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New DWR Web Portal

On October 18, 2002, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will unveil its redesigned Home Page. The old home page will be transformed into a Web Portal. This new Portal will feature a new look, easier site navigation and a Department-wide search engine. The change of the Home Page will also bring DWR in accordance with the new web site standards for California agencies and departments.

Beginning with our first bulletin board system in the mid-1980s, DWR has sought innovative methods to communicate our missions and our accomplishments to the residents of California. Since that time, DWR has improved its Internet web presence several times -- each version more informative and easier to use than the previous. This makeover is no exception. Users of the new DWR Web Portal will be able to reach information faster and understand it better. Those users already familiar with the [myCalifornia](#) Portal will feel right at home.

It has been the goal of all California agencies and departments to create a uniform web environment for users. On September 21, 2000, Governor Gray Davis announced the "eGovernment" initiative, calling for the development of a new state government portal offering a one-stop access point for all state government information and services. The Governor also required every agency and department to adhere to technical standards for accessible Web design and compatibility. This ensures that web site content can be reached by the widest possible audience regardless of disability, limitations of computer equipment or use of assistive devices.

On October 18, DWR will present its new face to the world. It will be easy to use and consistent with the [myCalifornia](#) Portal. Check back soon and see what all the excitement is about.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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