



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 the judicious allocation of the world’s 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?
- What systems (technological, economic, socio-political) support the judicious sharing of water around the globe, from local to international scales?

Audience/Advantage

This book, written for a multi-level audience, is intended to support and encourage all parties seeking to participate in 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 half of the required research has been gathered (~80 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.

2019	Research, regional/national/international travel	10,000	<b>50,000</b>
	Support for writing and author’s living expenses	40,000	
2020	Research, regional/national/international travel	5,000	<b>45,000</b>
	Support for writing, and author’s living expenses	40,000	
2021	Author’s living expenses through editing and publication	40,000	<b>45,000</b>
	Travel for book marketing and promotion, conferences	5,000	
			<b>\$140,000 Total</b>

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