

Getting to Water®

How Neighbor and Nation Share Our Most Precious Resource

Issue

There is an ever-growing demand for water to serve rising global populations and human activity while maintaining healthy environmental standards. The limits and threats to our water supply are now well documented; however, more information must be gathered to aid local, national and international stakeholders in maneuvering judicious allocation of finite water resources.

Solution

Intelligent and inspiring examples of water sharing solutions exist throughout the world which can be used to provide guidance for future efforts at allocating water. The *Getting to Water*® project (and book) will document the efforts, successes and challenges of individuals, organizations and nations that have reached and maintained agreements on how to share water in their region and throughout the world.

The research will answer the following questions:

- What motivates stakeholders with competing agendas to come to the table to share water?
- What conditions or principles promote convergence and agreement between these parties?
- What generalities and lessons can be drawn from these examples (including failures) to ensure long-lasting success of these and other agreements?

Audience/Advantage

This book will serve to uniquely support all parties seeking to enter into the water-sharing dialogue. In addition to more traditional watershed models and agreements, it will highlight innovative collaborations between the technological, economic, private and public sectors, and transferrables from other realms of negotiation and interaction.

Timeline and Budget

The author estimates approximately one third of the required research has been gathered (~70 interviews to date). Remaining enquires require further local, national and international travel in order to produce a work which addresses the diverse and complex nature of these negotiations and solutions. The author further seeks the support necessary for living expenses during research, writing and editing, estimated to require three years.

2018	Research, regional/national/international travel	10,000	
	Support for writing and author's living expenses	45,000	55,000
2019	Research, regional/national/international travel	15,000	
	Support for writing, and author's living expenses	45,000	60,000
2020	Travel for marketing, book tours	10,000	
	Author's living expenses through editing and publication	45,000	55,000
			\$170,000 Total