

## The Internet of Water

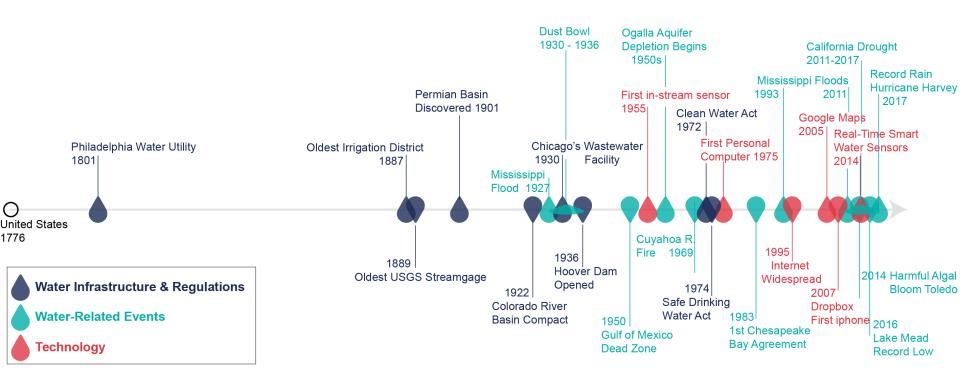
**Sharing and Integrating Water Data for Sustainability** 

November 6, 2019 AWRA Conference



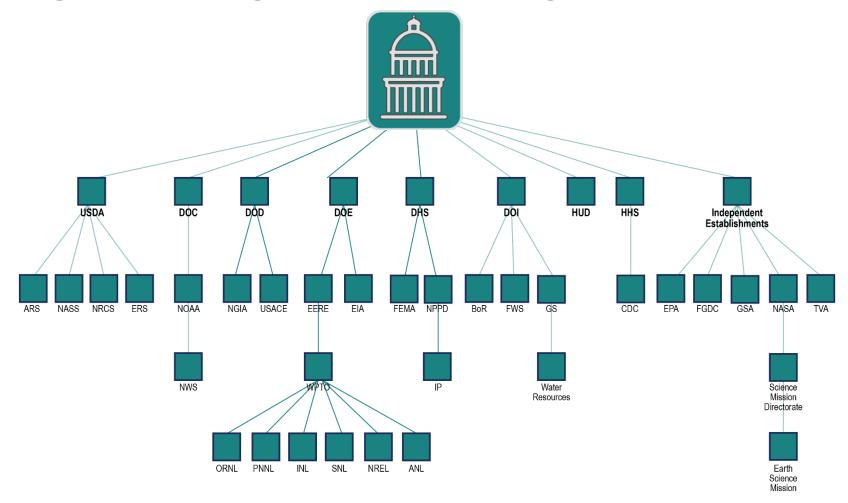


### Why do we need an Internet of Water?





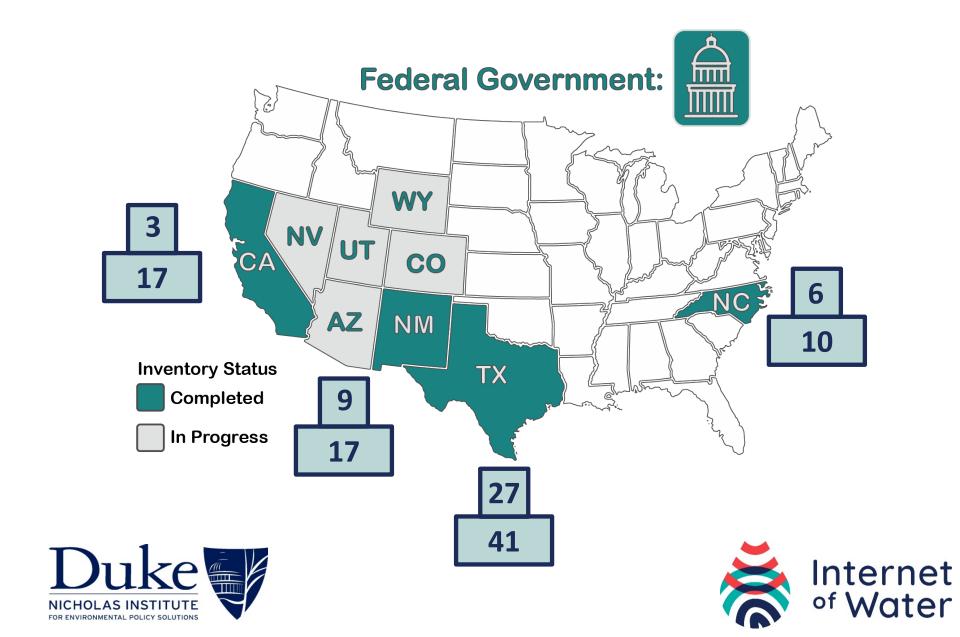


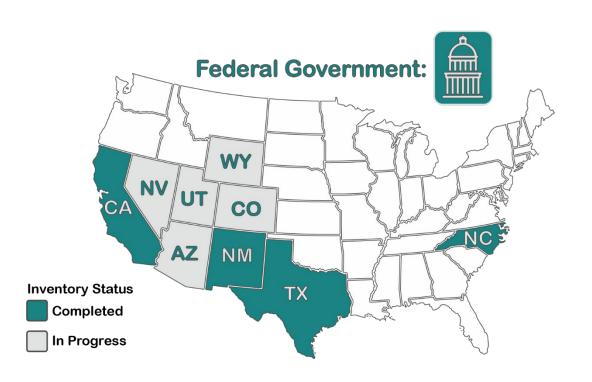


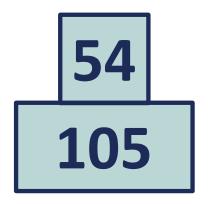


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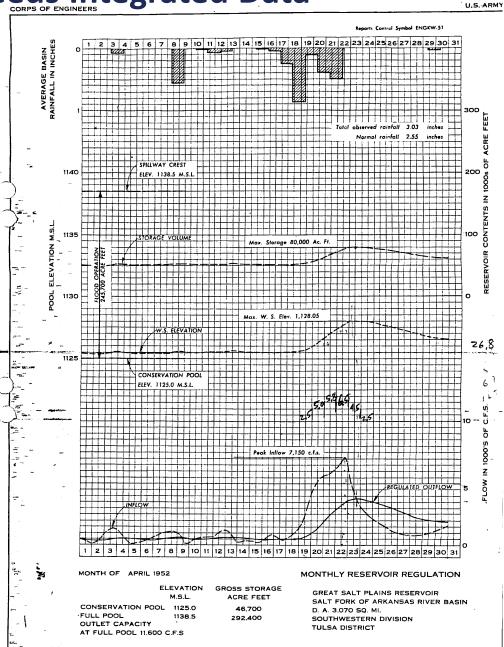
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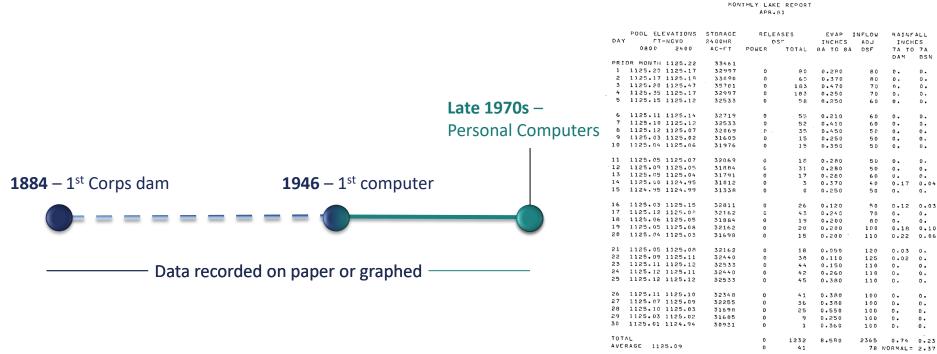
**1946** – 1<sup>st</sup> computer



Data recorded on paper or graphed









Not-Machine Readable

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DATE = 30

TOP CONSERVATION POOL

TOP FLOOD POOL

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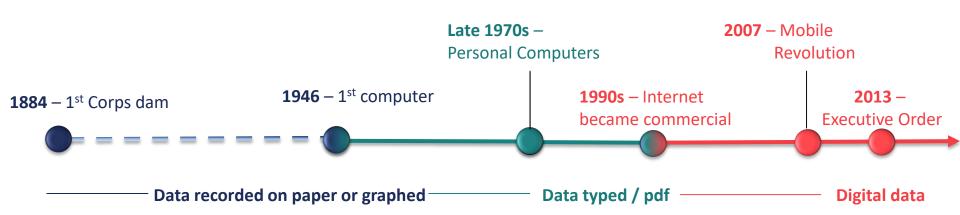
WATER SUPPLY: WITHDRAWN

MINIMUM 1124.94

35781

INFLOW VOLUME=

GREAT SALT PLAINS LAKE





#### What is the Internet of Water?

### **Aspen Institute Dialogue Series**



#### **PURPOSE**

How to create a national framework for sharing and integrate already existing publicly collected water data?

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

27 water experts, managers, policy makers, regulators, and representatives from the private and social sectors

https://www.aspeninstitute.org/tag/internet-of-water/





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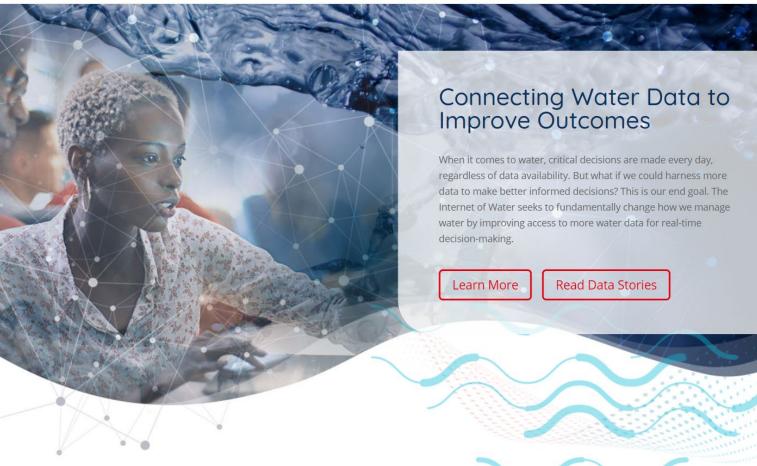














https://internetofwater.org/



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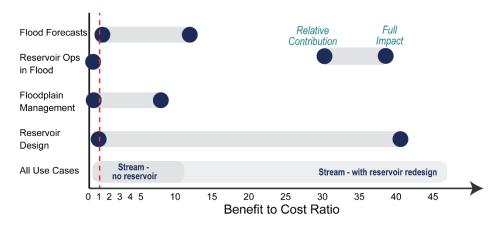






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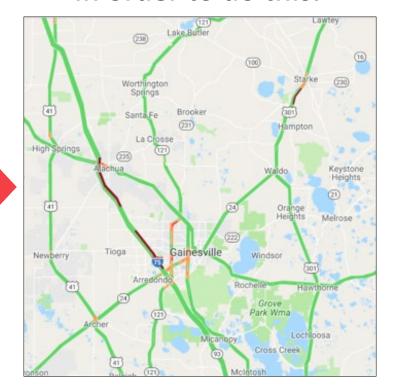
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY SOLUTIONS

- Created educational materials on why data are hard to value and approaches to economically valuing data.
- Developing data stories that communicate the value of water data to various organizations in economic terms.
- Engaged in pilot projects to demonstrate the value of sharing and integrating data.

Finding 2. Making Existing Public Water Data Open is a Priority

#### We had to have this...

#### In order to do this.







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#### **Activities.** Helping Your Data to Flow

A key finding from the Aspen Institute dialogue series on water data was that the most necessary step in using water data for sustainability is making public water data open by default, discoverable, and digitally accessible. We are developing educational materials, resources, and tools for making water data more open. Click on an icon below to learn more. These resources are actively being developed so be sure to keep checking back!



Explore (1) which public agencies are collecting (2) what types of water data for (3) what purposes, and (4) the openness of those data.



Coming Soon: Explore why open data are important, find out how open your data are, and how you can improve openness.



Coming Soon: Find publications and presentations including reports, white papers, data stories, and educational materials.



**Learning Center** 

Coming Soon: A series of educational materials to explain standards, metadata, cloud services, etc. What they are, why they are important, what tools are available, and how to use them.



Glossary

Coming Soon: Public agencies may have different definitions for the same type of data. Search here to learn who uses what definitions for different types of water data.



Coming Soon: Explore the workflow and resources for creating water budgets currently adopted by federal and state governments.

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Nobody knows I exist I exist only in my organization



I'm online but you have to know my address



My address is easy to find in my org's website



I'm in a catalog you can search





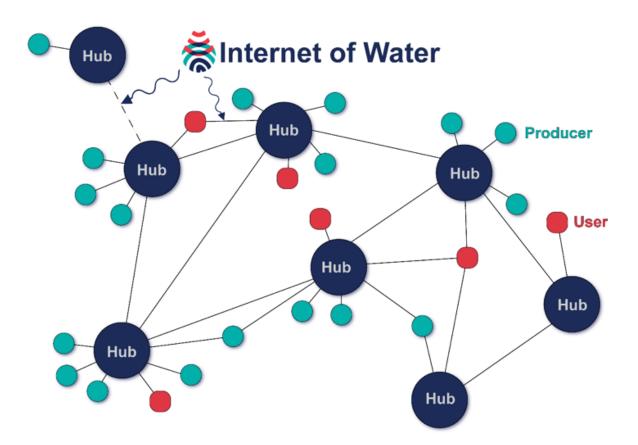






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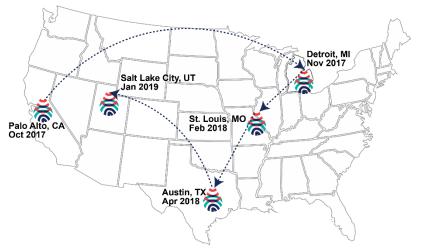






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#### **Activities:**

- Hosted a series of roundtables to better understand what different sectors needs are around water data
- Developing peer-to-peer learning networks and list serves
- Match-maker role for those facing particular challenges with those in our network that have found various solutions







# Questions?





