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CARPE DIEM POLICY BRIEF

Peak Water,
Peak Energy,
Climate Crisis:
The Collision Ahead

There's been an enormous amount of activity around the Exloco and Carpe Diem office lately. We couldn't even get Kimery to slow down long enough to approve a newsletter topic last month. It's clear that things are changing and accelerating, so this month *Confluence* editor Mary Jean Haley sat down with Kimery to talk about new developments and plans for the future.

A CONVERSATION WITH KIMERY WILTSHIRE

Carpe Diem 2.0



"It's amazing and heartening that so many people with such different views have come together to work on this shared problem."

Q: A lot seems to be happening at both Exloco and Carpe Diem. What's the latest?

KW: Carpe Diem is moving forward on several fronts, and we're hoping to add some staff later this year to help us keep up. We're calling this next stage Carpe Diem 2.0 because we really are moving out of the phase we've been in for the past two years to a new level. We're starting up the Healthy Headwaters Initiative, and there's also a group thinking about the 2007 Colorado River Accord. Right now I'm excited about this week's release of our water, energy and climate change policy brief "**Peak Water, Peak Energy, Climate Crisis: The Collision Ahead.**"

The subject is so complex, and the findings even at this point are so far reaching. Water and energy require an integrated approach and that's just not reflected in the way we manage these resources or in policy. Just one of the few points from the report I could highlight is that in the Pacific

Northwest, most models suggest that hydropower peak demand is likely to shift from winter to summer, but that is when all the electrons are already heading south to meet demand in other, warmer parts of the West. And that is also when the models show that stream flows are going to be dropping because runoff is occurring earlier than it has historically, which will cut hydropower right when it's needed.

A second point the brief makes is that we don't even know yet what the water costs of bringing all these new renewable energy sources online are going to be. [Read more.](#)

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The [Carpe Diem - Western Water & Climate Change Project](#) is a network of experts and decision makers dedicated to addressing the unprecedented challenge that the impacts of climate change on water resources pose for the western United States. The Project is housed at [Exloco](#), a nonprofit organization with expertise in spotlighting critical issues and facilitating strategic thinking.