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## Allocating and Managing Water for a Sustainable Future: Lessons from Around the World

The Natural Resources Law Center (NRLC) and the University of Colorado Law School will host a conference, Allocating and Managing Water for a Sustainable Future: Lessons from Around the World, June 11–14, 2002, in Boulder, Colorado. The conference will focus on problems of sustainable water management in the western United States, and sessions will be organized around three themes: the role of markets and policy; integrating environmental, cultural, and other values; and transboundary water conflicts and cooperation. For more information, contact NRLC at 401 UCB, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, Colorado, 80309–0401; phone (303) 492–1272; fax (303) 492–1297; e-mail nrlc@spot.colorado.edu; or visit their website at www.colorado.edu/law/NRLC/2002Conference.html.

## Defending the Integrity of Ground Water: Understanding the Impacts of Natural and Manmade Disasters

An international conference on water security, Defending the Integrity of Ground Water: Understanding the Impacts of Natural and Manmade Disasters, will be held July 10–12, 2002, in Washington, D.C. The National Ground Water Association (NGWA) is sponsoring the meeting. The conference will address the impacts of natural and manmade disasters on groundwater resources, the actions needed to minimize damage and restore resource quality in a timely manner, and contingency planning to ensure the availability of groundwater to meet emergency needs. Topics to be addressed include case studies of groundwater quantity and quality changes resulting from natural disasters; global climate change effects on groundwater resources and availability; earthquakes and groundwater; case studies of groundwater contamination by toxic compounds; chemical and biological war agents in soil, groundwater, and surface water; hydrogeologic methods to delineate groundwater recharge areas and source water and wellhead protection areas; drinking water protection technologies; disaster contingency planning; and emergency water supply from wells. For more information, visit the NGWA's website at http://www.ngwa.org/education/disaster.html or contact the NGWA at 1–800–551–7379.

# Conference on Energy Climate, Environment and Water—Issues and Opportunities for Irrigation and Drainage

The Conference on Energy Climate, Environment and Water—Issues and Opportunities for Irrigation and Drainage will be held July 10–13, 2002, in San Luis Obispo, California. The conference, sponsored by the United States Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (USCID) and the Environmental and Water Resources Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers, will provide participants an opportunity to discuss challenges facing irrigators, including increasing competition for water supplies, rising energy costs, environmental considerations, and the effect of climate changes. Participants are expected to include