

# WATER RESOURCES CENTER ARCHIVES

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### GIFTS

[Mono Lake Committee](#) <<http://monolake.org>>

The Water Resources Center Archives is pleased to announce that the Mono Lake Committee has officially presented its collection of materials accumulated during the effort to restore Mono Lake to the Archives. The transfer of materials will occur in increments over the summer and processing and cataloging of the collection will begin as soon as possible. The collection consists of over 30 boxes of reports, correspondence, transcripts, published articles and clippings, and photographs. The addition of this valuable collection to the Archives will be of tremendous importance to future Mono Lake researchers.

The Archives and the Mono Lake Committee are also collaborating on a related project. *The Battle for Mono Lake* is a documentary that will be aired on PBS in the fall of 1997. [KTEH/San Jose](#) <<http://keth.org>> has granted exclusive preview rights in northern and southern California to the Mono Lake Committee. The Committee is working with the Archives to use the preview in northern California as a joint fund-raising opportunity. The date and location of the preview will be announced in the near future. For additional information contact [Linda Vida](#) <[lvida@libraary.berkeley.edu](mailto:lvida@libraary.berkeley.edu)>.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WRCA in *Aqueduct 2000***

Look for an article on the Water Resources Center Archives in the upcoming issue of *Aqueduct 2000* (vol. 63:3), published by the [Metropolitan Water District of Southern California](http://www.mwd.dst.ca.gov) <<http://mwd.dst.ca.gov>>. MWD staff writer Garry Hofer recently visited Berkeley in order to gather information for a feature article on the Archives. He was especially impressed with the Lippincott Collection, which will be highlighted in the article.

[Cadillac Desert on PBS](http://www.pbs.org/kteh/cadillacdesert/) <<http://www.pbs.org/kteh/cadillacdesert/>>

A new documentary, *Cadillac Desert: Water and the Transformation of Nature*, has come to PBS. This four-part saga chronicles the struggle for water in the American West and looks at the economic, environmental and social issues surrounding the world's most precious resource-water. The series is based on Marc Reisner's *Cadillac Desert* and Sandra Postel's *Last Oasis*. The series will be shown on PBS on the following dates: Mulholland's Dream, Tuesday, June 24; an American Nile, Tuesday, July 1; The Mercy of Nature, Tuesday, July 8; Last Oasis, Tuesday, July 15.

Videotapes of the documentary are available and can be purchased individually or as a set. The complete set for home viewing is available for \$99.00 and for educational use is \$149.00. Individual episodes are available for \$29.00 each. Any of these videotapes can be ordered by calling 1-800-343-4727. The *Discussion and Viewers' Guide* to the series is being distributed free of charge. To order, call 1-617-867-4095.

### ***Liquid Gold Goes to UC Davis***

[Liquid Gold: California's Water](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/WRCA/exhibit.html) <<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/WRCA/exhibit.html>>, an exhibit of materials from the collection of the Water Resources Center Archives, will be on display at UC Davis this fall. Historical and contemporary books, documents, maps and photographs showcasing several aspects of water in California will be on display at the Peter J. Shields Library from September 13 through December 14, 1997. This exhibit was made possible by the enthusiastic support of UC Davis Professor Geoff Schladow (Civil & Environmental Engineering), University Librarian Marilyn Sharrow, and Associate University Librarian George Bynon.

The Archives welcomes any suggestions for future exhibit locations.

### **Biennial Ground Water Conference**

The Twenty-First Biennial Conference on Ground Water, sponsored by the California Water Resources Center and others, will be held September

15-16, 1997, in Sacramento at the Radisson Hotel. A flyer is available by contacting [Jeff Woled](mailto:jwoled@ucdavis.edu) <jwoled@ucdavis.edu>.

### **[Southern California Environment and History Conference](http://www.csun.edu/~hfgeg012/conference.html)**

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Randal Brandt, Associate Librarian at the Archives, will present a photographic essay at the Second Annual Southern California Environment and History Conference. The presentation will focus on photographs in the [J.B. Lippincott Collection](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/WRCA/lipp.html) <<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/WRCA/lipp.html>> documenting the construction of the Los Angeles Aqueduct. The conference, *Nature's Workshop: Environmental Change in Twentieth Century Southern California*, will bring together an interdisciplinary group of researchers and archivists to discuss and develop current understanding of Southern California in this century, a period of massive transformations of natural systems through modern urban and industrial growth. The conference will be held September 18-20, 1997 at California State University, Northridge.

### **New Reports**

Two new reports published by the [Centers for Water and Wildland Resources](http://www.nceas.ucsb.edu/exp/) are now available for distribution. *What is Watershed Stability?*, the proceedings of the Sixth Biennial Watershed Management Conference, held October 23-25, 1996 at Lake Tahoe, has been released as Water Resources Center Report no. 92. The [Directory of Water and Wildland Expertise and Facilities in the University of California System](http://www.nceas.ucsb.edu/exp/) <<http://www.nceas.ucsb.edu/exp/>> has been released as Wildland Resources Center Report no. 42. The Directory is also available online.

To order print versions of either of these reports contact [Jeff Woled](mailto:jwoled@ucdavis.edu) <jwoled@ucdavis.edu>.

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## **NEW SERVICES**

### **Melvyl on the Web**

The University of California's Division of Library Automation announces the new World-Wide Web search interface to the MELVYL system. The interface (<http://www.melvyl.ucop.edu>) provides an easy-to-use format for searching the MELVYL Catalog and Periodicals databases. Six of the MELVYL abstracting and indexing databases, currently licensed for UC users only, are loaded on the web: Medline Plus, Current Contents, INSPEC, Magazine & Journal Articles, Newspaper Articles and Computer

Articles. Within the next few months, the remaining databases will be loaded.

The web interface offers a number of advantages over Telnet access. You can perform a search by using forms on the screen and users can search without having to know the exact wording of specific search commands. There are pull-down menus, options for changing searches as well as being able to easily refine a search. This new interface can also link to the electronic text of articles contained in electronic journals that are licensed by the UC libraries.

Telnet access to the MELVYL system continues to be available for users who prefer this access or for those who need features not yet offered in the web interface. For more information, call the DLA Helpline at 510-987-0555. You can also access MELVYL on the Web through the [Archives' home page](http://lib.berkeley.edu/WRCA) <<http://lib.berkeley.edu/WRCA>>.

### **Watershed Information Available on CERES**

The latest addition to the [California Environmental Resources Evaluation System \(CERES\)](http://ceres.ca.gov/) <<http://ceres.ca.gov/>> is the [Watershed Information Technical System \(WITS\)](http://ceres.ca.gov/watershed/) <<http://ceres.ca.gov/watershed/>>. WITS provides single-point access to a wealth of material to assist watershed planners, managers and others in restoring, monitoring, educating and training. California has about 200 watersheds and WITS will go online with two pilot projects. The pilot projects involve planning for the Russian River watershed and cataloging information for watersheds on the Mendocino Coast. The system will greatly assist in erosion control planning and design in watersheds.

### **IRIS on the Web**

A prototype of [Integrated Risk Information System \(IRIS\)](http://www.epa.gov/iris/) <<http://www.epa.gov/iris/>> is now available on the web. IRIS is prepared and maintained by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and contains information on human health effects that may result from exposure to various chemicals in the environment. Central to the IRIS system is its collection of files on individual chemicals which contain descriptive and quantitative information in the following categories: oral reference doses and inhalation reference doses for chronic noncarcinogenic health effects; hazard identification, oral slope factors and unit risks for carcinogenic effects; alphabetical list of chemicals searchable by CASRN number; background documents and references; and a glossary of scientific terms.

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## **FREE PUBLICATIONS**

The following duplicates were received at the Archives and are available free by sending e-mail to [Kathy Dieden](mailto:kdieden@library.berkeley.edu) <kdieden@library.berkeley.edu>, or calling (510) 642-2666.