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Mike Clifford, Public News Service-NV

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(12/14/12) LAS VEGAS Local conservation groups are deciding whether to head to court to fight the development plan approved this week by Lake Tahoe regulators.

Laurel Ames with the Tahoe Area Sierra Club says the plan just approved by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency means a whole lot more development in the Tahoe Basin.

"It's a lot more pavement, cramming more buildings into less space, big ski resorts we're talking gondolas, hotels, commercial, the works in the basin."

Ames hopes the authority decides to reconsider its latest move. Both Governor Sandoval and Nevada lawmakers have the authority to pull the plug on the plan.

Bob Anderson, chair of the Tahoe Area Sierra Club, says a major issue going forward is monitoring, because the water quality in Lake Tahoe has been going down even before this new plan was approved on Wednesday.

"There's a 60-day period to file a lawsuit and that's one of our options. But perhaps that can be averted the most important thing is monitoring."

Ames says another issue for environmental lawyers is whether Tahoe Regional Planning can

legally decide to delegate its powers to local governments.

"The provision for delegating to the local government is completely opposite of the intent of Congress and the two states when they formed the compact that existed at the time."

This was the first update of the regional plan that impacts Nevada and California since 1987.

How the Feds Let Industry Pollute the Nation's Water Supply

Abrahm Lustgarten, ProPublica

Lustgarten reports: "Federal officials have given energy and mining companies permission to pollute aquifers in more than 1,500 places across the country, releasing toxic material into underground reservoirs that help supply more than half of the nation's drinking water."

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Secretary Salazar Releases Colorado River Basin Study Projecting Major Imbalances in Water Supply and Demand

Comprehensive study developed by Interior and seven basin states looks at water supply and demand over the next 50 years; includes range of proposed strategies from stakeholders to mitigate projected imbalances

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today announced the release of a study – authorized by Congress and jointly funded and prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation and the seven Colorado River Basin states – that projects water supply and demand imbalances throughout the Colorado River Basin and adjacent areas over the next 50 years. *The Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study*, the first of its kind, also includes a wide array of adaptation and mitigation strategies proposed by stakeholders and the public to address the projected imbalances.

The average imbalance in future supply and demand is projected to be greater than 3.2 million acre-feet by 2060, according to the study. One acre-foot of water is approximately the amount of water used by a single household in a year. The study projects that the largest increase in demand will come from municipal and industrial users, owing to population growth. The Colorado River Basin currently provides water to some 40 million people, and the study estimates that this number could nearly double to approximately 76.5 million people by 2060, under a rapid growth scenario.

“There’s no silver bullet to solve the imbalance between the demand for water and the supply in the Colorado River Basin over the next 50 years – rather, it’s going to take diligent planning and collaboration from all stakeholders to identify and move forward with practical solutions,” said Secretary Salazar. “Water is the lifeblood of our communities, and this study provides a solid platform to explore actions we can take toward a sustainable water future. Although not all of the

proposals included in the study are feasible, they underscore the broad interest in finding a comprehensive set of solutions."

Authorized by the 2009 SECURE Water Act, the study analyzes future water supply and demand scenarios based on factors such as projected changes in climate and varying levels of growth in communities, agriculture and business in the seven Colorado River Basin states of Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming.

The study includes more than 150 proposals from study participants, stakeholders and the public that represent a wide range of potential options to resolve supply and demand imbalances. Proposals include increasing water supply through reuse or desalinization methods, and reducing demand through increased conservation and efficiency efforts. The scope of the study does not include a decision as to how future imbalances should or will be addressed. Reclamation intends to work with stakeholders to explore in-basin strategies, rather than proposals - such as major trans-basin conveyance systems - that are not considered cost effective or practical.

"This study is one of a number of ongoing basin studies that Reclamation is undertaking through Interior's WaterSMART Program," said Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Anne Castle. "These analyses pave the way for stakeholders in each basin to come together and determine their own water destiny. This study is a call to action, and we look forward to continuing this collaborative approach as we discuss next steps."

WaterSMART is Interior's sustainable water initiative and focuses on using the best available science to improve water conservation and help water-resource managers identify strategies to narrow the gap between supply and demand. The WaterSMART program includes Reclamation's Water and Energy Efficiency grants, Title XVI Reclamation and Recycling projects, and USGS's Water Availability and Use Initiative. "This study brings important facts and new information to the table so that we can better focus on solutions that are cost effective, practical and viable" said Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Mike Connor. "We know that no single option will be enough to overcome the supply and demand gap, and this study provides a strong technical foundation to inform our discussions as we look to the future."

Spanning parts of the seven states, the Colorado River Basin is one of the most critical sources of water in the western United States. The Colorado River and its tributaries provide water to about 40 million people for municipal use; supply water used to irrigate nearly 4 million acres of land, and is also the lifeblood for at least 22 Native American tribes, 7 National Wildlife Refuges, 4 National Recreation Areas, and 11 National Parks. Hydropower facilities along the Colorado River provide more than 4,200 megawatts of generating capacity, helping meet the power needs of the West.

Throughout the course of the three-year study, eight interim reports were published to reflect technical developments and public input. Public comments are encouraged on the final study over the next 90 days; comments will be summarized and posted to the website for consideration in future basin planning activities.

The full study – including a discussion of the methodologies and levels of uncertainty – is available at www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/crbstudy.html. Hard copies of the Executive

Summary and a CD of the entire study are available at the Study booth in the exhibitors' area during the Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) conference in Las Vegas Dec. 12 – 14, 2012.

STUDY PROJECTS GRIM FUTURE FOR OVERTAPPED COLORADO RIVER

Without dramatic and wide-ranging action, population growth and climate change will overwhelm the Colorado River within the next 50 years, federal officials and water managers warned Wednesday.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz15401047>

Colorado River water supply to fall short of demand, study says

The federal report predicts a drier future for the seven states that rely on the Colorado for water. A range of solutions, some impractical, are proposed.

Bettina Boxall, Los Angeles Times

Water demand in the Colorado River Basin will greatly outstrip supply in coming decades as a result of drought, climate change and population growth, according to a broad-ranging federal study.

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### **REGION: Study anticipates significant Colorado River shortages**

**Janet Zimmerman, Riverside Press Enterprise**

The Colorado River Basin, which provides water to millions of homes and farms in seven Western states, could fall 3.2 million acre-feet short of meeting demand by 2060, federal officials warned.

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Options issued for shrinking Colorado River

Important water source for San Diego County

Michael Gardner, San Diego Union Tribune

The U.S. Interior Department Wednesday unveiled sweeping strategies to cope with shrinking supplies of water out of the Colorado River, ranging from an eye-popping plan to float in icebergs from Alaska to more realistic conservation measures that include capturing rainwater and lining leaking canals.

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### **Western water report being released in Las Vegas**

**Ken Ritter, Associated Press**

Rising demand and falling supply are spurring talk in the arid West of outside-the-box ideas like piping water from the nation's heartland and towing Arctic icebergs south to help thirsty U.S. cities like Denver, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Phoenix.

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**Feds designate habitat for Klamath sucker fish**      **JEFF BARNARD, Associated Press**

The federal government has designated habitat critical to the survival of two endangered species of sucker fish that have been at the center of bitter battles over water in the Klamath Basin for decades.

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**Regulators Under Fire for Keeping Fracking Pollution Test Results Under Wraps**

**Mike Ludwig, Truthout:** Residents living in the shadow of fracking rigs say they've suffered from headaches, nosebleeds and other health effects since drilling began in their communities. Meanwhile, state agencies refuse to release the results of air and water pollution tests. [Read the Article](#)

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**46 Trillion Reasons to Evolve Society Right Now**

**David DeGraw, Occupy Evolver:** Once you wrap your mind around how much wealth \$46 trillion is, and realize how profoundly society can be transformed by it, you begin to grasp the fact that we've been living under neo-feudal rule.      [Read the Article](#)

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**Margaret Atwood | Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring," 50 Years Later**

**[Read the Article at the Guardian UK](#)**

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**Mining firm profits from public lands remain a mystery, new study shows**

Metal ore firms not required to pay royalties on gold, copper and other minerals taken from federal lands. ( by Juliet Eilperin , The Washington Post)

This afternoon, YSA hosted a webinar, **"Using MLK Day to Launch a Semester of Service"** that introduced Semester of Service™, a service and learning framework developed by Youth Service America through which students learn about, identify and work to address real community problems.

Launch your "semester" on MLK Day of Service and build in 70 hours of service and learning activities, culminating on Global Youth Service Day (April 26-28, 2013). This webinar explored how to use YSA's Semester of Service Strategy Guide to engage students through five easy stages of investigation, preparation and planning, action, reflection, and demonstration / celebration.

The video of this webinar is available on YSA's YouTube page: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyvALNDTI3s>

Here are the links to the resources referenced during the webinar.

YSA Resources:

- YSA Resources – [www.YSA.org/resources](http://www.YSA.org/resources)
- Semester of Service Strategy Guide – <http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/grants/YSA-2013-Semester-of-Service-Strategy-Guide.pdf>

- YOUth Changing the World Toolkit - <http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/modules/youth-changing-the-world.pdf>
- Request free printed copies of resources - [www.YSA.org/resources/request](http://www.YSA.org/resources/request)
- Semester of Service LinkedIn Group - <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Semester-Service-4589584>

Other MLK Day Resources:

- MLK Day Website - [www.MLKDay.gov](http://www.MLKDay.gov)
- The Spirit of Service Lesson Plans - [www.scholastic.com/MLKDay/](http://www.scholastic.com/MLKDay/)
- A Day On, Not a Day Off Curriculum - <http://theassetedge.net/book/additional-resources/>

As you prepare and plan for MLK Day, a Semester of Service, and/or Global Youth Service Day, April 26-28, 2013, consider focusing your project on the issue of childhood hunger!

**\$500 Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants**

Application Deadline: January 31, 2013

More than 16 million children live in food insecure homes, not always sure where their next meal will come from. That's why YSA and Sodexo Foundation are calling on young people to "take hunger personally" and join the fight to end childhood hunger. Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants of \$500 are available for youth-led service projects that bring together young people, families, Sodexo employees and other community members to address childhood hunger. U.S. young people, ages 5-25, are eligible to apply. Projects will take place on or around Global Youth Service Day, April 26-28, 2013. Learn more and apply at: [www.YSA.org/grants/sodexoyouth](http://www.YSA.org/grants/sodexoyouth)

**10 Ways You Can Help End Childhood Hunger**

In just two years, YSA and Sodexo Foundation have engaged more than 50,000 young people in service that benefited a million people around the issue of childhood hunger. They organized smart, innovative community service projects, and systemic, sustainable solutions to hunger and homelessness. Here are 10 strategies we've learned from YSA grantees about how kids can end childhood hunger: [www.ysa.org/blog/2012/11/15/10-ways-you-can-help-end-childhood-hunger](http://www.ysa.org/blog/2012/11/15/10-ways-you-can-help-end-childhood-hunger)

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**The Meaning of Minority**

By CHARLES M. BLOW NYT 12.13,12

The browning of America is very real and unrelenting. Our task is to find our way into this new Ecu Era with as much ease and grace as we can muster.

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**[It Ends Where it Begins - Anti-Domestic Violence PSA](#)** [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

Anti-Domestic Violence PSA paid for by White Buffalo Calf Women's Society. Written and Produced by Buffalo Nickel Creative; Ryan Red Corn, Bobby Wilson, Dall...

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Meet Will Allen, a 60 year old giant in urban farming. Allen runs an inner city farm in the heart of Milwaukee, creating an oasis in the middle of a food desert.

He calls his program “**Growing Power**,” and it’s huge. On a mere two acres of land surrounded by housing projects and fast food joints, Will Allen grows a quarter of a million dollars worth of food, feeding more than 10,000 urbanites.

Do you know who this man is? He's a hero! An urban farmer like no other. Read his story here:

<http://www.foodrenegade.com/will-allens-growing-power/>

Leonard Ruggiero <http://www.growingpower.org/>

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**First Andersen tale believed to be found**

**Friday December 14, 2012**

For years, the sombre fairy tale about a lonely candle that wanted to be lit dwelt in oblivion at the bottom of a box in Denmark's National Archives. Its recent discovery has sent ripples through the literary world because it is believed to be one of the first tales ever written by Hans Christian Andersen.

The famed Dane wrote nearly 160 fairy tales in his life, including classics such as The Ugly Duckling and The Little Mermaid. The tale of the candle may have been written when he was still a teen, experts say.

Retired historian Esben Brage said Thursday that he found the six-page text on October 4 while searching through archive boxes that had belonged to wealthy families from Andersen's hometown of Odense in central Denmark.

The handwritten copy of the tale, titled 'Tallow Candle,' and dedicated to a vicar's widow named Bunkeflod who had lived across from Andersen's home, had been left seemingly untouched at the bottom of one of the boxes.

'I was ecstatic,' Brage said. 'I had never imagined this.'

The short story tells the tale of how a tallow candle seeks help from a tinder box to be able to ignite itself. A senior curator at the Hans Christian Andersen Museum in Odense said the work is likely one of the author's earliest, written at the age of 18 - seven years before his official debut in 1830.

'I often get calls about stuff thought to have been of Andersen's hand. Most of the time, it is not. This time I was thrilled,' Ejnar Stig Askgaard told The Associated Press. 'This is a very early attempt at prose by Andersen, who was then 18.'

Askgaard said Andersen regularly visited the Bunkeflod widow, reading to her and borrowing books from her, even after he moved to Copenhagen to attend university.

'The text is not at the level of the more mature fairy tales that we know from Andersen's later writing,' Askgaard said. But 'we see traces of Andersen's history in the text, the language and the themes in the manuscript ... it all fits with him, it all bears his fingerprint.'

Andersen was born in 1805 in Odense, 170 kilometres west of Copenhagen, to a cleaning lady and a shoemaker. He died in 1875.

[http://world.einnews.com/article/127934393/mqbodhrhxWs17WvK?afid=777&utm\\_source=MailingList&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Breaking+News%3A+world233-friday](http://world.einnews.com/article/127934393/mqbodhrhxWs17WvK?afid=777&utm_source=MailingList&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Breaking+News%3A+world233-friday)

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From delanceyplace.com: In today's excerpt - in 1778, in the thick of the American Revolution, the British replaced one commanding general whose heart was not in the war, William Howe, with a hesitant commanding general, Henry Clinton, who quickly sized up the war, concluded it was unwinnable, and begged the king to let him resign. Clinton saw how immense the territory was, how firm the resolve of the rebels was, how lacking any help from "loyalists" was, and quickly understood that the Americans did not have to win any battles to win the war -- all they had to do was persist. Or as a Chinese proverb known to the British of the time put it, all the Americans had to do was "lose a battle to you every week until you are reduced to nothing":

"The only change the British war ministers made [in 1778] was to name a new Commander-in-Chief of British forces in America. Sir William Howe, whose heart was not in the fight, was replaced by Sir Henry Clinton, who was not an improvement. The appointment of Clinton -- a cousin of the Duke of Newcastle, manager-in-chief of political patronage -- was not unrelated to his having the right 'connections.' It gave direction of the war in the field to a man of neurotic temperament, whose constant hesitation always made him reach decisions too late for the event that required them.

"Within three months of his appointment in May, 1778, Clinton's survey of the elements of the situation -- its immense geography, the fixed resolve of the rebels on nothing less than independence, ... and the absence of active support by a large and eager body of Loyalists which the British had counted upon -- left the new Commander-in-Chief with little enthusiasm and no illusions. Almost his first act, as he tells in his postwar narrative, was to solicit the King for leave to resign,



on the ground of the 'impracticability' of the war. Refused in his request, Clinton became unhappy ... from recognition ... that the war was unwinnable. The means were too limited for the task. He complained of delay in promised reinforcements, which left him without adequate forces and 'without money, provisions, ships or troops adequate to any beneficial purpose,' while being constantly prodded for more vigorous action here, there, or anywhere by Lord Germain, the war minister at home, his ministerial chief whom Clinton disliked and distrusted.

" 'For God's sake, My Lord,' he wrote in one exasperated outburst, 'if you wish me to do anything, leave me to myself and let me adapt my efforts to the hourly change of circumstances.' By September, 1780, he writes flatly to Germain his opinion of the 'utter impossibility of carrying on the war without reinforcement.' This was wishing for the moon. Imperial Britain did not have the population to match the extent of her dominion, nor the funds to spend on more mercenaries, whose further employment would, in any case, have risked rancorous fury in the [British Parliamentary] Opposition. Reinforcements would not be forthcoming. It was the old -- and ever new -- condition in war of ambitions outreaching resources.

"Believing his field army in New York to be too few in numbers (which seems to have been a case of nerves, since he well knew that Washington's army, suffering from shortages and mutinies, could not attack), and alarmed by 'threatening clouds . . . which begin to gather in all quarters,' Clinton became prey to 'the deepest uneasiness' and, like [Prime Minister] Lord North, repeatedly peppered the King with his wish to be relieved of the chief command and to turn it over to Lord Cornwallis, who was conducting the campaign in the South. Now in his uneasiness he not merely asked, but 'implored' His Majesty to be relieved of the high command, and on a third occasion, his plea becomes a 'prayer' for release. Though he was clearly not a general for the bold offensives wanted by the King, he was retained. King George, in his passionate conviction of righteous conquest and confidence in bold action, was left to depend for his chief lieutenants, one in the political and one in the military field, on a pair of reluctant coachmen, each of whom wished only to let go of the reins and descend from the coachman's box. That is not the way wars are won."

**The First Salute** by Barbara W. Tuchman by Ballantine

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## **Ruling in Yucca Mountain case pushed into new year**

**STEPHENS WASHINGTON BUREAU    Dec. 14, 2012**

WASHINGTON - A federal court decision whether to resume license hearings for a Nevada nuclear waste site has been pushed into next year.

An appeals court panel agreed to give the Nuclear Regulatory Commission more time to submit paperwork in the case, setting a new deadline of Jan. 4.

Final court papers had been due no later than Friday. But NRC attorneys noted in a motion last week that Congress remains in lame-duck session, with still a chance to address the issue in any deal involving the fiscal cliff.

Judges in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit are weighing a lawsuit that charges the NRC in 2010 illegally halted its consideration of a license for the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository.

The lawsuit, which includes Nye County among its plaintiffs, is seeking a court order for the agency to complete its studies of the site.

The NRC has argued it halted work on the project after the Obama administration announced it was terminating the project and began zeroing out funding for it.

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## **STEM Skills Gap Widens Among Diverse Workers**

**Dec. 11, 2012**

In recognition of the value that a diverse workforce brings to business today, online job-search service Monster.com, the flagship brand of Monster Worldwide Inc. (NYSE: MWW), asked market research firm Harris Interactive to conduct research that examines the importance of diversity recruiting in the Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematical (STEM) professions.

It is widely acknowledged that STEM professions pose a recruiting challenge for many employers. When recruiting diverse candidates for STEM professions, an even greater challenge emerges.

Although well along the way to realizing and embracing the benefits of diversity and inclusion, Monster survey participants indicated that they are not fully at their goal of STEM diversity. These responses align with current figures in diversity representation in STEM professions.

Today, non-Hispanic whites constitute approximately 73% of the STEM workforce of which 27% are women; collectively, Hispanics and African-Americans constitute about 7% of the STEM workforce, despite making up more than 27.9% of the population. These structural shortages, uncovered in our qualitative research, are derived from a variety of factors including candidate location, cultural barriers within diverse communities that include a paucity of role models in STEM occupations, as well as a lack of discussion of these professions in the communities' educational environments.

"STEM positions are among the fastest growing occupations," said Jeffrey Quinn, vice president, Global Monster Insights. "Unfortunately, current skills gaps prevent organizations filling STEM positions with diverse candidates. The limited supply of qualified candidates is a fundamental issue organizations face in diverse STEM recruitment. If this gap continues to widen, the low number of diverse professionals in STEM occupations will create a challenge in the demand for global STEM education, employment and funding."

Hiring managers and recruiters with direct responsibility for recruiting and hiring diversity candidates overwhelmingly believe that effective diversity recruiting requires the strategic, long-term execution of a deliberate and multidimensional plan. This group also believes that the most effective recruiters employ many techniques to create a "pipeline" of diverse candidates who are accessible and interested in their companies.

"Workplace diversity is a vital strategy for building a strong business," said Lise Poulos, executive vice president and chief administrative officer, Monster Worldwide. "At Monster, we consider diversity and inclusion to be paramount to our success and we leverage it in our own workforce as a strategic advantage."

Monster commissioned Harris Interactive to conduct an online survey in August 2011 in which more than 400 chief diversity officers or senior vice presidents of human resources participated from a representative group of companies involved with architecture and engineering, computer and mathematics or life, physical and social science disciplines. Additionally, Monster conducted in-depth interviews with diversity and human resources executives.

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**It's day 14 of our 31 Days of Inspiring Women for the month of December!**

Today's inspirational woman is Wilma Mankiller, the first female chief of the Cheroke...See More <http://www.facebook.com/Nevadafem/posts/305844049517618>

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*"Sometimes I would like to ask God why He allows poverty, suffering, and injustice when He could do something about it. But I'm afraid He would ask me the same question." – Anonymous*