

# This presentation premiered at WaterSmart Innovations

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A watercolor illustration of a coastal town. The scene features a bay with blue water in the foreground, a cluster of simple buildings on a yellowish-green hillside in the middle ground, and a light blue sky above. The style is soft and painterly.

# **Global Water Transformation**

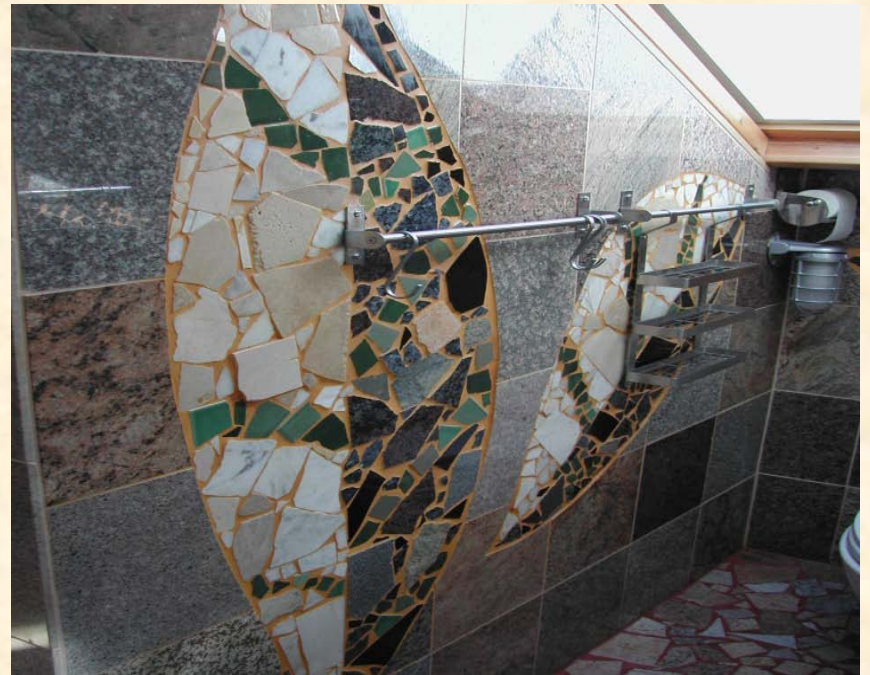
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# Marilyn's Bio

- Born, raised, educated, and housebroken, in California
- Love snow skiing, want to stop global warming so there's still snow.
- Emphasis on passive design for water drainage, temperature stability, ventilating, day lighting since 1970's





# Marilyn's Credentials

- Lic. 4 states; CA ('90), CO, WA, AZ
- ARCSA AP, LEED AP, UC Berkeley
- Chaired Formation of Santa Cruz Green Building Program
- 6 yrs Planning Commission & Design Review
- 3 yrs AIA Dir. of Green Building



# Passion For Water

I design projects with Integrated Water Management : rain harvesting, gray, waste & storm h2o reclamation for edible plant irrigation

The Ecology Movement has made these mainstream vocabulary:

- Passive Design,
- Renewable Energy,
- Non-Toxic Materials

Water technology is next on the list of core eco- skills & fluency of our society. This is where our awareness & attention must be now.



# Water Availability

- 97% of all water is salty
- 3% is locked up in the icecaps of Greenland, Antarctica and deep in groundwater aquifers
- 2% is inaccessible or polluted
- 1% can be used for drinking and agriculture.



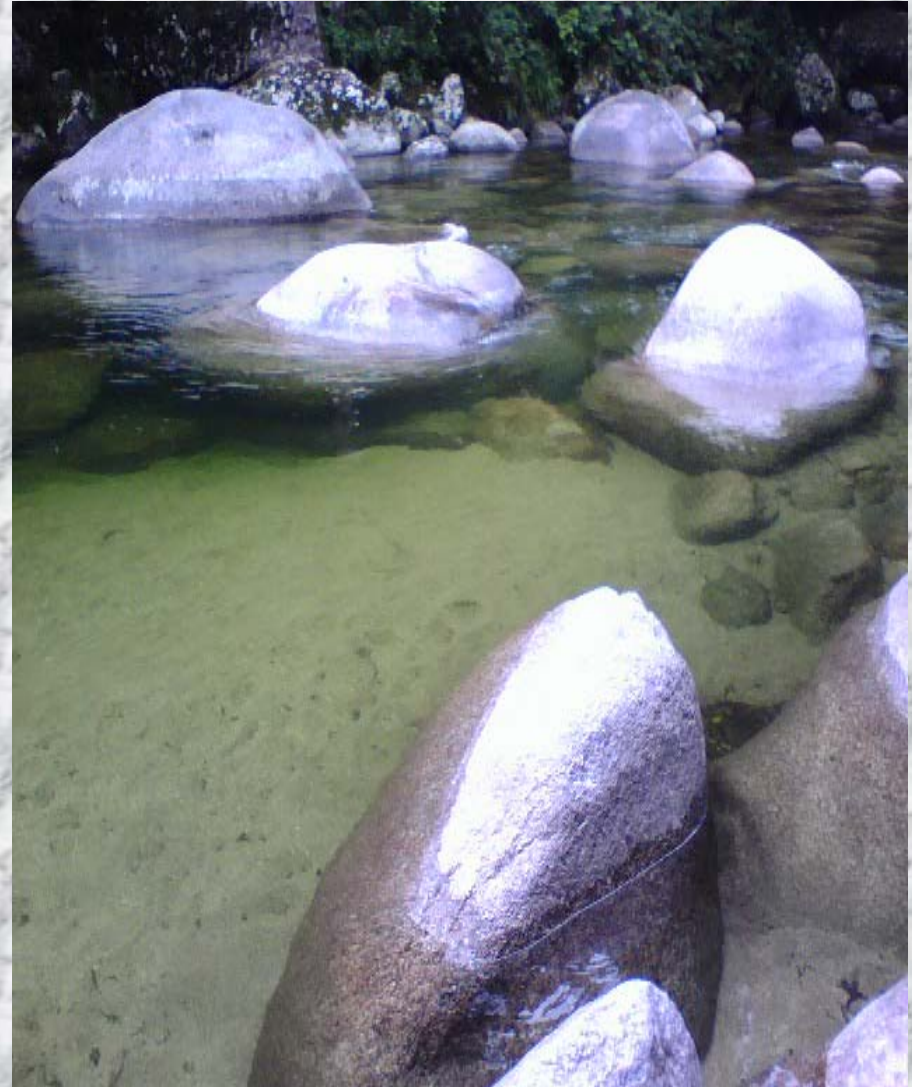
# International Crisis



- 1/3 of earth's population does not have access to clean sanitary water
- BY 2015, that will increase to 40%
- The UN says that 2/3 of the worlds' population will have water scarcity by 2025

# US Crisis

- Aquifers are being over used, going dry, and becoming polluted
- Water supply infrastructure hasn't kept up with increasing population needs
- 36 states expect to have h<sub>2</sub>o shortages within 10 years





# Chronic Lack of Funding



- USA needs to repair & replace 2371 dams & watershed failing structures
- Current US gov't water budget is under-funded, will create an *annual* shortfall of \$1 to 6 *billion* over the next 20 years
- In the past 5 years water cost has increased 27%

# Evapo-transpiration

- All water is recycled through evapo-transpiration (the engine of earth's water cycles)
- The challenge of the urban environment is to maintain the evapo-transpiration



# TYPICAL RAINFALL DESTINATION

- 45% evapo-transpires
- 40% infiltrates
- 15% goes to the water shed





# The Future of Water

- Water will determine the wealth of nations
- Water promises to be to the 21<sup>st</sup> century as oil was to the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Water supply for the future for all civilization to meet demands of basic human needs is directly related to Maintaining health of the watershed & health of the atmosphere

# Watershed Security



- **Optimizing watershed health**
- **Aquifers - Optimize purity, volumes, & recharge**
- **Reducing global warming**

# Watershed Solutions



- **Protecting wetlands' ability to cleanse & purify watershed drainage, preserve existing & build new**
- **Issue Watershed report cards like Australia does.**
- **Reverse desertification**



# Watershed Innovation



*Mycological Remediation-* is a method to clean up toxic spills, mushrooms as solution to save the world, employ fungi as ninja warriors to get things done

# Watershed Survival

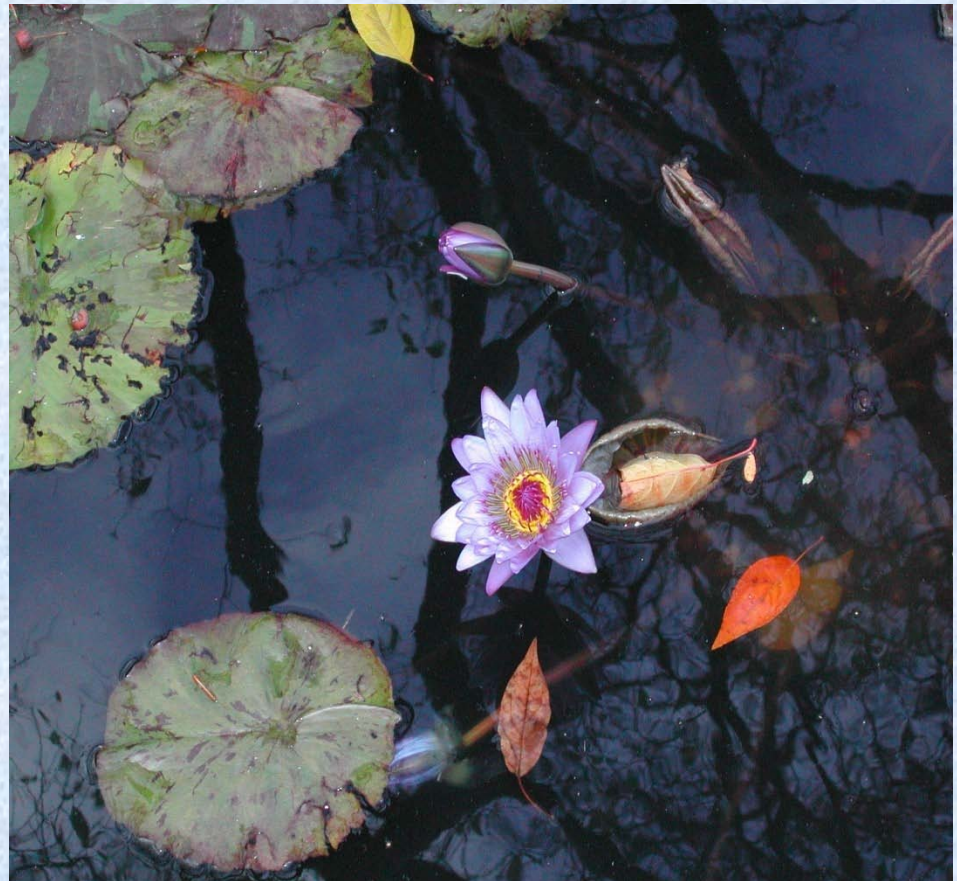
- Implement bio retention pre-filtering
- River restoration
- Mimic nature's ecosystems no waste & renewable energy





# Watershed Monitoring

- Monitor macro invertebrate health
- Monitor aquatic plants health & biodiversity
- Monitor & maintain our rivers in excellent health





# Micro Water Security



- Food growing
- Providing healthy drinking water
- Maintaining sanitation
- Decentralize h2o supplies to minimize security fears.
- Reuse h2o multiple times like Earthships biocells
- Stimulating the economy by creating blue jobs

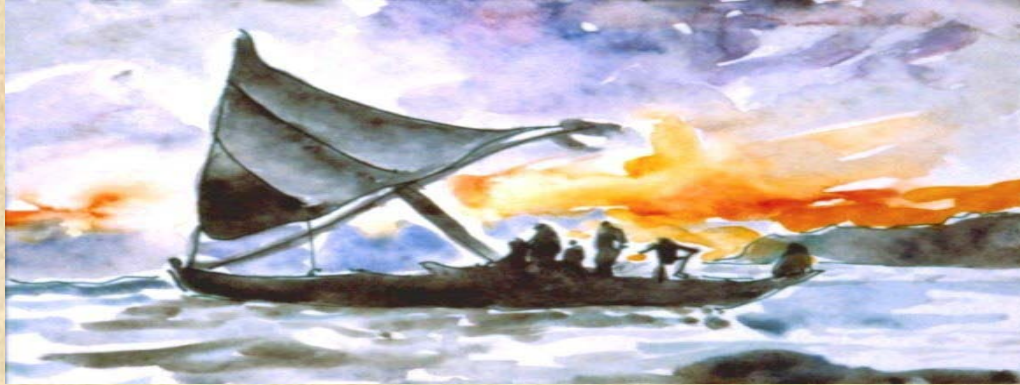
# Supply Solutions



- Conservation to develop alternative sources: recycle, reuse, reclaim, remediate all water sources
- Harvest air to water condensate in greenhouse agricultural biocells irrigated by waste water
- Desalinate & waste water distillation by renewable power
- Overflow retention basins : deep trench with rocks below landscaping
- Food irrigation w/ diluted sea water



# Poop Phobia Solutions



- Legalize black water reclamation
- Define - safety basic rules to guide innovation
- Nationalize New Mexico's Sustainable Testing Site Bill
- LA reclaims 54 million gal sewage per day to drinking quality but doesn't use it due to cootie phobia
- AU is recycling effluent for drinking water
- Create attitude PR campaign to accept recycled effluent



# INVENTORY H<sub>2</sub>O VOLUMES

- Inputs : Rain, Fog, snow, Gray Water
- Existing : Lakes, aquifers, watersheds, dams, ocean
- Outputs : Evapo-transpiration, run off, percolation
- Demands : Agriculture, Industry (by sector) , Residential

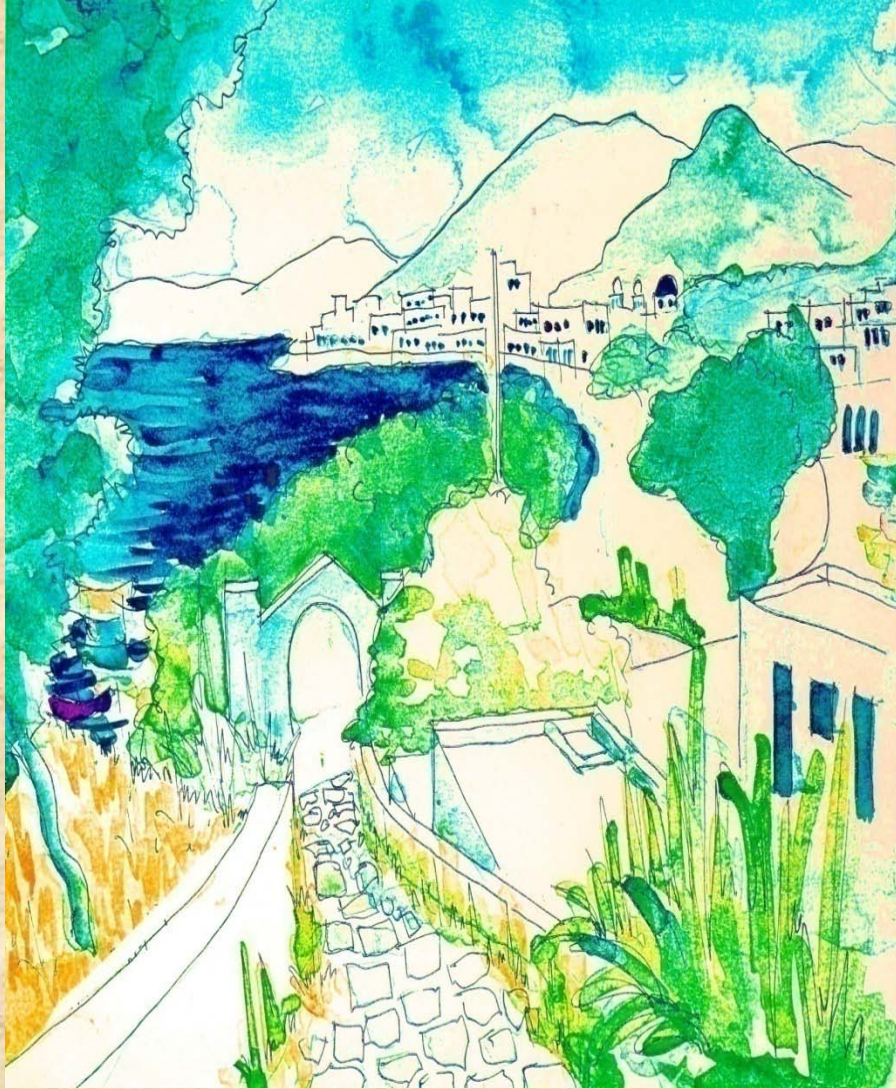
# Water Sensors



- Smart building sensors for water resource monitoring
- Off grid internet weather feed to anticipate precipitation & aid occupant usage
- Cistern volume levels and leak detection
- On grid monitoring for usage & cost to encourage conservation
- Smart low flow valves with timers & irrigation moisture sensor
- Water quality pollution PPM monitoring



# Collection Innovation



- Rainwater Harvesting
- Reclamation of Storm, Grey, Black & Industrial Water
- Permeable Pavement Catchment



# Water Innovation

- Solar distillers, Carbon filters & UV lights- for potable
- Living roofs, Sponge landscaping & Permaculture
- Air to Water dehumidification harvesting & distilling
- Integrated fire protection h2O cisterns



# Water & Electricity

## Hydro-Power



- Harness: Tidal, Wave, and River movement power, & Micro hydro
- Energy storage hydro battery- renewable or solar voltaic pumped hydro electric system



A watercolor illustration of a landscape. In the background, there are blue and purple mountains. In the middle ground, a light blue river flows through a valley. The foreground is dominated by green hills and fields. Several simple, white buildings with dark roofs are scattered across the landscape, some on a hillside. The overall style is soft and artistic, with visible brushstrokes and blended colors.

# Measure & Monitor h2o distribution power

- Inventory all water pumping energy
- Inventory all electrical generation from utilities & private renewable installations
- 7% of USA energy/GHG tons from pumping clean & dirty h2o
- Localized collection & reclamation avoids pumping



# Water Distribution GHG Footprinting

- Establish criteria , standards, & training for Water GHG foot print boundaries
- States- shall report on their h2o related GHG footprint for water distribution
- Change Building Codes to implement a building GHG foot print cap, with h2o GHG itemization



# Edible Irrigation GHG

- Provide local food supply for local population, irrigated with local reclaimed h<sub>2</sub>o.
- Inventory all embodied CO<sub>2</sub> miles in our food supply
- Inventory water volume needed for growing food
- Double CO<sub>2</sub> reduction with reduced h<sub>2</sub>o distribution & reduced food distribution miles





# Pollution Solutions



- H<sub>2</sub>O pollution cap & trade program paralleling CO<sub>2</sub> reduction proposals
- Adopt an h<sub>2</sub>o pollution mitigation program
- Implementation Phase Ins
- Establish waste data base of all unwanted water, to match with entity who wants to re-use or purify it

# Smart Grid

- **New Smart Water Grid to monitor volumes, weather, pollution**
- **Ties the electric grid to the water grid for more efficient (cheaper) distribution**
- **Planetary Smart Water Grid with localized Integrated Water Management**





# Building Solutions

A watercolor illustration of a cityscape. The buildings are drawn in simple outlines with some yellow and brown washes. A river or stream flows through the foreground, colored in shades of blue and green. The background is a mix of yellow, orange, and blue washes, suggesting a sky or a hazy atmosphere.

- USA constructs 6 billion square feet of buildings annually
- Require Water catchment & reclamation on individual buildings
- Require edible landscaping at campuses, institutions, homes
- Require passive strategies for drainage

# NGO -Transparent H2O Reporting

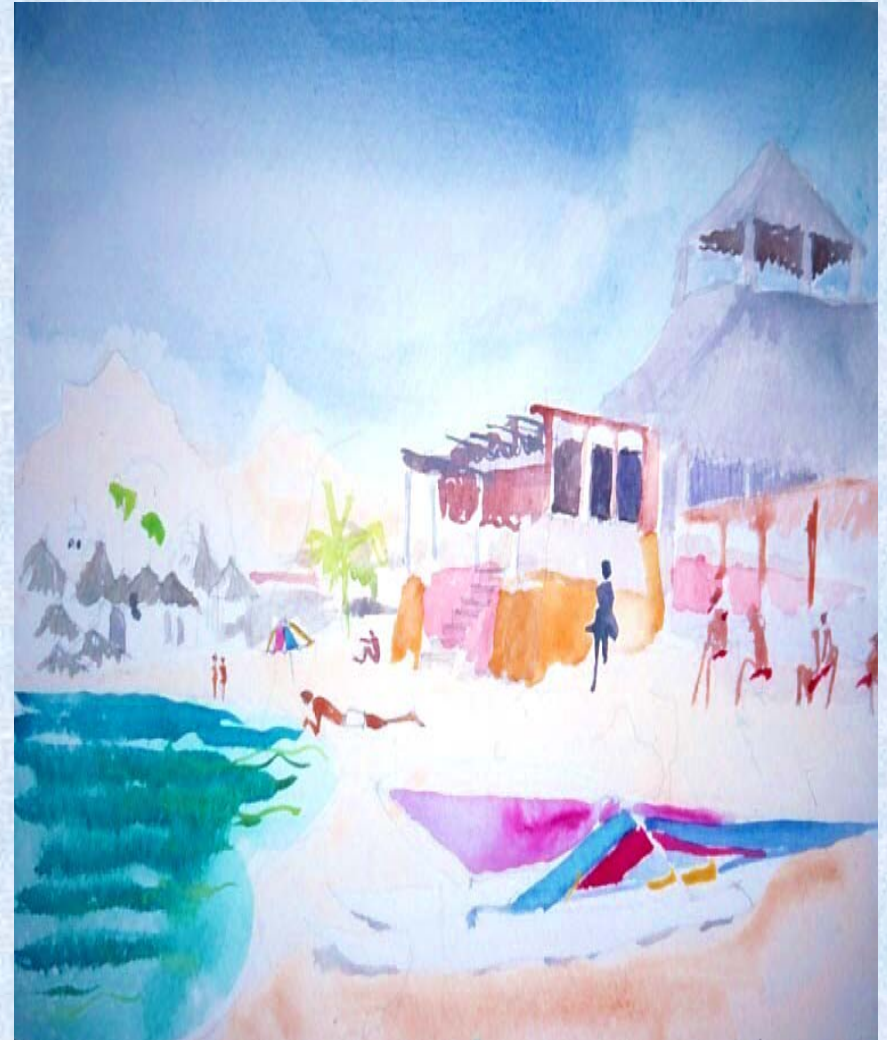
- USE NGO STAKEHOLDERS FOR POLITICALLY NEUTRAL WATER USE DATABASE REPORTING
- ESTABLISH MANDATORY WATER USE, QUALITY AND QUANTITY REPORTING
- DECLARE CARBON NEUTRAL WATER USE IN THE US





# How the environment can survive increasing water demands

- We need fully integrated Water policies that legislate basic rights
- Catchments management
- Demand management



# Create US Dept. of Water



- 👉 Establish A US Dept. of Water Resource Optimization, that parallels DOE
- 👉 Raise public awareness & fluency through innovative outreach & educational programs
- 👉 The US has the opportunity to become a world leader, demonstrating how to conserve, reclaim to increase water supplies



# USA H2O Leadership

- Prepare for significant contribution at 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference scheduled to be held in December 2009,

## Copenhagen, Denmark

- Submit an aggressive global leadership commitment
- Declare Water Goals & Benchmarks

# Let's invent Global Blue-Tech Activation now

- Global blue-tech start-ups
- Host International Water Tech Conferences
- Sponsor blue-tech competitions



# Opportunities to Get Active

- Use “World Mayors Council on Climate Change” (WMCCC 5 miles stones) for water
- WorldWaterCouncil.org
- Australia:  
<http://www.environment.gov.au/water/>
- WaterWebster.com
- UN-Water.org/statistics



# BE INSPIRED

## entertain your wet dreams

- To manifest developments w/ significant water works
- To Improve distribution systems
- To retrofit existing buildings





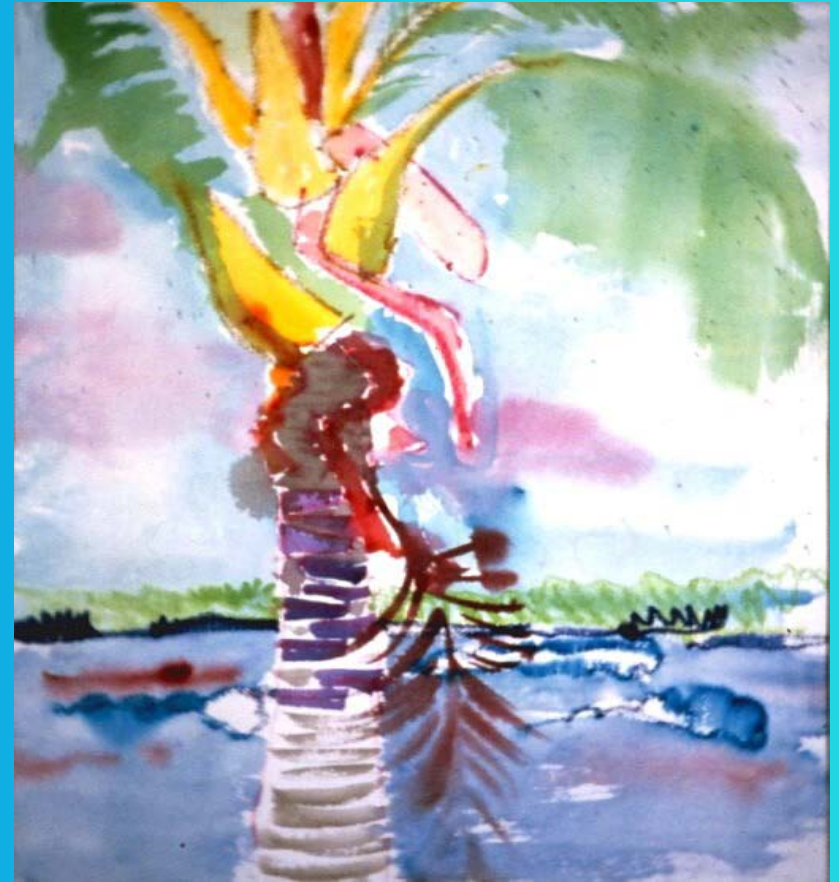
# My Open Source Website Featuring

- **150 Water Links**
- **More than 3000 general green building links**
- **Numerous Water & Green Building articles (by me)**
- **Gratitude to all of the teachers, mentors & stewards who have inspired & handed their baton to me.**



# Please send me Your Water & Green Links

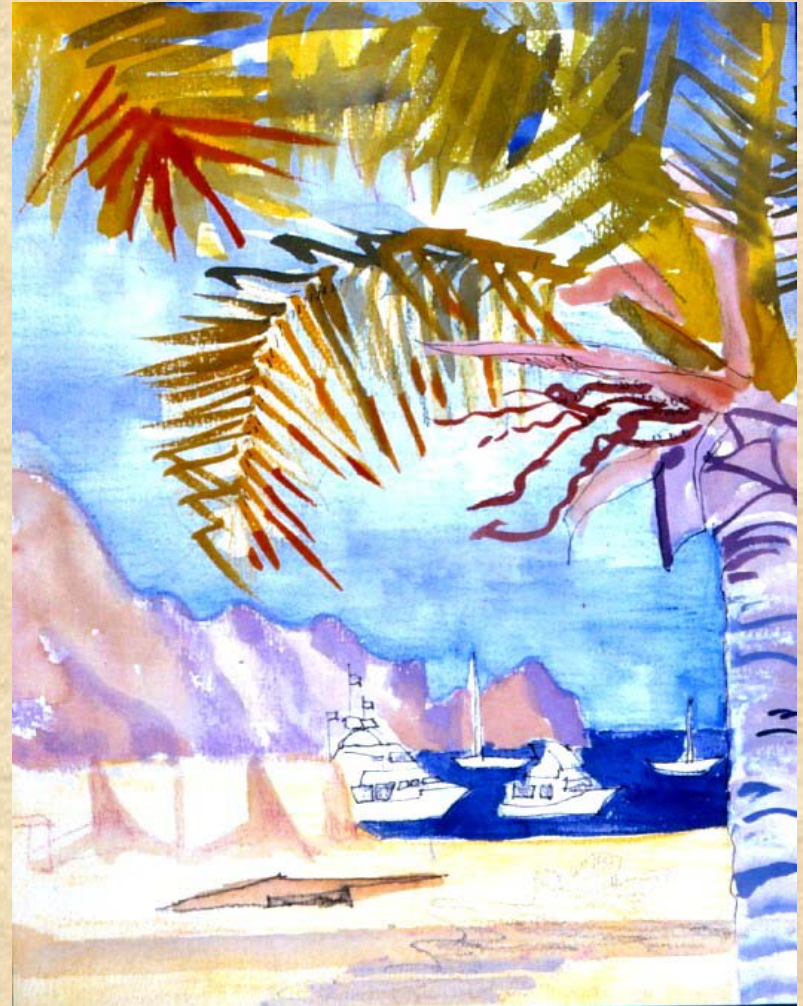
- **New strategies**
- **Consultants**
- **Service providers**
- **Innovative combinations**
- **Products**
- **Project case studies**





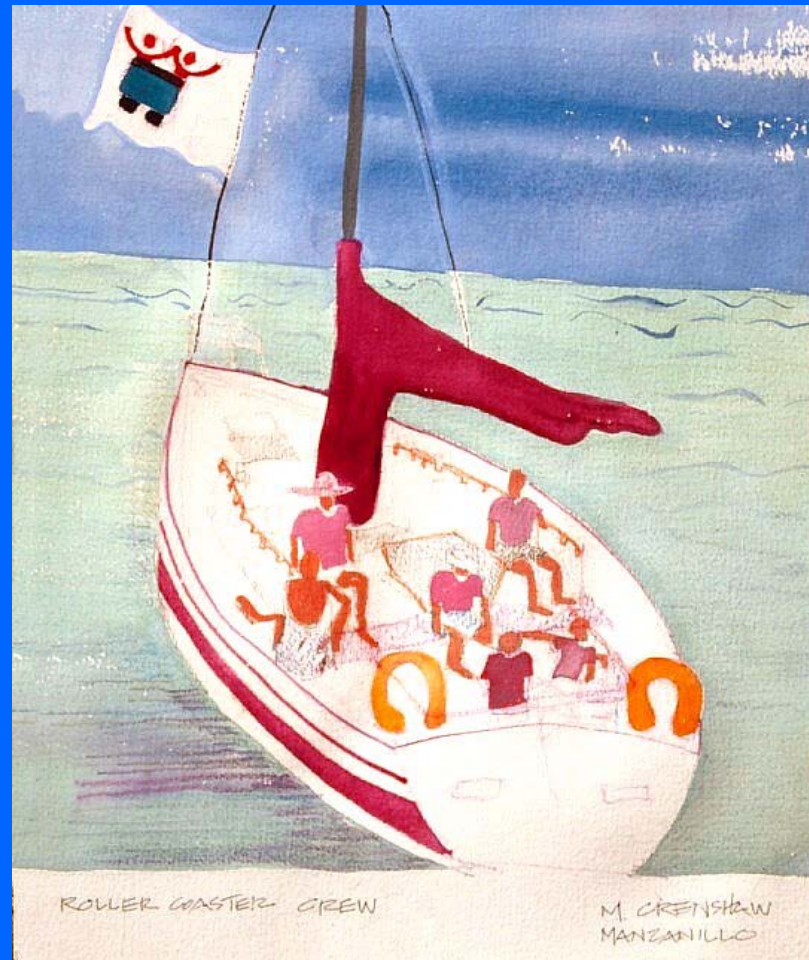
# Got Pilot Demonstrations?

**“It is important that we water professionals get pilot projects built to demonstrate passive water solutions with technology controls”**



# LET'S COLLABORATE on projects with integrated water management

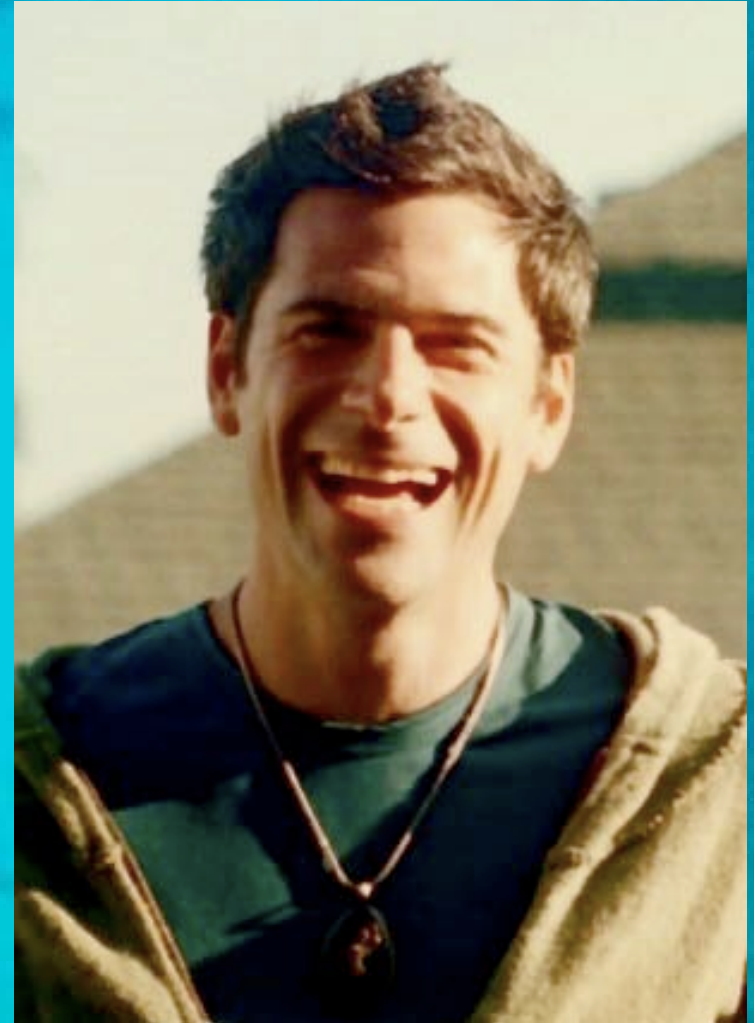
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- Assemble your design team, or
- Consult with your architect





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