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Water News and More from the Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law & Policy
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We're Hiring!

It's time for the Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law & Policy to find our next postgraduate fellow! [We are now accepting applications through the Tulane Jobs portal, where all the relevant information can be found.](#) Okay, most relevant information. The position is for a 1 or (hopefully) 2-year stint doing public service policy work here with us at Chateau d'Eau. It's open to students graduating from a JD or LLM program this spring as well as those who graduated in 2021. The posting says it will stay up until the position is filled, but we anticipate starting to review resumes at the end of the month. Tell everybody! But mostly, you know, tell new law grads who'd actually be eligible.

Meteorologists – They're Not Just Being Zany and Wishing Little Old Ladies Happy Birthday

No, of course not. Meteorologists are hugely important. Even the local TV meteorologist is bringing important and lifesaving information to the public when they're not [chuckling along](#). But the World Meteorological Organization is now taking it upon themselves to [track the status of water resources around the globe, predict their changes, and compare them to historical patterns](#). With studies predicting [increasing flood risks](#) and [shifting seasonal variations](#), this work is certainly called for. This massive undertaking will require incredible amounts of data that simply doesn't exist in many places. Even in the United States, so much of [what data we do have is so obsolete](#) that it leads to dangerously insufficient standards for infrastructure. The group is hoping that its members will sign up to measure and report their local data. Luckily, they refer to funders. Without that, this important undertaking would be little more than, oh, let's see, [throwing a basketball into the wind](#).

Report Ludicrously Suggests California Meet its 21st Century Water Problems with 21st Century Water Law

And just get rid of all the fun 19th and 20th Century laws?!? California gets a lot of attention in the water law world, and why shouldn't it? It's big, has tons of people, a wide variety of landscapes and climates, and a complicated legal history that goes back to the King of Spain. So, it's notable when a team of experts publishes a [report](#) addressing how to update the state's water laws. Though the report's introduction clearly states that it's intended as a "focused approach to updating" the current approach, it's been [reported](#) as calling for the "overhaul" of the state's "antiquated laws." Even if it's not calling to tear it down to the studs, the changes they recommend would have major impacts. Those recommendations are: to sufficiently fund the state's water

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The Institute is dedicated to fostering a greater appreciation and understanding of the vital role that water plays in our society and of the importance of the legal and policy framework that shapes the uses and legal stewardship of water.

Coming up:

[Native Plant Academy Applications Due](#), February 14

[UF Water Institute Symposium](#), February 22-23

[Tulane Environmental Law Summit](#), March 11-12

[SLU Summit for Water](#); March 22 – 23

[ABA SEER 51st Spring Conference](#); April 6 - 8

[Coastal Law in Louisiana \(CLE\)](#), April 21- 22

Water jobs:

[Senior Research Fellow](#), Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law & Policy; New Orleans, LA

[Ocean and Coastal Law Fellow](#), National Sea Grant Law Center; Oxford MS

[Western Water Policy Specialist](#), The Nature Conservancy; flexible within the Western US

[Water Justice Specialist](#), Bayou City Waterkeeper, Houston, TX

[Sustainability/ESG Director](#), PwC; multiple locations

[Research Associate](#), University of New Orleans; New Orleans, LA

[Research Associate 1](#), University of Louisiana Lafayette; Lafayette, LA

[Organizing Representative](#), Sierra Club; New Orleans, LA

[Advocacy Director](#); Coalition to Restore Louisiana; New Orleans, LA

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authority; adapt laws to account for climate change; and augment dam management to account for species put in danger by climate change. Seems reasonable, no? Especially given that they would increase the chances of domestic wells not drying up, something that disproportionately affects Latino communities? Well, naysayers have already chimed in poo-pooing about how hard it would be to pass such changes through the legislature and administer them properly. What? You want to keep doing it [the stupid way](#)?

Hot Fun in the Summittime

The highlight of the New Orleans social calendar is upon us once again. That's right, it's time for the 27th Annual Tulane Environmental Law & Policy Summit! Final details are still being finalized, but we can tell you that it will be held March 11 and 12, attendance will be virtual, CLEs will be available, and Governor John Bel Edwards is slated to give a keynote address. That address will be the in-person cherry on the sessions' virtual sundae! Get your best summiting gear ready now!