



Atlas Inquiry #6

Water Resources

Fresh water is a very important and valuable resource in California. Cities, farms, and wild plants and animals all depend on water. There is a limited amount of water available from rivers, streams, and in the ground. We need to be sure that we can manage and protect our water. Much of our water comes in the form of winter rains and snows that accumulate in the mountains. This water runs off the land into rivers and streams.

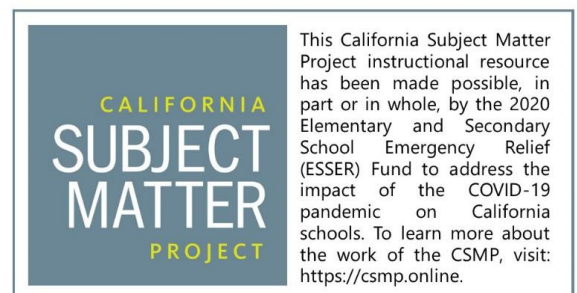
We are going to use the maps in the atlas to gather information and respond to this question:

- **How can informed citizens and the government work together to protect our important rivers and streams in California?**

Use the graphic organizer provided to record information you gather from the maps.



Get access to the atlas and related materials at www.calgeography.org



Atlas Inquiry Note-taking Guide

Inquiry Question: How can informed citizens and the government work together to protect our important rivers and streams in California?

Supporting questions:

Page #	What types of information or evidence do you find on this map?	What kinds of connections or relationships do you see between the information on these pages?	How would you answer the inquiry question, or what else would you want to know to answer the inquiry question?
33	<i>Hint: Don't forget to read the text on the page.</i>		
29	<i>Hint: Think about where federal lands are compared to streams and rivers.</i>		
34	<i>Hint: What can land cover tell you about the need for water?</i>		
	<i>Hint: Choose another page that provides additional information.</i>		