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Water Heritage in the West: How Water Shapes Communities Over Time

Water heritage shapes our institutions and communities, creating landscapes and important parts of our cultural heritage. Due to climatic fluctuations, development, and tourism in the Western U.S., water heritage like canals, ponds, and reservoirs is rapidly being modified or destroyed. These changes should encourage us to consider the role of waterways in community formation. The session focused on water heritage in the West, and how water shapes communities over time. Contributions considered the ways in which past settlements managed water and how the study of water today can help to document changing landscapes and community formation.

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Contributions

Water in the Desert: A Long-Term Perspective on Great Basin Water Heritage

Mariah Walzer, Anna S. Cohen, Molly Boeka Cannon (Utah State University)

Lightning from Cloudless Skies: Water, Community, and Historic Preservation in the East Mojave

Austin Schoenkopf (Montana State University)

Perceptions of Recreational Scarcity: Social and Cultural Meanings of Climate-Induced Fluctuations on the Dolores River Watershed

Jeff Rose, Chris Zajchowski, Michala Hedrick, Caleb Scruggs (University of Utah)

Dimensions of Water Heritage in the Mountain West: A Case Study from Northern Utah

Molly Boeka Cannon, Anna S. Cohen, and Megan Jenson (Utah State University)

Life in a Dry, Arid Place: Lessons and Water Stories from Shoshone Elders

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