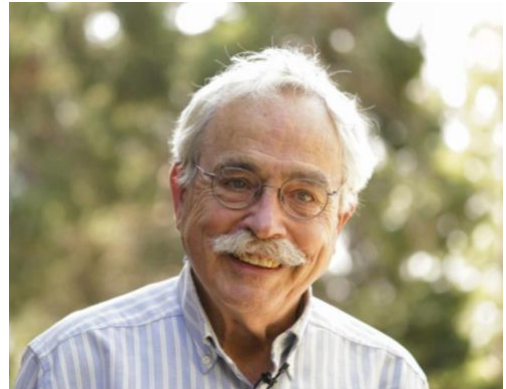




## The PPIC Peter B. Moyle Fund

For ten years, the PPIC Water Policy Center has advanced cutting-edge research on how to better manage environmental water. This work helps protect native fish and wildlife as well as the communities and businesses that rely on healthy rivers and wetlands.

But these are difficult times. Rapid changes in climate and the legacy of land and water use shifts are taking a toll on native species like salmon and steelhead. And major changes in federal policy are taking place that impact efforts to manage water for the environment.



To help meet this challenge, PPIC is establishing the Peter B. Moyle Fund for Environmental Water Policy, to be housed within the PPIC Water Policy Center. The Fund honors the legacy of Dr. Peter B. Moyle, Distinguished Emeritus Professor of UC Davis and California's preeminent freshwater fish ecologist.

The PPIC Water Policy Center—along with its extensive research network and partners in universities, agencies, and NGOs—has been at the forefront of developing innovative approaches to coping with the challenges of managing water in California. We remain a much-needed neutral, non-partisan voice committed to finding creative policy solutions in this highly controversial area.

The Peter B. Moyle Fund enables timely and nimble engagement on environmental water policy issues at this crucial time. Funds will support policy research and related engagement activities, such as workshops, blogs, public presentations, and highly regarded publications. Some of the near-term research projects to be addressed in the first five years include:

- **Envisioning futures for freshwater ecosystem management:** a synthesis of impactful work at PPIC on freshwater management that will be used to guide future legislation, state policy and local decisionmaking.
- **Better accounting for environmental water in California:** recommendations for how to modernize water accounting systems to track the efficiency and effectiveness of water allocated to the environment.
- **Policy recommendations to improve salmonid management:** a report that will inform California Trout as they develop policy prescriptions in their forthcoming update of *State of Salmonids: Fish in Hot Water* report.
- **Accelerating the pace and scale of restoration:** recommendations for how to build upon policy momentum created by California's Cutting the Green Tape Initiative and get more restoration done quickly.
- **Improving habitat mitigation:** in partnership with Sustainable Conservation, this will be an innovative look at how to make better use of funds set aside for habitat mitigation by construction projects.

The Water Policy Center is seeking annual support for the Moyle Fund of \$400,000 per year, for a total of \$2 million over a five-year period. To contribute to this fund go to [Donate to PPIC](#). Be sure to direct your donation to the Water Policy Center where the Moyle Fund will be administered. For annual donations greater than \$5,000 please contact Letitia Grenier, Director of the Water Policy Center at PPIC ([grenier@ppic.org](mailto:grenier@ppic.org)). All donors will receive regular updates on environmental water policy research and outreach supported by the fund and invitations to special events, including an event in 2026 celebrating the contributions of Peter Moyle to the conservation of California's freshwater fish.



## Recent PPIC Reports on Environmental Water Management

For more than 10 years researchers at the PPIC Water Policy Center have been exploring new approaches to freshwater ecosystem management, with the goal of finding ways to be more efficient and effective with resources allocated to environmental protection while adapting to rapidly changing conditions. Sample reports that illustrate this work include:

- [Stress Relief: Prescriptions for a Healthier Delta Ecosystem](#). (Analysis of options and costs of measures to address multiple stressors impacting the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta)
- [Managing Water for the Environment during Drought: Lessons from Victoria, Australia](#). (A summary of innovative practices used in Australia to manage water in reservoirs for environmental needs)
- [Managing California’s Freshwater Ecosystems: Lessons from the 2012–16 Drought](#). (A suite of proposals for managing drought, including ecosystem water budgets and planning)
- [A New Approach to Accounting for Environmental Water: Insights from the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta](#). (Identifies trends in the amount of water used for various purposes in the Delta and shortcomings of existing water accounting methods)
- [Managing Drought in a Changing Climate: Four Essential Reforms](#). (Recommends new policies for drought management in all sectors, including the environment)
- [A Path Forward for California’s Freshwater Ecosystems](#). (Introduces the concept of ecosystem-based management and highlights the importance of setting aside budgets for the environment)
- [Making the Most of Water for the Environment: A Functional Flows Approach for California’s Rivers](#). (Describes how to use water allocated to the environment more efficiently and effectively to meet ecosystem objectives)
- [Advancing Ecosystem Restoration with Smarter Permitting: Case Studies from California](#). (Recommends reforms to speed up permitting and reduce the costs of habitat improvement efforts)
- [Tracking Where Water Goes in the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta](#). (An update of the 2017 report, including accounting for changes in runoff and use upstream of the Delta)
- [Storing Water for the Environment](#). (A groundbreaking look at how to use water stored in reservoirs and groundwater to meet freshwater ecosystem objectives)
- [Climate-smart Tools to Protect California’s Freshwater Biodiversity](#). (Examines ways to adapt to the impacts of climate change on native species)
- [Implementing Climate-smart Conservation](#). (An analysis of legal and institutional impediments to climate adaptation for the environment with recommendations for reforms)