

# Stanford | Water in the West

## Stanford Experts on Drought and Water Issues

Scholarly experts from Stanford University's Water in the West program are available to comment on recent research related water, climate and drought.

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