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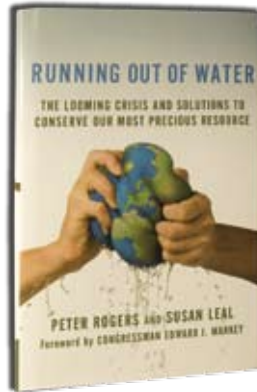


***Governance and Complexity in Water Management: Creating Cooperation Through Boundary Spanning Strategies***  
Hans Bressers and  
Kris Lulofs, editors

The premise of this book is that careful reconsideration of strategies to achieve water management ambitions, together with more in-depth knowledge on the theories and practices of boundary spanning, could bring solutions for contemporary water problems within reach. The book integrates boundary work approaches, new forms of governance, and water resource management to explore frameworks for spanning sector, scale, and time boundaries. Structured case studies reflect the experiences and lessons of cooperation and exchange with professional water managers and their projects. Recommendations for boundary spanning in practice are presented, and important contemporary water management themes, including flooding and flood policy, water depletion, and water restoration, are discussed in depth. Incorporating conceptual, theoretical, and practical methods to address complexity and conflict in adaptive water management, this book will strongly appeal to practitioners in the areas of water

management, planning, and sustainability. Contributors: H. Bressers, J. Evers, S. Hanegraaff, K. Lulofs, K. Owens, A.O. Tacer, J. van der Molen, W. van Leussen, M. van Tilburg.

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***Running Out of Water***  
Peter Rogers and Susan Leal

This book addresses weaknesses in US water and wastewater infrastructure and provides creative examples of how these shortcomings have been proactively addressed throughout the United States and the world. Although the book is frank about the urgent need to improve our national and global water security, its focus is on solutions that can and should be implemented to forestall a global water crisis. Case studies from around the globe are presented: Residents of San Francisco, Calif., approved a multibillion-dollar sewer upgrade (after years of financially starving their wastewater system) thanks to a full-scale public education campaign that engaged and involved the city's residents. Australia's Murray-Darling Basin farmers improved

water use and crop production though the use of an innovative water trading mechanism. In Oakland, Calif., the water and wastewater utility turned food waste into energy while reducing the environmental effects of this waste on air and water. In the greater Boston, Mass., area, water prices increased tenfold between 1986 and 2009, leading to a 35% drop in demand for water, illustrating that the market rules of supply and demand can be applied to water if it is priced appropriately.

The authors show how it takes individuals at all levels to make this happen, from grassroots organizations that monitor their community's water sources, to local officials who plan years in advance how they will appropriate water, to the national government, which can invest in infrastructure for water conservation today.

Marq de Villiers, author of *Water: The Fate of Our Most Precious Resource* and winner of Canada's Governor General's Award for non-fiction says, "An admirably clear exposition of the lamentable state of the planet's water. But this book is more than just lamentations and excoriations. I particularly liked Rogers and Leal's selection of eminently sensible, easily replicable, scalable solutions, and their sense that yes, the water world can be fixed."

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