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supply and stream flow. Possible areas of vulnerability as a result of water and climate stresses are also identified. Several chapters examine the potential effectiveness of current institutional arrangements for water management under the predicted future climate. A recurring theme is that current water management institutions within the SSRB are diverse, with differing strengths and weaknesses. It is likely that all forms of water governance will need to adapt their ideas about water management in response to predicted future climates and changes in water supply, timing, and variability.

Chapter 5 suggests a framework that could be used to identify what “good water management” is by embracing a wide variety of viewpoints and ideas. The final chapters provide case studies describing how some local communities have tried to adapt their institutions, water management, and economies to climate stresses (such as drought) in more recent times. Their stories and experiences provide lessons with broad-reaching impacts for future adaptation to climate change. **Siân Mooney**, *Department of Economics, Boise State University*.

A Dry Oasis: Institutional Adaptation to Climate on the Canadian Plains. Edited by Gregory P. Marchildon. Regina, SK: Canadian Plains Research Center, University of Regina, 2009. xiii + 318 pp. Maps, figures, tables, index. C\$34.95 paper.

A Dry Oasis examines past and potential future climate challenges on the Canadian Plains. The book provides extensive discussion, data, and analysis of challenges related to water supply and management within the South Saskatchewan River Basin (SSRB). Past challenges, experiences, and institutional responses are described and used to frame possible future adaptation pathways under expected future climate change. The book provides an excellent grounding in the historical settlement and development of the SSRB, paying particular attention to the ways that the economy, society, and institutions have adapted in response to climatic variability.

Water management and the different institutional arrangements that exist to manage water resources across the western provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba are described and contrasted in chapter 4. Chapter 8 presents a detailed look at potential future climate scenarios for the area and couples these with stream flow models to provide predictions of water