



Current Initiatives

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While the Carpe Diem - Western Water & Climate Change Project works to identify and then incubate potential actions for policy and management changes, it is not prescriptive, relying instead on the collective wisdom of its leadership network to develop a vision, goals, and a plan for common action. For more detailed information, please see the Project's [Report From the Field 2007-2009](#).

In the near term, the Carpe Diem Project will focus on three priority issues:

1. **New public land policies and management priorities** that ensure protection and restoration of western headwater systems intended to provide more reliable timing of supply and water quality downstream.

Outcome: Science and economic analysis gaps are identified; Carpe Diem network leadership reaches agreement on crucial policy and management options; a framework to help western water stakeholders implement new policy and management priorities is agreed upon.

2. **Developing new responses to water, energy, and climate change issues.**

Outcome: Science and economic analysis gaps are identified; Carpe Diem leadership network reaches agreement on critical policy and management options; a framework to help western water stakeholders implement new policy and management priorities is agreed upon.

3. **The next generation of the 2007 Colorado River Accord.**

Outcome: A Carpe Diem Project 'Options and Opportunities' report based on confidential interviews of key stakeholders provides the baseline for action by decision makers.