recession and because funding from the National Science Foundation, which covered the gap between revenues and expenses, ceased in December.

The end of NSF support is no surprise; Southwest Hydrology began planning for it nearly three years ago by reducing expenses, boosting ad revenues to all-time highs, soliciting sponsorships, and hosting symposia and workshops. Unfortunately, the revenue gap persists.

SAHRA, the umbrella organization for Southwest Hydrology, is not giving up on the publication. I believe it's been the most effective knowledge transfer effort that SAHRA has produced, in large part due to the dedication, leadership, and incredible effort of Betsy Woodhouse. We will keep you apprised of future developments via email. Please email (gwoodard@sahra.arizona.edu) or call (520-626-5399) if you have ideas or opinions about the future of Southwest Hydrology that you wish to share.

Sincerely,
Gary Woodard
Associate Director for Knowledge Transfer

Stormwater moving through the Rillito Wash in Tucson, Arizona, on July 31, 2006 created large, transient standing waves as loads of sediment moved through the system. Photo: Betsy Woodhouse.

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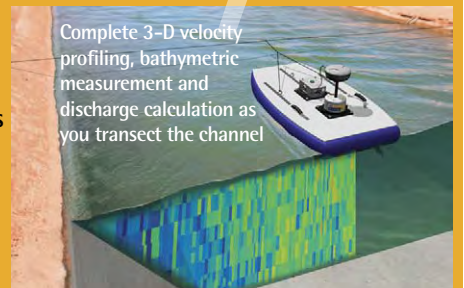


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New approaches to urban water management can result in greater water-use efficiency and environmental benefits. Communities have begun using focused recharge of urban stormwater to replenish the aquifer and offset consumption. Use of drywells and pervious pavement are other means of capturing stormwater and directing it to the subsurface. Treated wastewater is becoming a larger component of municipal water supplies. The need to reserve some water resources for water features and urban waterways is gradually being recognized. But as these articles illustrate, urban water also presents significant management challenges, ranging from water-quality concerns and technological limitations to the impacts of considerable sociodemographic and topographic differences within a single metropolitan region.

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Thomas E. Gill, Timothy W. Collins, and David J. Novlan

Most Southwest residents are familiar with a variety of issues related to the U.S.-Mexico border, but did you ever think of flooding as one of them? Socioeconomic differences can mean a major storm causes inconveniences north of the border but has devastating impacts on the other side. Topographic differences over short distances enhance the range of impacts. Recognizing these differences holds valuable lessons for city planners and managers.

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David W. Foss, Shannon Tillack, and Martin Stegmiller

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