

Harvesting 'Atmospheric Rivers' to Replenish Aquifers & Fill Reservoirs

A recent article in the *San Francisco Chronicle* caught my attention. It spoke of harvesting the rainfall from otherwise catastrophic "atmospheric rivers" to refill reservoirs. Another piece by the Environment Defense Fund in Oct. 2021 discussed research being conducted by the California Department of Water Resources and UC Santa Barbara on harvesting excessive rainfall to replenish underground aquifers. I have posted links to both those articles at www.GoldenREblog.com.

ing reduced levels that threaten the water supply and could even sideline vital hydro-electric turbines.



I'm reminded of those amazing 20th Century California projects which moved water all over that state to meet both agricultural and urban demands, and it got me thinking about the possibility of creating another grand project to divert some of those ocean-bound flood waters to both in-state reservoirs and to Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

Not only could that help with the Colorado River problem, but it might help in some small way to reduce flooding.

Replenishing aquifers is a good

idea, but can that be done at speed? I'm not knowledgeable in this area, but it seems to me that new reservoirs would have to be built to hold the water that is to be pumped into those aquifers.

Capturing flood waters on our side of the Continental Divide is already handled by the many reser-

voirs such as Chatfield and Cherry Creek Reservoirs designed for that purpose. Chatfield is owned by Denver Water, but Cherry Creek is owned by the Army Corps of Engineers. The dams for each are higher than needed in order to accommodate sudden downpours, flooding only open land and park facilities.

Here's a Solution to Those Snow-Packed Streets

Does your street still look like the one at right — over two weeks after the snow stopped falling?



Would you pay \$1 or \$2 to have someone plow your street before the snow gets beaten down, rutted and icy?

If you live in the City of Golden, this is not a problem. It's the only city I know of which has committed to plowing every residential street, no matter how small the snowfall. (If you know of another city that does that, let me know, and I'll share it.)

If your street is *not* being plowed, there's a solution in plain sight, but only if you have an HOA or neighborhood association. Lobby your HOA to hire a person or company to plow your street immediately after each snowfall. The cost will be in proportion to how many streets and homes are in your subdivision, but regardless of size, I bet your association could find a person or company who would do it, and the cost would probably compute to no more than \$2 per household per storm. Ten plowing

events a year might cost \$20 per household, but even if it were twice that, wouldn't it be worth it?

Your association would probably not even have to raise their monthly dues for such a small expense. Google "snow plowing companies near me," and get some quotes. Be your neighborhood hero and solve this recurring problem!

(If your HOA, not the city or county, owns and maintains your streets and/or if your community is gated, the HOA is probably already plowing your streets when it snows.)

The above picture is of the street in front of my listing at 14165 W. Bates Avenue. When I returned the day after taking that picture, I found a City of Lakewood road grader and dump truck working in tandem to scrape up the ice-caked snow and plow it to the side. Lakewood would have saved money by following Golden's example and plowing the street when it snowed! Later that day, I found four Lakewood workers on foot chopping and removing ice on Union Blvd.

Media Literacy Needs to Be Taught in High Schools

This week I was made aware of a social studies teacher in Chicago who introduced media literacy as a 5-week segment of her class at Whitney Young High School. The link to a Chalkbeat article is posted at www.GoldenREblog.com.

The inspiration for adding media literacy was the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection. To quote the Chalkbeat article, the teacher "scrapped her lesson plans for February and spent the entire month focused on media literacy. Among her goals: to help her juniors and seniors discern fact from fiction, identify credible sources of news, and spot misleading information."

Every citizen, not just high school students could benefit from

learning, at the very least, that news outlets carry both hard news articles and opinion columns or segments and learn how to distinguish one from the other.

They should learn about QAnon and its origins and the outsized role it has played in recent events, not just the Jan. 6 insurrection. They should learn that "if it sounds too *good* to be true or too *bad* to be true," it may not be true and how to utilize the internet (such as on www.snopes.com and other fact-checking sites) to research such items and *not to forward* those juicy and seductive emails or blog posts without verifying them. *No one likes to be duped, right? Liars count on you to spread their lies.*

Price Reduced on Downtown Denver Loft

If you're looking for loft living, this is as good as it gets! Walk to *everything* in Downtown Denver — Coors Field, the Performing Arts Complex, 16th Street Mall, Lodo, Union Station, shopping, restaurants, and light rail, including the A-line to DIA. The 12-foot ceilings and four massive pillars, plus huge windows with views of nearby skyscrapers — this is the loft life you've been looking for! It comes with three garage spaces, which is probably more than you need. Rent them out for \$150-200 each to create a nice cash flow! This is a rare opportunity, so act fast. No open houses. More pictures and information can be found at www.DenverLoft.info.



Golden Ranch Listed by David Dlugasch



This ranch at 16030 W. 14th Place is a gem. It has hardwood floors throughout the main level. The newly remodeled kitchen has stainless steel appliances and granite countertops. It has all new windows, electrical panel, A/C, clean air system, high efficiency forced air heating

system, sprinkler system front and back, fenced yard, SimpliSafe alarm system and so much more. Off the dining room is a large deck with mountain views. The main level has two bedrooms and a full bathroom, with two non-conforming bedrooms and a tiled 3/4 bathroom in the basement. The lower level family room is huge! It has a separate bar area, and space for a theater, playroom, pool table, or whatever. Walk out to your beautiful backyard with a covered deck, fire pit, patio, and an upper deck for BBQing. The oversized garage is an added bonus with a 220V outlet for an electric vehicle. Enjoy Orchard Park one block away with tennis courts, swings and lots of open space. You are minutes away from I-70, Colorado Mills, downtown Golden, and walking distance to South Table Mountain trails. See more photos and take a narrated video tour at www.SouthGoldenRanch.online. Call 303-908-4835 to set a showing.

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