

Monthly Briefing

A Summary of the Alliance's Recent and Upcoming Activities and Important Water News

Alliance Has A Terrific Lineup For 20th Birthday

Annual Meeting Will Focus On Changes, Issues Feb. 28-29 While Enjoying The Fun of Las Vegas

Family Farm Alliance members and friends who gather next month will be celebrating a milestone while wrestling with some of the biggest issues and changes ever to confront irrigated agriculture.

“The Alliance at 20 – A Time of Transition” will theme the Family Farm Alliance’s 20th Annual Meeting and Conference at the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino in always exciting Las Vegas.

HURRY AND REGISTER by Friday, January 25, and you’ll save. Early signups are \$329 but the charge goes up to \$345 the next day.

January 25 is also the room reservation

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New Year’s Storms Boost West’s Snowpacks

A series of moisture-laden storm fronts pounded the West Coast as the New Year rolled in, which bolstered mountain snowpacks from the Cascade Mountains to the Rockies.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) on January 11 issued its January 2008 update of Western snowpack conditions, which forms the basis for the agency’s monthly water supply forecast updates. Last week’s update reflects water supply conditions as of January 1, 2008.

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La Niña Thus Far Shows Strength

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The New Year opened with surpluses in snowpack over western Oregon and Washington as well as southern Colorado and northern New Mexico. Deficits dominated California, the Snake River Basin (WYOMING, IDAHO, OREGON), the North Platte River (WYOMING), and much of central Arizona.

In a typical winter *La Niña* episode, the Western states usually experience above normal precipitation north of latitude of 41 degrees N, an area that includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, northern Nebraska and the Dakotas.

HOWEVER, THIS year, according to NRCS, the *La Niña* has been unusually strong in intensity and increased variability in the weather has been more the rule. As a result, autumn precipitation has been exceptionally higher than expected over Arizona to Colorado and drier than expected over portions of Montana. *La Niña* related dryness has occurred over much of California, Nevada and southern New Mexico.

The spring and summer streamflow forecasts as of January 1, 2008 are calling for below normal values over California, the Great Basin (NEVADA, IDAHO, OREGON), the Snake River Basin (WYOMING, IDAHO, OREGON), the Wasatch (UTAH), the North Platte and Powder-Tongue River Basins (WYOMING), and the Upper Missouri River Basin. The remainder of the West is expected to have near or above normal streamflows.

AS OF THE START of the year, the Western states show the following average statewide reservoir levels: normal (WASHINGTON), near normal (ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, COLORADO), below normal (IDAHO, OREGON, MONTANA, NEVADA, NEW MEXICO, UTAH, WYOMING).

On January 1, 2008, Western snowpack showed significant variability. The Oregon and Washington

coastal ranges and Southern Rockies have the West's greatest snowpack (more than 150%).

Adjacent to these areas, snowpacks are also near average. Deficits (less than 70%) exist across California, southern Oregon, northern and eastern Nevada, western, central, and northeastern Wyoming, and over isolated river basins in Montana, Utah, and Arizona. The eastern half of Alaska has below normal snowpack (excluding the Panhandle region of the state where snowpack is near normal).

THE STRENGTH of the current Columbia River Basin snowpack is in the north. The January 8 Northwest River Forecast Center forecast was for runoff of 62.6 million acre-feet, 100% of average, as measured at the Columbia's Grand Coulee Dam in northeastern

Washington.

The forecast predicts runoff flowing out of Canada will be from 100-108% of average. Runoff at sites in north Idaho and western Montana are predicted to be in the high 80s and low 90s as a percent of average. The inflow to Libby Dam's reservoir on the Kootenai River, as an example, is forecast to be 95% of normal.

THE RECENT BLIZZARDS have greatly recovered the Sierra Nevada snowpack.

"It brought us from a pretty bleak situation to being in pretty good shape for this time of year," said Dan Greenlee, a hydrologist with the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Lake Tahoe Basin is up to 94% of average. The Truckee River Basin is at 105%, the Carson River Basin, 111% and the Walker River Basin, 105%.

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Snow coats slopes above Oregon's Crater Lake earlier this winter.

'Great Recovery' For Snow In Sierra

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"This is a great recovery," Mr. Greenlee said. "We basically more than doubled the snowpack. We just need to keep the storms coming for the rest of the year."

PRELIMINARY SEASONAL precipitation is above normal, more than 110% of average, throughout the higher elevations of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, northern New Mexico, southern reaches of Arizona, Nevada, and California. Precipitation is near average in Washington, coastal Oregon, southwest Wyoming, and most of Utah. Precipitation is well below normal, less than 70% of average in most of California, Nevada, southern New Mexico, and most of eastern Montana.

Above normal streamflows, more than 110% of average, are predicted for most of the Upper Columbia River Basin, southern Rockies (COLORADO, NEW MEXICO), and central-eastern Arizona.

Slightly below normal streamflows, less than 89% of average, are predicted for many basins in California, Nevada, southern Idaho, southeast Oregon, northern Utah, Wyoming and northern Montana. Near normal streamflows, 90-109% of average, are expected over most of the Cascades (WASHINGTON, OREGON), Idaho ranges, and scattered across the northern Rockies (MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING), and central Rockies (SOUTHERN WYOMING, NORTHERN COLORADO).

RESERVOIR STORAGES as of January 1 were above seasonal averages in only Washington and slightly below average in Arizona, California, and Colorado. Reservoir storage is below average in the remainder of the Western states.

Recent storms dumped several inches of rain into Folsom Lake (CALIFORNIA), which will help raise that Sacramento area reservoir from its lowest level in more than a decade. Before that, lake level was a

scant 371 feet above sea level, containing less than one-quarter of its capacity of water, state and federal officials said.

OFFICIALS ACROSS SOUTHERN California continue to struggle with low water supplies and prepare for potential rationing despite the recent rains. Many cities in the San Gabriel Valley are raising water rates and implementing conservation measures. Glendora is planning to dig deeper wells to access shrinking underground water supplies.

Last year's winter – the driest in 130 years of record keeping – has had a continued impact on water supplies in Southern California, where demand for water is increasing while supplies are decreasing. A recent court ruling that puts a tiny fish in front of urban and agricultural water users, an eight-year drought on the Colorado River and dropping groundwater levels regionally have made water supply particularly tight.

TO LEARN MORE, the National Water and Climate Center home page provides the latest available snowpack and water supply information: <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov>.

'We just need to keep the storms coming for the rest of the year'

—DAN GREENLEE, *Hydrologist*



Old foundations have been visible in low Folsom Lake.

Alliance Has New Look On The Web

Working with an East Coast technology company, the Family Farm Alliance earlier this month developed and released its new website: www.familyfarmalliance.org.

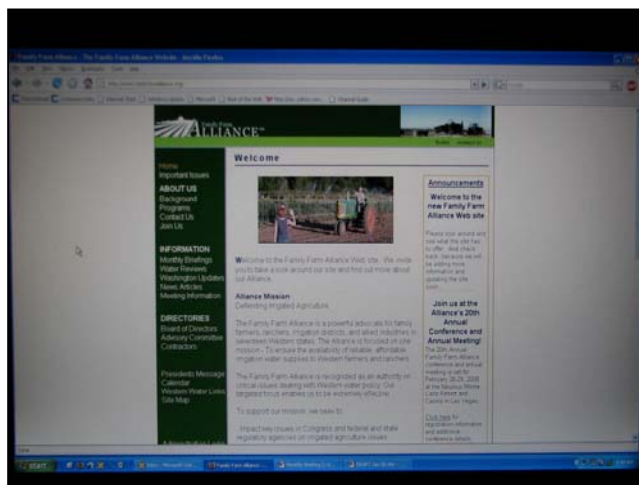
The previous website — same address, but different format — was established more than six years ago and required fairly labor intensive website management software to update and operate.

THE NEW SITE is easier to update and maintain, and allows quicker downloading of the many documents the Alliance has prepared for its members and water policy makers.

Keppen — under the direction of the Alliance board — worked with PrincetonIM, a multi-faceted technology company based in Cambridge (MASSACHUSETTS) that has been serving clients and building customized, database-driven, interactive websites since 1994. Through the company's ClubWizard product, a website and management solution independently created and customized specifically for Rotary Clubs and Districts, PrincetonIM is the largest provider of Rotary Club websites and management.

KEPPEN LEARNED about ClubWizard through his local Rotary Club in Klamath Falls (OREGON). He discovered that the company also provides websites to many small and medium businesses, as well as a myriad of other groups and organizations. He was impressed that ClubWizard would set up much of the initial site for the Alliance as a complimentary service.

"We were able to fairly quickly get started with a complete website after we provided the initial information to ClubWizard," said Keppen.



THE NEW WEBSITE provides the Alliance with an opportunity to have a password-protected members directory on the site, which will allow to view the Members Area and on-line directory immediately. Photos and new information can be easily changed at any

time either by the Alliance or ClubWizard.

"Please look around and see what the site has to offer," said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen.

"And check back, because we will be adding more information and updating the site soon."

Visit The Family Farm Alliance On Line:
www.familyfarmalliance.org

Alliance's Answers

President Responds to Questions Posed By Senate Energy, Natural Resources Panel

Family Farm Alliance President Pat O'Toole (WYOMING) earlier this month submitted detailed responses to seven questions posed by the members of the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

The questions were a follow-up to Mr. O'Toole's appearance before the Committee in late 2007, when he delivered the Alliance's perspective on the SECURE Water Act, legislation introduced by Senator Bingaman (NEW MEXICO) to address climate change impacts to the nation's water resources.

WHILE SEVERAL of the committee members' questions called for additional information and clarification related to Mr. O'Toole's climate change testimony, a few key questions provided an opportunity for the Alliance to articulate the organization's perspective on important, big-picture policy issues.

"Some of the questions posed by the Senators go right to the heart of what the Family Farm Alliance is all about," said Alliance Director Don Schwindt (COLORADO). "Our response to these questions provided a great opportunity to re-think and express our views on these matters."

FOR EXAMPLE, committee Chairman Bingaman noted that, in addition to impacts to agriculture caused by climate change, other factors are having negative impacts to Western agriculture.

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—PAT O'TOOLE, Alliance President

"This industry, particularly in the Rocky Mountain region, is already stressed," said Senator Bingaman. "What is your sense of the future of agriculture in the West?" he asked Mr. O'Toole. "Do the opportunities outweigh the challenges or do you have concerns about the long-term viability of family farms?"

Mr. O'Toole's response essentially stated that there is both pessimism and optimism in the Western agricultural community.

"IN THIS ERA of shrinking agricultural landscapes, there does not appear to be much talk of saving agriculture, let alone trying to increase production acreage," Mr. O'Toole replied.

"If these things are not done, we're afraid we will lose it all. The continued focus on eliminating farming and tightening water conservation as means of freeing up water to meet other demands could set us up for a train wreck."

Mr. O'Toole suggested that the time is long overdue for the United States to adopt an overriding national goal of remaining self-sufficient in food production.

POLICY DECISIONS on a wide range of issues ranging from taxation to the management of natural resources should then be evaluated to be sure they are consistent with that goal.

"Knowing that our national leaders still value what we do will give all of us in Western agriculture hope that positive opportunities will outweigh the challenges that we all now face," O'Toole concluded.

If you would like to see the Alliance's responses to all seven questions posed by Senators Bingaman, Domenici (NEW MEXICO) and Salazar (COLORADO), please contact Dan Keppen, Alliance Executive Director, at dankeppen@clearwire.net or by phone, (541) 850-9007.

Proposed Klamath Settlement Is Released For Public Review

Negotiators representing the diverse communities of the Klamath Basin (OREGON, CALIFORNIA), along with federal, state, and county governments, have developed a proposed agreement to rebuild fisheries, sustain agricultural communities, and resolve other longstanding disputes related to allocation of water resources of this basin.

Once approved, the proposed agreement is expected to establish peace on the river through the year 2058. These negotiators released the proposed agreement January 15 for public comment before taking final action.

THE KLAMATH SETTLEMENT Group has developed this proposed agreement over the course of two years of negotiations.

The public agencies will hold informational meetings prior to deciding whether or not to sign it. Negotiators for two parties, the Hoopa Valley Tribe and Off-Project Water Users Association, are not prepared to recommend approval. All parties have agreed to the public release.

Greg Addington of the Klamath Water Users Association said, "The result is a series of compromises and commitments between farmers, tribes, conservationists, counties and state and federal agencies aimed at keeping all of the Klamath's rural communities economically and ecologically viable."

Troy Fletcher of the Yurok Tribe noted, "This spirit of trust, respect, and compromise is unprecedented in the Klamath Basin."

Chuck Bonham of Trout Unlimited said, "The negotiators have worked through difficult and complex issues to get broad

support for a set of actions that are much better than the status quo. Public release is a scary step. We hope others will share our desire to work for a solution."

KEY PROVISIONS of the Klamath River Basin Restoration Agreement include:

- A program to rebuild fish populations sufficient for sustainable tribal, recreational, and commercial fisheries. Elements include actions to restore fish populations, including a program to reintroduce anadromous species in currently-blocked parts of the basin; actions to improve fish survival by enhancing the amount of water available for fish, particularly in drier years; and other efforts to support tribes in fisheries reintroduction and restoration efforts.
- A reliable and certain allocation of water sufficient for a sustainable agricultural community and national wildlife refuges.
- A program to stabilize power costs for the Upper Klamath Basin's family farms, ranches and the national wildlife refuges.

- A program for counties that may be impacted by the removal of the hydroelectric facilities.

The Klamath Settlement Group is still working to refine some details in the agreement. The group is also negotiating with PacifiCorp to reach agreement on the removal of the utility's four lower dams in the Klamath Basin. That hydropower settlement agreement will become part of the overall restoration effort.

Parties To The Klamath Klamath Settlement Pact

Negotiators for the following parties recommend that their respective principals consider approval of the Agreement, after giving full consideration to public comments.

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- California Department of Fish and Game
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Oregon Water Resources Department
- Karuk Tribe
- Klamath Tribes
- Yurok Tribe
- Humboldt County, California
- Klamath County, Oregon
- Siskiyou County, California
- Klamath Water Users Association
- American Rivers
- California Trout
- Friends of the River
- Klamath Forest Alliance
- National Center for Conservation Science and Policy
- North Coast Environmental Center
- Northern California/Nevada Council Federation of Fly Fishers
- Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations
- Salmon River Restoration Council
- Trout Unlimited

Long-Time California Water Leader Passes Away

David N. Kennedy, director of the California Department of Water Resources from 1983-98, died in Sacramento December 23. He was 71.

The sixth of DWR's nine directors, Kennedy served in that leadership post longer than any other, appointed originally by Governor George Deukmejian and reappointed by Governor Pete Wilson.

"California has lost a great water leader and dedicated public servant," said DWR Director Lester Snow.

"DAVE'S KNOWLEDGE of California's water issues was unparalleled and his commitment to efficient and reliable operation of the State Water Project tireless. His efforts have permanently improved water management for all Californians. He will be missed by us all."

"In addition to his many professional accomplishments, he was always a great friend to me and I will miss him greatly," said William Gianelli of Pebble Beach, who served as Governor Reagan's Director of Water Resources from 1967-73. "The state and nation have lost a great water leader with the passing of David Kennedy."

Under Mr. Kennedy's direction, DWR expanded the State Water Project's (SWP) Delta pumping capacity, enhanced the system's environmental safeguards, intensified Delta ecosystem and fish research, and completed construction of the 100-mile coastal branch to provide a supplemental water supply to users in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.

In 1994, he helped negotiate the

Monterey Agreement, resolving a variety of issues with State Water Project contractors and providing greater equity in allocation of State Water Project supplies between agricultural and urban users.

HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS included leading DWR during the longest major statewide drought in modern California history during 1987-92, including operation of an innovative State Emergency Water Bank, and many adaptive water supply adjustments and transfers.

For many, Mr. Kennedy personified the dedication and excellence of DWR's tradition in designing, building and operating the SWP, largest state-built and state-run water and power system in the United States.



Alliance President Pat O'Toole's December 2007 testimony before the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee was broadcast on C-SPAN 2. See related story on Page 5.



Hoover Dam and Lake Mead

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Historic Colorado Basin Pact Reached

Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne on December 13 signed an historic decision that will implement innovative strategies for management of the Colorado River, reflecting “a remarkable consensus” among stakeholders about sharing water during the current drought and charting a water management course for the future.

“This is the most important agreement among the seven basin states since the original Colorado River Compact of 1922,” said Mr. Kempthorne, noting that his decision memorializes “a remarkable consensus” not only to solve current problems but also to prepare ahead of time for future droughts or surpluses rather than resorting to disruptive litigation.

ARIZONA’S chief negotiator, Department of Water Resources Director Herb Guenther, said the agreement could be even more important than the 1922 compact in importance to the seven states because it comes with greater understanding of the river’s unpredictability.

“This is a step out of denial and into the real world,” Mr. Guenther said. “It’s the beginning of a new era of water management.”

SIGNED AT THE COLORADO RIVER Water Users Association’s annual meeting in Las Vegas (NEVADA), the Record of Decision activates a legal agreement among the basin states that contains a provision in which they firmly commit to address future controversies on the river through consultation and negotiation before initiating any litigation.

“As the Colorado River navigates a 1,500-mile journey down mountains through canyons and across desert landscapes, you have navigated the shoals of history,” Mr. Kempthorne said in addressing the meeting. “You have steered around the cataracts and sharp boulders of litigation and acrimony. You have found the serene waters of partnership and cooperation.”

The decision implements new, interim operation-

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Colorado River Management Agreement Signed

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al guidelines to meet the challenges of the current eight-year drought in the basin and, potentially, low water conditions caused by continued drought or other causes in the future. The rules, which take effect immediately, will be in place through 2026.

THE RECORD OF DECISION adopts four key elements of river management.

- The new guidelines establish rules for shortages – specifying who will take reductions and when they take them. This is essential for prudent water planning in times of drought.
- The new operational rules for Lake Powell and Lake Mead will allow these two massive reservoirs to rise and fall in tandem, thereby better sharing the risk of drought.
- The new guidelines establish rules for surpluses, so that if the basin is blessed with ample runoff, the Department of the Interior will have rules in place to distribute the extra water.
- The new rules will address the ongoing drought by encouraging new initiatives for water conservation.

“I AM PARTICULARLY impressed by the innovative approaches you have taken to conserve water, especially the construction project known as Drop 2,” the Secretary told state leaders.

The Drop 2 project will be located in California, but it is being paid for by Nevada. It will create an important reservoir to conserve additional water for Nevada’s use over the next two decades. After that, the additional water will benefit all water users in the lower basin states.

“This is truly an innovative example of cooperation among states....that may help other states facing shortages meet their needs,” the Secretary added.

OTHER CONSERVATION MEASURES in the guidelines include an agreement allowing water users to obtain future credit for conserving water and leaving it in Lake Mead. The Record of Decision also sets up a framework to allow cities to contract with willing farmers to temporarily fallow fields in dry years while respecting the basin’s agricultural heritage.

Specifics in the guidelines include the elevations in Lake Mead at which the Secretary

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—DIRK KEMPTHORNE, *Interior Secretary*

would declare shortages in the Lower Colorado Basin, as well as what those shortages would be. The guidelines also specify the conditions under which Lakes Powell and Mead will be operated, with the intent of operating the reservoirs to avoid the risk of water curtailments

in the Upper Basin and minimize shortages in the Lower Basin.

The guidelines provide a mechanism that encourages water conservation in Lake Mead in the Lower Basin to minimize the likelihood and severity of potential future shortages; and modify and extend the interim surplus guidelines, implemented in 2001, through 2026.

“EVERYBODY GOT SOMETHING, and everybody had to give up something,” said Pat Mulroy, general manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority. “The solutions don’t come on one side of a line or the other . . . they’re on that fragile balancing point, and we found it.”

A full copy of the Record of Decision is available at www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/strategies.html, under “New Info.”

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Your membership will allow the Alliance to continue to work with Congress, federal agencies and other interested parties to improve the regulatory process and to show that new water supply projects are ready and waiting to be developed. We will continue to ensure that Bureau of Reclamation operates in the most cost-effective way possible. We will continue advocating for the importance of preserving our food production capability. Our activities will ensure the availability of reliable, affordable irrigation water supplies to Western farmers and ranchers. Visit us at www.familyfarmalliance.org or call (541) 850-9007.

...Your Involvement and Support Make the Difference!

Alliance's 20th Annual Meeting Will Mix Fun With Important Issues

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deadline for the block of rooms set aside and special Alliance Annual Meeting rates of \$95 per night established by the Monte Carlo, located in the heart

See Our Website For Registration

It has never been easier to register for the Family Farm Alliance's Annual Meeting and Conference.

Visit our new Alliance website at familyfarmalliance.org.

On the right-hand side of the home page, you'll see a short notice about the Annual Meeting. Click and you are on your way.

Registration forms are included. Just fill them out and **send before January 25 (for the Early Rate!)** to:

Family Farm Alliance
P.O. Box 1705,
Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423
Fax: (707) 998-9987

If you need more information, please contact us. Just call (707) 998-9487 or e-mail, ffameeting@aol.com

of "The Strip." There is a chance the Alliance's room block may fill so call right away.

Make your reservations directly with the Monte Carlo at (800) 311-8999 or (702) 730-7000.

To ensure the special rate, you must use the code: **XFFA08**. Reservations made after January 25 may not be receive the special room rate and will be subject to availability.

A SPECIAL 20TH anniversary treat will be a free tour of the exciting Las Vegas Springs Preserve, where water made Las Vegas history.

It will take place on the afternoon of Friday, February 29, with bus transportation provided from and to the Monte Carlo.

The Preserve is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a 180-acre tract of land three miles west of downtown Las Vegas.



The Las Vegas Springs Preserve's meadow.

The site represents one of the richest and most unique cultural and biological resources in southern Nevada. Gushing artesian springs here once nourished plant, animal and human life that happened upon them. Although the springs dried up in 1962, their role in Las Vegas history remains evident through artifacts and other archaeological clues. The Las Vegas Springs welcomed weary pioneer travelers, explorers, traders, settlers and Mormon missionaries, all of them drawn by one common denominator – water. The \$250 million project includes museums, galleries, interactive exhibits, botanical gardens and miles of walking trails.

IT WILL NOT BE ALL PLAY and no work, despite the abundant Las Vegas night life and varied attractions.

"We have lined up the sort of interesting, provocative and thought-inspiring program that has always been a tradition at Family Farm Alliance Annual Meetings and Conferences," said Executive Director Dan Keppen (OREGON). "We are going to commemorate the Alliance's 20-year milestone by challenging everyone in irrigated agriculture to consider new and unusual solutions and strategies in dealing with old and frustrating problems," Mr. Keppen said.

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Speakers Include Jenkins, MacDonald

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Speakers and discussions lined up on the two-day program will focus on the fact that those in and associated with irrigated agriculture simply have no choice but to seek new and innovative approaches and solutions. "We have to do this by helping ourselves," Mr. Keppen said.

AMONG THE SPEAKERS will be Matt Jenkins, a contributing editor to *High Country News* who covers water, drought and climate change in the West. Mr. Jenkins won the 2006 James V. Risser Prize for Western Environmental Journalism, sponsored by Stanford University's Knight Fellowships program. He writes from Berkeley (CALIFORNIA).

Another speaker will be Julie MacDonald, who was the recipient of "trial by media" and during her service as Deputy Assistant Interior Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Through it all, Ms. MacDonald has remained silent. She will speak about her experiences at Interior.

THERE WILL ALSO BE thought-provoking panel discussions, including "New Coalitions." Opportunities for farmers and ranchers to work with conservation groups, other organizations and interest groups in the changing West will be explored. Another session will be "Don't Wait for the Cavalry." It will look at how water users and ranchers trying to better manage Western water issues. "Hot Spots" will look at areas in which potential water conflicts are the greatest, and what local irrigators are doing in preparation or to minimize confrontation.

There will also be the Alliance's traditional "Washington Insiders" and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation panels. And former Alliance presidents will join current President O'Toole in discussing the past 20 years.

Finally, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will follow the Annual Meeting with its last Managing for Excellence workshop.

Twin Falls Canal Company Seeks General Manager

The current General Manager has announced his retirement and the Twin Falls Canal Company (TFCC) Board of Directors is seeking applicants for the vacancy.

The TFCC is located in Twin Falls (IDAHO) and provides Twin Falls County irrigators water from the Snake River to over 200,000 acres. The company has senior natural flow water rights and storage rights in American Falls and Jackson Lake reservoirs.

TFCC IS THE LARGEST canal company in Idaho. The company employs 50 full time employees and an additional 25 seasonal employees. The annual budget is over \$5.8 million.

The general manager is responsible for all company activities and will oversee the day-

to-day management of the company, which is conducted by seven supervisors and several staff members.

The company seeks a person who has excellent skills in personnel and financial management, budgeting, understanding water rights, handling public and water user relations, as well as media and press relations, and dealing with legal, legislative, and lobbyist activities.

THE EDUCATION requirement is a degree in business management and/or agricultural or civil engineering.

Applicable experience may be substituted for a portion of the educational requirement, but the successful applicant should have 5-7 years working for the U.S.

Bureau of Reclamation in the water management area, or 5-7 years experience as a supervisor, assistant manager, or manager of an irrigation district or canal company.

TFCC offers an excellent benefit package including state retirement plan (PERSI), health insurance, vacation, and sick leave.

The salary will be commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the applicant. The closing date is Saturday, January 26, 2008.

Please send resumes to Twin Falls Canal Company, P. O. Box 326, Twin Falls (IDAHO) 83303-0326; attention Vince Alberdi. Or e-mail a resume to valberdi@tfcanal.com.

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