

IAH MAR Commission Newsletter. 2025 July & August. Issue nº 52

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ISMAR 12, still alive

“From Theory to Implementation and Operation”

170 delegates from more than 30 countries, all bringing valuable insights and expertise that enriched the symposium programme.

Field trip photos.



Atlantis tour



Cap Flats




Elandsfontein phosphate mine

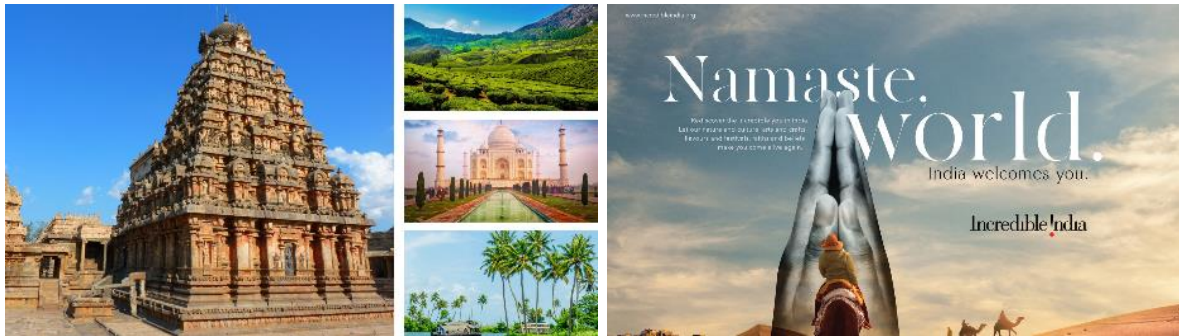
Photo gallery: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ifdbHpv77NSA1trW8>

The ISMAR 12 section includes links to download the field-trip guides and a photo-gallery. Have a look: <https://recharge.iah.org/ismar/ismar12>

ISMAR 13 hosting country will be India


**Indian National Chapter of
International Association of Hydrogeologists
(INC-IAH)**
 Proudly Announces the Hosting of
ISMAR-13
 (2027-2028)
REQUEST YOUR VALUED PARTICIPATION & SPONSORSHIP
 Prof A K Sinha,
 Vice-President, Asia (IAH Council)
 President, Indian National Chapter of IAH

Dear Esteemed Colleagues and Valued Sponsors
 I am happy to bring to your kind attention that the Indian National chapter of International Association of Hydrogeologists (INC-IAH), is committed to organize ISMAR 13 during 2027-2028 in India with your valued cooperation and support
The INC-IAH extend
WARMEST INVITATION TO YOU ALL
 for participation and sponsorship opportunities at the upcoming "International Symposium on Managed Aquifer Recharge-13" (ISMAR 13).
 ISMAR is a pivotal platform for professionals, researchers, and organizations involved in the management and sustainable use of groundwater resources through innovative aquifer recharge techniques. This symposium will gather leading experts, policymakers, and industry stakeholders from around the world, fostering dialogue,

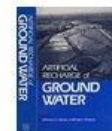


Special thanks to Professor Sinha for readiness and slides, and to Salini Sashidaran for this upcoming event's invitation.

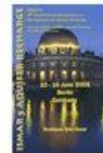
Invitation to ISMAR 13, 2027.

International Symposia on MAR:

1. 1988 Anaheim California, USA (ASCE)
2. 1994 Orlando, Florida, USA (ASCE)
3. 1998 Amsterdam, Netherlands (IAH, ASCE & UNESCO)
4. 2002 Adelaide, Australia "
5. 2005 Berlin, Germany "
6. 2007 Phoenix, Arizona, USA "
7. 2010 Abu Dhabi, UAE "
8. 2013 Beijing, China "
9. 2016 Mexico City, Mexico "
10. 2019 Madrid, Spain "
11. 2022 Long Beach California, USA "
12. 2025 Stellenbosch, South Africa "
13.2027 INDIA



**International Association
of Hydrogeologists**
 The World-wide Groundwater Organisation
 IAH Commission on
 Managing Aquifer Recharge



*13. Pendant to confirm 2028 spring, or 2027 October as organizers suggested initially.

PUBLICATIONS ABOUT MAR

ISMAR 12's Special issue on Journal Groundwater for Sustainable Development

Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR): From Theory to Implementation and Operation
Submission deadline: **05 March 2026**

Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) has become a key strategy for sustainable groundwater management. By intentionally storing excess water in aquifers, MAR helps augment domestic water supplies, enhance water availability for irrigation, and support groundwater-dependent ecosystems. It mitigates groundwater overexploitation and provides a buffer against variability in surface water resources, thereby increasing communities' resilience to droughts and climate change. This special issue aims to bridge the knowledge gap between MAR theory, implementation, and operation by presenting innovative research, real-world case studies, and practical insights for scientists, practitioners, and policymakers dedicated to building resilient and sustainable water systems.

CALL FOR PAPERS

MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE (MAR): From Theory to Implementation and Operation

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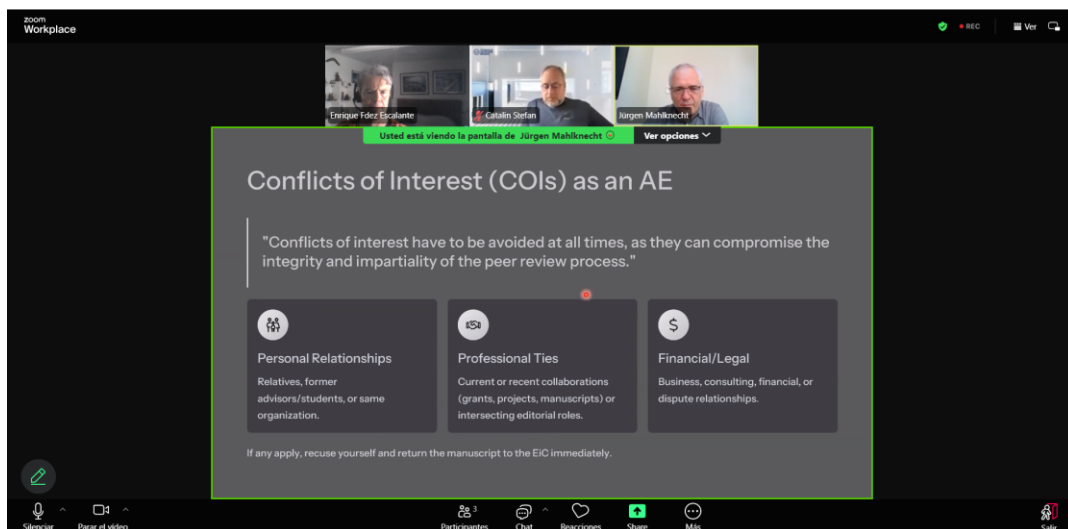


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More info and call for papers: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/special-issue/324709/managed-aquifer-recharge-mar-from-theory-to-implementation-and-operation>

There is already one paper in this special Issue:

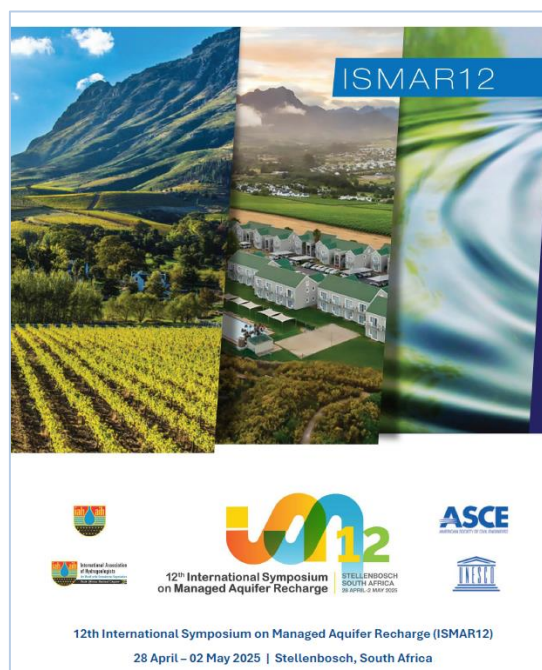
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/special-issue/10QD9WZ8B7Z>



Screenshot from the kick-off meeting between Editor-in-Chief and Guest Editors of the Special Issue, 2025-08-19th.

ISMAR 12 Executive Summary (6 pg.)

ISMAR 12 was held in Stellenbosch, South Africa from 28 April to 2 May 2025. This was an opportunity for the rest of the world's MAR experts and academics to come to South Africa, showcase their specialities, and form the African connections that can provide their companies and institutions with their next international MAR partnership to facilitate new projects and studies, this time in Africa...



Read more and download: <https://recharge.iah.org/files/2025/06/ISMAR12-for-IAH.pdf>

P-ISMAR 12 mini-book

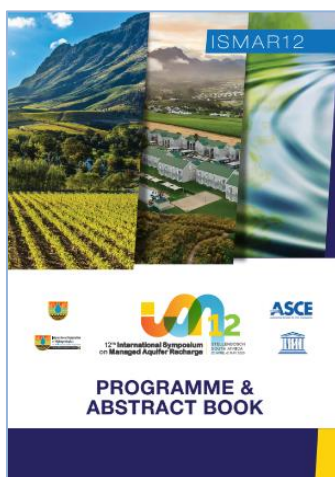
Posters were specifically requested by the organizers, including a disclaimer for the exhibition and publication. All of them have been gathered in this collection called P-ISMAR 12 (mini-book). Both, the classification and the editing tasks were carried out by IAH-MAR Commission co-chairs with the assistance of ISMAR 12's chairmen and scientific coordinator. You can hereby enjoy the publication resulting from this cooperation, which consists of 15 posters, which allows us to share some information that, otherwise, could have got lost.



<https://dinamar.tragsa.es/file.axd?file=/PDFS/P-ISMAR-12p.pdf>

ISMAR 12 Programme & abstract book

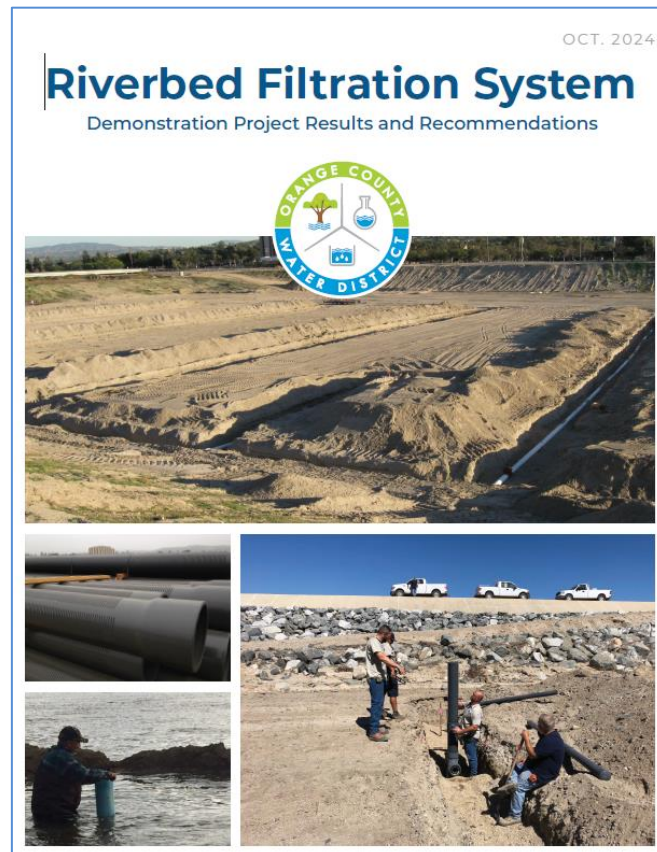
The main theme “From Theory to Implementation and Operation” places the focus on the latest research, implementation of MAR sites and the practicality of operating MAR schemes.



Download: https://recharge.iah.org/files/2025/05/ISMAR12_Programme-and-Abstract-Booklet.pdf

Orange County Water District. Riverbed Filtration System. Demonstration Project Results and Recommendations. Already on line...

Clogging due to the accumulation of suspended solids is a constraint that limits the capacity of the Orange County Water District's (OCWD) surface water recharge system...



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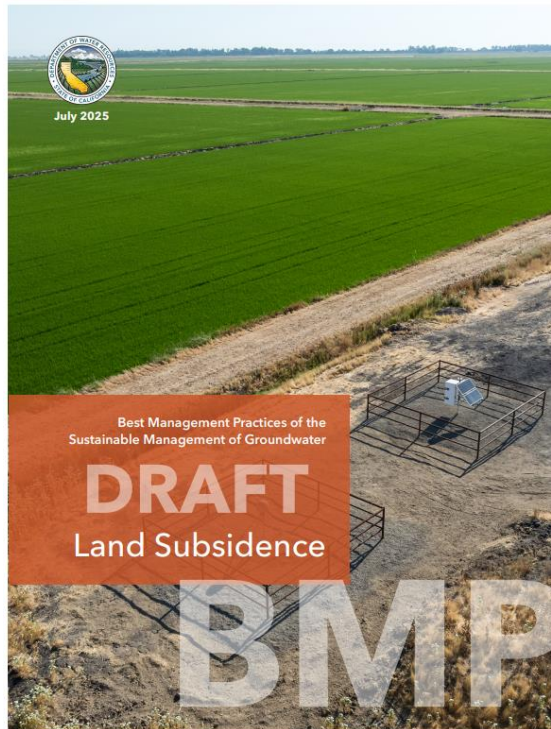
https://www.ocwd.com/wp-content/uploads/Riverbed-Filtration-System-Proj-Results_Recommendations_October-2024-w-Cover.pdf

BMP Land subsidence publication

New publication including a chapter on MAR (draft version).

The Subsidence Best Management Practices document (Subsidence BMP) provides a guide on the fundamentals of land surface subsidence (also called “land subsidence” or “subsidence”), technical assistance related to subsidence, and best practices for managing subsidence. The Subsidence BMP also provides specific information about subsidence in California and how it must be considered within the structure of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Subsidence is one of the six sustainability indicators required to be managed under SGMA. The Subsidence BMP

does not supersede or replace any existing local, state, or federal regulations. Rather, it is meant to help groundwater managers, especially Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and the public, better understand land subsidence and how it can be managed.

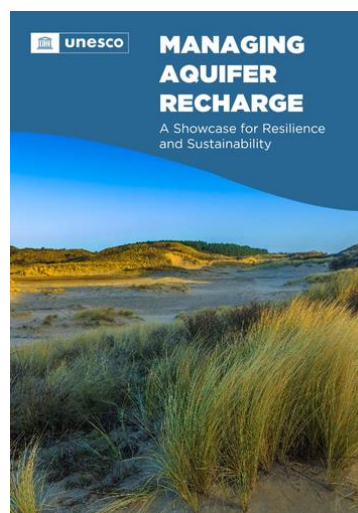


More info:

https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Subsidence/Files/Subsidence_BMP_Public_Draft.pdf

New analysis of costs and benefits of MAR (call for action)

Andrew Ross has begun the call for contributions to new analysis of costs and benefits of MAR projects.



This would build on information provided in the UNESCO IAH 2021 publication “Managing Aquifer Recharge: a Showcase for Resilience and Sustainability”. You could add further information about the case study included in the UNESCO publication or analysis of a different MAR scheme. Results from this new analysis would be presented in special session on the economics of MAR at ISMAR 13 in India and in a subsequent publication.

Rationale and objective

MAR and water banking are now well-established in policy and practice as important instruments for improving water security and resilience to droughts and floods. However, uncertainty about the economics of MAR continues to be a barrier to adoption. There are significant gaps in the analysis of costs and benefits of MAR

Scope and methodology

Subject to further discussion with you about priorities and feasibility the new analysis could include;

- separation of costs of project establishment and approvals, and project implementation - including monitoring and compliance. This would provide additional information on regulatory and administrative barriers to MAR;
- improved estimation of benefits, including calculation of net present value of annual benefits and costs over actual project life; standardised analysis of net benefits of MAR and the best alternative option; sensitivity analysis including a range of discount rates.

Subject to data availability additional estimates or indicators might be included about

- indicators of environmental benefits including impacts of MAR on aquifer levels, water quality, environmental water and flood control;
- off-site costs and benefits including downstream impacts.

Please, contact Andrew for this topic: a.ross@anu.edu.au

MAR AND MAR-RELATED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

6th International Summer School on MAR in Dresden

The “6th International Summer School on Managed Aquifer Recharge – MARISS” will be organised in Dresden (Germany) from 01 to 06 September 2025.



More info: <https://www.htw-dresden.de/mariss>

Thank you Dr. Cornelius Sandhu for reporting.

MAR specific session in the IAHR 2025 congress

Groundwater now and for the future

Join us for an extraordinary gathering of groundwater expertise at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, from September 15-19, 2025. This event, held in conjunction with the 2025 Australasian Groundwater Conference, marks a significant return of the World Groundwater Congress to Australia after 12 years.



Full Congress Program Now Live!



More info: <https://iah2025congress.com/>

Joanne Vanderzalm is Chairing a special session on MAR on 18 Sept containing 8 papers: <https://iah2025congress.com/program/>

NGWA MAR Symposium. Denver, Colorado, USA. September 23-24, 2025

Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) Conference Program available - all you water supply resilience proponents out there, the September 23-24, 2025 NGWA MAR Symposium Program is posted - there are also Sept 22 workshops and Sept 25 MAR field trips planned.

Recharge - Managed Aquifer Recharge Special Session Dr Joanne Vanderzalm

591. Designing water banking policy for water security in a changing climate
Peter Dillon

687. Groundwater flow and nature-based Managed Aquifer Recharge (NaBa-MAR): providing an innovative approach to the public through experimental and numerical studies
Szilvia Simon

679. A stormwater managed aquifer recharge journey in Frankston, Melbourne: from concept to construction
Craig Flavel

670. Nature-based managed aquifer recharge solutions for effective water retention in the Danube-Tisza Interfluvium, Hungary
Szilvia Simon

690. Integrated Managed Aquifer Recharge: Assessing the Efficiency of Riverbank Filtration and Infiltration Ditches for Sustainable Groundwater Management in Industrial Areas
Sławomir Sitek

82. HYDROGEOLOGICAL EVALUATION TO INFORM ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE SYSTEMS - BRIDGING THE GAP
Russell Martin

33. Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) by Geo-Engineering Methods in the Semi-Arid Regions of India.
Janardhana Raju Nandimandalam

324. Upper King River Managed Aquifer Recharge Investigation
Hannah Groves



**2025 -
2026
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EVENTS**

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Managed Aquifer Recharge Conference:
 Unleashing Resiliency, Protecting Groundwater Quality
 September 22, 2025 | Denver, Colorado
 Embassy Suites Hotel

Managed Aquifer Recharge Conference: Unleashing Resiliency, Protecting Groundwater Quality
 Don't wait to register for NGWA's Managed Aquifer Recharge Conference, taking place September 23 – 24. Hear from leading experts as they share technical, regulatory, and institutional insights for developing effective MAR projects. Register by August 29 to save!

[Register](#)

Aquifer Storage Recovery: Achieving Successful Groundwater Recharge & Recovery Through Wells Short Course

Held in person on **September 22 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.** in Denver, Colorado, this short course will guide attendees through the planning, design, and operation of aquifer recharge systems using wells. Topics include ASR well construction, water quality challenges, and geochemical compatibility.

[Register](#)

Viruses and Managed Aquifer Recharge: Short Course

This in-person short course, taking place on **September 22 from 1 – 5 p.m.** in Denver, Colorado, will focus on viruses in managed aquifer recharge, with sessions on subsurface transport, modeling approaches, risk analysis, and removal studies relevant to MAR planning and regulation.

[Register](#)

More info: <https://ngwa.confex.com/ngwa/mar25/meetingapp.cgi/Home/0>

The Eighth Annual Western Groundwater Congress (WGC). October 6-9, 2025. San Diego Town and Country, San Diego, CA

Our Vision
Sustainable Groundwater for All

Our Mission
The Groundwater Resources Association of California is dedicated to resource management that protects and improves groundwater supply and quality through education and technical leadership

Events » 2025 Western Groundwater Congress



The Eighth Annual Western Groundwater Congress (WGC)

Workshop 3: Scaling Recharge Together: A Hands-On Workshop to Shape the Future of FloodMAR

More info: <https://www.grac.org/page/2025wgc>

IWRA. XIX World Water Congress on "Water in a Changing World: Innovation and Adaptation"

Marrakech, Morocco, 1-5 December 2025. MAR is included in the thematic area 5.



THEMATIC AREAS:	
1. WATER GOVERNANCE, FINANCING, AND PLANNING DURING UNCERTAINTY	+
2. WATER-ENERGY-FOOD-ECOSYSTEMS NEXUS (WEEF NEXUS)	+
3. WATER SECURITY AND WATER-RELATED RISKS	+
4. TOWARDS INNOVATION AND A SMART WATER FUTURE	+
5. GROUNDWATER CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groundwater Assessment: Innovate groundwater data collection methods, improve monitoring technologies, and develop policies to sustain groundwater as a key and strategic resource in water-scarce regions. Groundwater Data: Explore mechanisms for encouraging and facilitating open sharing of data on groundwater resources, including available storage, flow rates and directions, permeability, aquifer characteristics, recharge and discharge values, uses and allocations, and other facts. Participatory Groundwater Management: Foster community and stakeholder involvement and inclusive governance in groundwater management, including in transboundary aquifer basins, to ensure equitable access and long-term sustainability. Integrated Surface Water and Groundwater Management: Explore the interconnectedness of surface water and groundwater systems and identify mechanisms for implementing integrated management approaches that optimize the use and sustainability of both resources within basins and across borders. Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR): Accelerate the adoption of MAR techniques to replenish overdrawn aquifers, develop water banking opportunities, and promote sustainable water resource management. Impacts of Climate Change on Groundwater Resilience: Examine the influence of climate change on groundwater recharge rates, storage capacity, and availability; identify strategies for enhancing the resilience of groundwater systems to climate variability and extreme weather events. 	
6. WATER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	+
7. WATER QUALITY AND ONE HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES	+

More info:

<https://worldwatercongress.com/about-us/congress-theme/#1736332941814-6a357f08-d37d>

UN 2026 Conference on Water

The co-coordinator of the IAH LUNA Network has announced the UN 2026 Conference on Water: 18 March, an online meeting is being organized by the UN Secretariat in NY, to provide up-to-date information on the third UN Water Conference that will be organized in December 2026.

Details in further newsletters.

SEMINARS AND WEBINARS

Extending your knowledge on managed aquifer recharge?

IAH-MAR webinar series. #6th. Advanced MAR modeling. Tuesday, 15 July 2025, 14:00 – 15:30 CET

Flow and Transport Dynamics in Engineered and Natural Systems: Advanced Modeling and Experimental Insights for Sustainable Water Resources Management.



Invited speakers:

Christophe Darnaults. SCEES, Clemson University. USA

Mahsa Ghorbani. SCEES, Clemson University. USA

Flow and Transport Dynamics in Engineered and Natural Systems: Advanced Modeling and Experimental Insights for Sustainable Water Resources Management. Part 1 - Part 2.

IAH-MAR webinar series. #7th. Construction criteria. Thursday, 14 August 2025, 22:30 CET

Invited speaker:

Russell Martin (Principal hydrogeologist Wallbridge Gilbert Aztec, Australia). MAR Scheme Design Considerations for Bore Recharge (Science meets Engineering).

This online seminar is organised by the Latin American MAR Community of Practice (LatinMAR). We are grateful to Adriana Palma Nava for organising and chairing the session. [Read more about LatinMAR.](#)



International Association
of Hydrogeologists
the World-wide Groundwater Organisation
IAH Commission on
Managing Aquifer Recharge

Online MAR Seminars

"Recharge wells"

14th August, 2025, 14: 30 CDMX - 21:30 CET



LATINMAR INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THIS WEBINAR



MARTIN RUSSELL
Australian Hydrogeologist

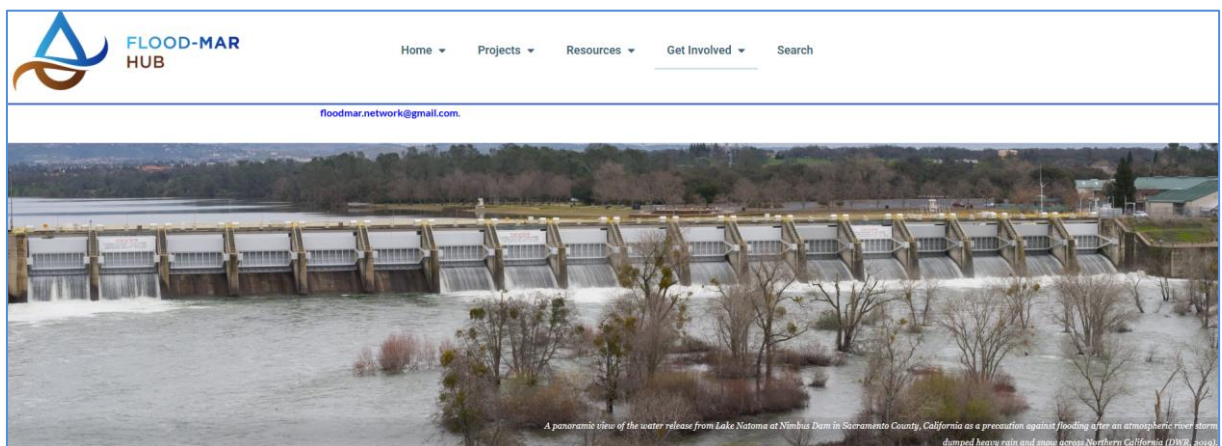
MAR Scheme Design Considerations for Bore Recharge (Science meets Engineering).

I am a practical Hydrogeologist with over 35 years of Public and Private sector experience in groundwater resource evaluation, analysis, and management with an emphasis on managed aquifer recharge. I am focused on providing solutions to meet the water challenges facing the urban sector, industry, agriculture, and the environment.

More info: <https://recharge.iah.org/online-mar-seminars>

Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) network on Wednesday, June 4 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Organized by [California Department of Water Resources](#) on an innovative project to remove suspended solids from river water prior to recharge.



Results:

<https://web.cvent.com/event/b7bcab3e-6c57-492e-b832-45d5fa69bb0f/summary>
<https://web.cvent.com/event/b7bcab3e-6c57-492e-b832-45d5fa69bb0f/regProcessStep1>

Publication

https://cfpub.epa.gov/si/si_public_record_report.cfm?dirEntryId=352238&Lab=CPHEA&simplesearch=0&showcriteria=2&sortby=pubDate&searchall=enhanced+aquifer+recharge&timstype=&datebeginpublishedpresented=08/19/2019

webinar

<https://www.epa.gov/water-research/introduction-epas-enhanced-aquifer-recharge-research-webinar>

More info:

https://floodmar.org/get-involved/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery#events

Thank you, Adam Hutchinson, for reporting.

UPCOMING

MAR suitability mapping work group. Online workshop to be announced soon.

This working group organised a workshop during ISMAR12 and proposed a set of guiding principles for harmonizing the methodologies for MAR suitability mapping. A publication is currently in preparation, preceded by a set of online consultations. Difference activities are planned, such as development of a general Wiki page, extending the review of MAR suitability studies, scooping the integration of more advanced methods based on machine learning, collection of best practices, compilation of an extended database with suitability criteria, etc.

More info about the group activities: <https://recharge.iah.org/working-groups/mar-feasibility-mapping>

(the page will be updated soon with more details about upcoming activities and invitation to online sessions).

IAH-MAR webinar series. Seminar #8th. September 16 or 17th, 15:00 h CEST. Social aspects of MAR

Invited speakers to be confirmed shortly, final date to be confirmed too through our traditional channels*.

IAH-MAR members are invited to participate in future webinars. Please, consider proposing a title and sending your suggestion to [Catalin Stefan](#).

Previous booking is required. More info and (most of the) presentations:

***<https://recharge.iah.org/online-mar-seminars>**

NEW MAR OR MAR-RELATED ACTIVITIES

WGA and OCWD posts on the Internet (Linked-In and YouTube)

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/california-department-of-water-resources_groundwater-spring-report-activity-7343313239914553344-H4Vs?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAATbUsYBniGYw-D82SCFUMAchFrpT-xO20k

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/jennifer-pierre-32163950_how-much-water-is-available-for-groundwater-activity-7344065964625313793-Abtt?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAATbUsYBniGYw-D82SCFUMAchFrpT-xO20k

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/wga-ausnz_makingadifference-water-southaustralia-ugcPost-7344173197858152448-4u92?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAATbUsYBniGYw-D82SCFUMAchFrpT-xO20k

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https://www.linkedin.com/posts/adam-hutchinson-pg-chg-6891b89_removal-of-suspended-solids-water-quality-activity-7338277858450075648-lf3?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAATbUsYBniGYw-D82SCFUMAchFrpT-xO20k

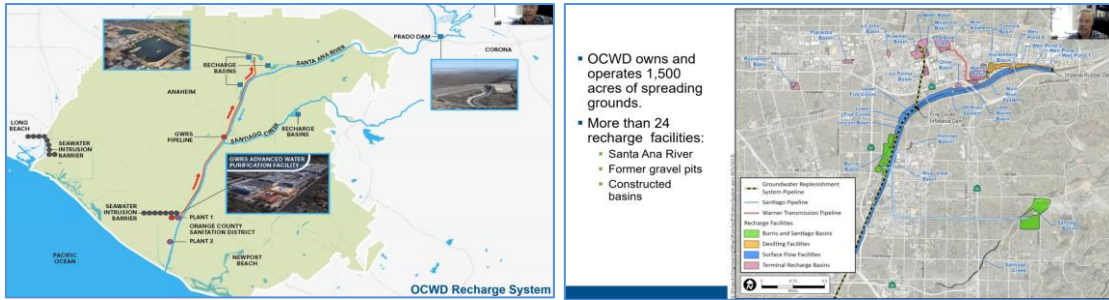
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UywYNKeKhic>



Removal of Suspended Solids and Water Quality Improvements from Riverbed Filtration: Eight Years of Demonstration Testing in Orange County, CA

Adam Hutchinson
Recharge Planning Manager

June 4, 2025



New document recently released: European Water Resilience Strategy

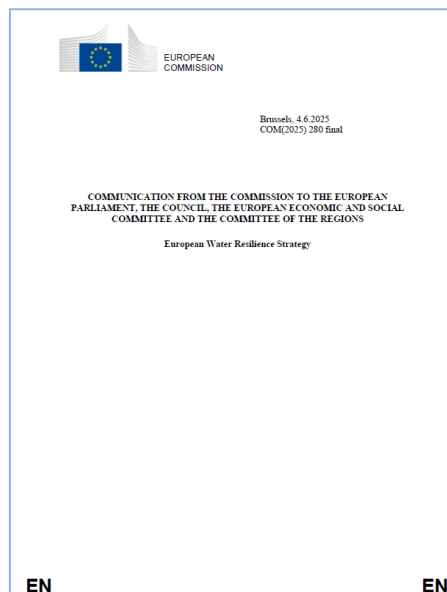
Water resilience is a matter of security and crisis preparedness for the EU. Water is a basic need and a critical resource. As outlined in the Preparedness Union Strategy, security of clean and affordable freshwater supply must be “a guiding priority” for the Union...

Water is an essential resource.

It sustains our way of life, our economy and our food. But today, our water supply is under threat.

Europe needs to ensure water security and be prepared for water-related disasters. By 2030, global water demand will exceed available resources by 40%, and efforts need to be made to ensure both its availability and quality worldwide.

That is why the European Commission has developed a water resilience strategy to help the EU improve the way we manage water while making our businesses more competitive and innovative.



Download the document: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025DC0280&qid=1750857768458>

New thesis on MAR successfully defended at Darmstadt University, Germany

We are pleased to announce that the PhD student of the ITN MARSoluT project, Edinsson Muñoz Vega, has successfully completed his dissertation at the @Institut für Angewandte Geowissenschaften, @Technische Universität Darmstadt: Congratulations on the excellent result, Edinsson!!!



Attached also a small MARSolut "family photo" with Karl Ernst Roehl, @Christoph Schüth, Edinsson Muñoz Vega, Marcel Horovitz and Rodrigo Pérez Illanes.

More info: <https://www.marsolut-itn.eu/>

WGA celebration on the Te Ao Māori and value, people and communities

At WGA, we celebrate Te Ao Māori and value its importance in our work, people and communities. As maritime and water specialists, we are well equipped to make a meaningful impact through our work with wai tai (saltwater) and wai māori (freshwater). We embed the principles of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management into our practice, recognising the intrinsic mauri (life force) of water, prioritising the health of water bodies, and upholding the relationship between tangata whenua and wai. The policy's principles help guide our broader approach to marine environments, environmental design, community collaboration, and long-term sustainability.

In a collaborative project based in the wetland area adjacent the Arowhenua Marae wetland area, WGA's water scientists and engineers worked with Te Rūnanga and Boffa Miskell Limited to implement best practices in freshwater management during the conceptual design phase to uphold kaitiakitanga, ensuring environmental

stewardship. The project aims to enhance the stream and wetland system through integrated approaches including pest control, native planting, channel improvements, and specialised civil and stormwater engineering practices.



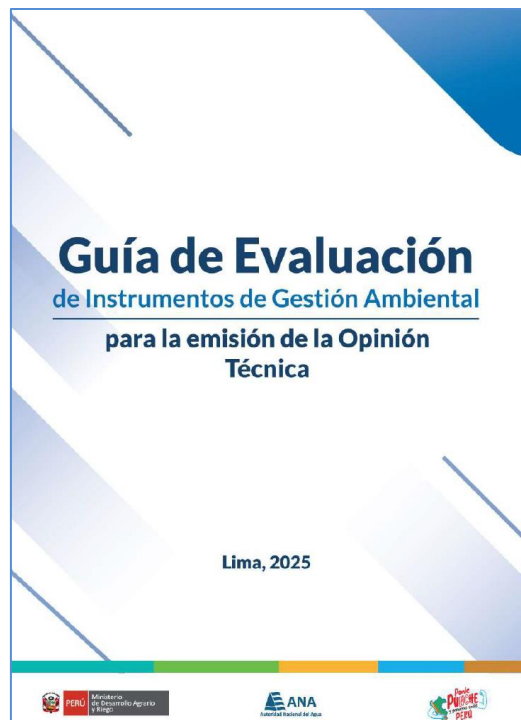
The conceptual design of the site is being progressed in collaboration with Boffa Miskell Limited's landscape architects and ecologists to consider the needs of the rūnanga, the local school, residents, wider community, and existing fauna.

Read more about how WGA puts the principles of freshwater management into practice in this project here: <https://wgan.co.nz/news/2025/07/24/integrating-te-mana-o-te-wai-prioritising-cultural-values-and-best-practise-management-for-whenua/>

Thank you, Bob Bower, for your post.

Guía de evaluación de instrumentos de gestión ambiental para la emisión de opinión técnica. ANA, Perú, 2025 (in Spanish)

Establece criterios técnicos para la evaluación y generación de la opinión técnica vinculante en materia de recursos hídricos en los IGA remitidos por la Autoridad Competente...



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Transformando el ciclo del agua. El reúso es responsabilidad de todos (in Spanish)



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Thank you, Carmen Navarro, for reporting.

HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-03: Developing managed aquifer recharge techniques (MAR) in a rural context. Call.

<p><i>Horizon Europe - Work Programme 2026-2027</i> <i>Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment</i></p> <p>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-03: Developing managed aquifer recharge techniques (MAR) in a rural context</p>	
Call: Call 01 - single stage (2026)	
Specific conditions	
Expected EU contribution per project	The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 6.00 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.
Indicative budget	The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 12.00 million.
Type of Action	Research and Innovation Actions
Eligibility conditions	The conditions are described in General Annex B. The following exceptions apply: The following additional eligibility criteria apply: The proposals must apply the multi-actor approach. See definition of the multi-actor approach in this work programme part.
Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements	The rules are described in General Annex G. The following exceptions apply: Eligible costs will take the form of a lump sum as defined in the Decision of 7 July 2021 authorising the use of lump sum contributions under the Horizon Europe Programme – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027) – and in actions under the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2021-2025) ¹⁸² .
<p>Expected Outcome: Project results are expected to contribute to all of the following expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> farmers have access to water supply from managed aquifer recharge system and to appropriate business models to cope with longer and more intense periods of water scarcity due to climate change, while preserving the good status of ground water bodies; water ecosystems are healthier and more resilient to climate change, and water related ecosystem services are protected and strengthened, while water resilience of farming systems is increased; 	

Horizon Europe, under 'Simplified costs decisions' or through this link:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/lsdecision_he_en.pdf

MORE ACTION

MAR in the Media

Chile:

<https://www.rcnradio.com/bogota/secretaria-de-ambiente-le-puso-la-lupa-a-los-acuiferos-de-la-ciudad>

<https://g5noticias.cl/2025/08/12/desde-este-miercoles-las-llamadas-comerciales-y-masivas-deberan-llevar-los-prefijos-600-y-809-para-su-identificacion-2/>

<https://g5noticias.cl/2025/08/12/ultimo-balance-realizado-por-esval-lluvias-y-recarga-artificial-de-los-aromos-respaldan-el-suministro-de-agua-potable-para-todo-2026/>

Mexico:

<https://intoleranciadiario.com/blog/2025/07/07/1040072-maquinaria-e-innovaciones-hidricas-para-puebla.html>

<https://alinstantechihuahua.com/2025/07/03/reconoce-jcas-falta-de-infraestructura-para-recarga-de-acuiferos-en-chihuahua-alertan-sobre-riesgo-de-sobreexplotacion/>

<https://www.tuopinas.cl/2025/07/03/destacan-balance-hidrico-favorable-del-primer-semester-y-avance-en-seguridad-del-suministro-para-la-region/>

<https://www.elmartutino.cl/noticia/sociedad/proyectan-verano-con-agua-asegurada-gracias-embalses-casi-llenos-y-recarga-artifici>

<https://reportelaguna.com/es-tiempo-de-unir-esfuerzos-para-proteger-y-conservar-el-agua-de-las-futuras-generaciones-alejandro-mata/>

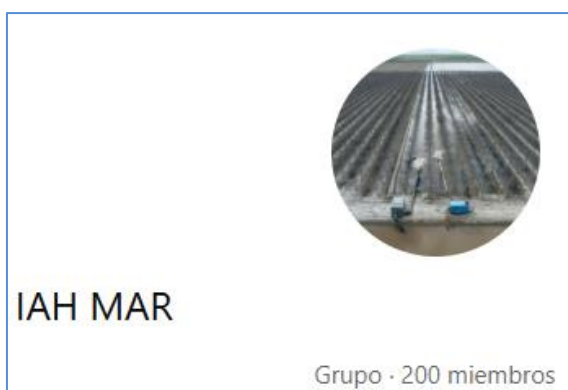
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Whatsapp group on Aquifer Recharge Management

The group has 200 participants today. Ask the invitation link by [email](#), pls, as it changes eventually. It is now:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CvxFw98N9xtHqdrzwWBEzF>



Previous IAH-MAR Newsletters

Previous newsletters access: <https://recharge.iah.org/newsletters>

IAH-MAR Commission on Twitter (X)

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<https://twitter.com/IAHMARCom>

IAH-MAR Commission's sister Web sites

<http://china-mar.ujn.edu.cn/>



<https://dinamar.tragsa.es/>



@4dina_mar

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4690290/> (563 members)

IAH MAR Commission Forum

Please, remember you can book freely in the IAH MAR Commission Forum:
<https://lists.flinders.edu.au/mailman/listinfo/iah-mar.listcgs>

The IAH MAR list has 367 members today... and you are invited to join!

That's all by now... **please, keep reporting** ([dinamar \(a\) tragsa.es](mailto:dinamar(a)tragsa.es)).

Dr. Enrique Fernández Escalante, on behalf of the IAH MAR Commission co-chairs,
Catalin Stefan and Yan Zheng.

2025 August 22nd
