

Letter from the Special Issue Editor

I am pleased to report on the release of the National Institutes for Water Resources (NIWR) Special Issue in the *Journal of Contemporary Water Research & Education* (JCWRE) that features important water research by researchers and students studying at our collective institutions of higher learning. This JCWRE Special Issue is a partnership between NIWR, which consists of the 54 land-grant university water institutes in the United States, and UCOWR, which represents 63 of the best water research universities in the United States and Canada. This timely water research is supported by Sec. 104b and 104g grants from the Department of Interior and U.S. Geological Survey appropriated by Congress through the 1964 Water Resources Research Act as amended in 1988. This peer-reviewed research includes articles on water quantity and quality from universities that stretch from east to west and from coast to coast that focus on most of the large river basins and watersheds in America. I wish to especially thank Jackie Gillespie and Karl Williard, Co-editors of JCWRE, for pushing this collaboration forward. Upon rereading the articles published in this Special Issue of JCWRE, I am reminded that the future of our field is in good hands to tackle the critical water resources issues of the day as they appear more and more in the headlines and front pages of the news.

Warmly,

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