WATER BY DESIGN

Water plays a key role in the global economy, informing agricultural, commercial, residential, and industrial development. It also sparks conflict, protest, political debate, activism, and conservation. Our collective dependence on water—and acknowledgment of its dwindling supply—demands innovation, new technologies, and creative solutions. *Water by Design*, drawn primarily from the permanent collection of the Nevada Museum of Art, explores the ultimate design challenge: sustaining humanity while preserving a limited natural resource.

This exhibition examines water through the lens of artists who have documented the use, exploitation, and preservation of this precious commodity. Artists include Edward Burtynsky, Pilar Cereceda, Robert Dawson, Helen Mayer Harrison and Newton Harrison, Ann Johnston, Maya Lin, Cannupa Hanksa Luger, Richard Misrach, Mary Miss, Cara Romero, Juane Quick-To-See-Smith, Oscar Tuazon, Takako Yamaguchi, and many others. Their diverse perspectives offer insight into how artists, designers, Indigenous knowledge keepers, engineers and scientists have worked across disciplines to power innovation, question existing systems, and seek visionary solutions to help navigate the future.

*This exhibition is organized in conjunction with the 2023 NV STEAM Conference, a statewide education conference focused on exploring ideas and strategies that incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math education into innovative classroom practices that foster student creativity and innovation. The NV STEAM Conference is presented in partnership with the Desert Research Institute. Learn more or register at nvsteam.org*

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