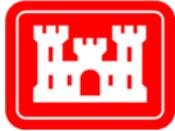




WestFAST Webinar



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According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), oceans hold over 96.5 percent of all Earth's water. The USGS also tells us that almost all the water that people can access is saline. Saline water is not just in the oceans. There is an extensive amount of very salty water in the ground in the western United States. In its raw state, saline water cannot be used for many of the purposes we need water for, such as drinking, irrigation, and many industrial uses.

If almost all water is considered saline, then what is the definition of saline water? What are the sources of salinity, and what are its impacts? Where is salinity a problem? What are the big questions or needs related to salinity control? Are efforts to address salinity coordinated across the West, and if not, should they be? What are the challenges? This WestFAST hosted webinar brings together salinity experts who will share their knowledge and experiences addressing salinity in the western United States.

Presenters

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